



4th Sunday of Epiphany  
February 8, 2025 — 8:30 am Service  
Order of Worship  
FM Frequency 99.3  
Text: 419-482-8227

Passing of the Peace

- L. The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**A. And also with you.**

Invocation

- L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**A: Amen.**

Prayer of the Week

Heavenly Father, thank You for giving us examples like Philip. Help us to be bold in sharing our faith with others. Let us seek those whose hearts are open to hearing the Gospel. That by our sharing, the Holy Spirit may work in their hearts. Amen.

Hymn: ***Jesus Calls Us O'er The Tumult***

Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult  
Of our life's wild, restless sea  
Day by day his clear voice sounding  
Saying "Christian, follow me"

As of old St. Andrew heard it  
By the Galilean lake  
Turned from home and toil and kindred  
Leaving all for his dear sake

Jesus calls us from the worship

Of the vain world's golden store  
From each idol that would keep us  
Saying, "Christian, love me more"

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#### Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the Inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**A: Amen.**

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Most merciful God,

**A: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**A. Amen.**

#### Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**A: And also with you.**

#### Kyrie

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**A: Lord, have mercy**

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**A: Lord, have mercy**

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**A: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**A: Lord, have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**A: Amen.**

#### This Is The Feast

L: This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia.

**A: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: `Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast**

**of victory of our god, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Scripture 1 Kings 8:46-50

*"If they sin against you—for there is no one who does not sin—and you are angry with them and give them to an enemy, so that they are carried away captive to the land of the enemy, far off or near, yet if they turn their heart in the land to which they have been carried captive, and repent and plead with you in the land of their captors, saying, 'We have sinned and have acted perversely and wickedly', if they repent with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their enemies, who carried them captive, and pray to you toward their land, which you gave to their fathers, the city that you have chosen, and the house that I have built for your name, then hear in heaven your dwelling place their prayer and their plea, and maintain their cause and forgive your people who have sinned against you, and all their transgressions that they have committed against you, and grant them compassion in the sight of those who carried them captive, that they may have compassion on them."*

Acts 8:30-35

*"So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' And he said, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.' And the eunuch said to Philip, 'About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus."*

Mark 1:14-15

*"Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, 'the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.'"*

Scripture Closing

L. This is the Word of the Lord.

**A. Thanks be to God!**

Sermon — *"The Church Evangelistic"* Pastor David Kaiser

Apostle's Creed

**ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn: ***Blest Be the Tie That Binds***

Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love

The unity of heart and mind  
Is like to that above

Before our Father's throne  
We pour our ardent prayers  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one  
Our comforts and our cares

We share our mutual woes  
Our mutual burdens bear  
And often for each other flows  
The sympathizing tear

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#### Words Of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

#### Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

#### Lamb Of God

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

#### Communion

##### Post Communion Blessing

L: *(Please stand and join with those close to you. . .)* May the body and the blood of our Lord Jesus, now in you, strengthen you in body and preserve you in faith to life everlasting.

**A: Amen.**

L: O give thanks to the Lord for he is good,

**A: and his mercy endures forever. Amen.**

#### Corporate Prayer

We pray together prayers of:

Adoration

Confession

Thanksgiving  
Supplication

Benediction

L: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

**A: Amen.**

Go In Peace

L: Go in peace, Read the word, Study the word, Serve the Lord.

**A: Thanks be to God!**

Closing Hymn: ***I Love To Tell The Story***

I love to tell the story  
Of unseen things above  
Of Jesus and his glory  
Of Jesus and his love  
I love to tell the story  
Because I know it's true  
It satisfies my longings  
As nothing else would do

I love to tell the story  
I'll sing this theme in glory  
And tell the old, old story  
Of Jesus and his love

I love to tell the story  
How pleasant to repeat  
What seems, each time I tell it  
More wonderfully sweet  
I love to tell the story  
For some have never heard  
The message of salvation  
From God's own holy Word

I love to tell the story  
I'll sing this theme in glory  
And tell the old, old story  
Of Jesus and his love

I love to tell the story  
For those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting  
To hear it like the rest  
And when, in scenes of glory

I sing the new, new song  
I'll sing the old, old story  
That I have loved so long

I love to tell the story  
I'll sing this theme in glory  
And tell the old, old story  
Of Jesus and his love

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## **Sermon Notes**

### **The Church Evangelistic**

⇒ What is repentance?

⇒ What is the good news of the gospel?

⇒ What difference does the gospel make in your life?

## **Those To Pray For**

**HOSPITALIZED:**

**IN HOSPICE CARE:**

**CONTINUE TO KEEP IN PRAYER:** Pam Morbeck, Tom Walker, Edna Hollar, Joy Hodak, Charles Simpson, Car-

olyn Schell, Elizabeth Ford, Scribner Family, Joyce Wheeler, Diane Debien, Fred Dais, Patty Komisar, Judy Clymer, Lynda Dunn, Pam Walker, Nancy Belt, Lonna Young, Andrea Penzinski, George Hochmuth, Bob Clymer, St. Paul's homebound

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES:** Brian Lange, Abe Diaz, Nicholas Brice, Jacob Brice, Trey Olman