

That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. *Mark 1:32* 

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## Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Feb. 4, 2024 **8:30 am** 

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#### UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES

Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> – Transfiguration of Our Lord Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday (12:30 & 7:00 pm)

#### WORSHIP LEADERS

	Feb. 4	Feb. 11		
Assit. Min./ Comm. Assit.	Kandi Null	Dcn. Arica Demme		
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Musician	Joanne Thomas/ Rose Keller	Rose Keller		
Altar Guild	June Kreider	Rose Keller		
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Offering Counters	John Null/Ken Hollinger	Lee Mills/Beth Birchall		
Livestream	Ray Kneisley/Kris Brill	Mark Wisler/Ray Kneisley		
Communion Prayers	Terry & Kathy Miller	Kim & Ivan Wittel		
Nursery/Class	Crystal Lepley/	Melissa Cuff/		
Ages 4-5	Kandi Null	Marianne Burkholder		

## January 28, 2024 ATTENDANCE – 54

#### "CRY ROOM AVAILABILITY"

For parents with children younger than one year, there is a "Cry Room" near the front entrance if you would need to use that during the worship service.

# Please maintain silence for meditation as soon as the candles are lit until the beginning of the service.

#### WELCOME

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

The assembly stands (if able)

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father, and of the  $\Leftrightarrow$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

#### C: Amen

- P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. [Hebrews 10:22]
- P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

#### C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ. our Lord. Amen.
- P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this Lord, unto us all. Mark 16:16: John 1:12

Matthew 28:19b;[18:20]

Psalm 124:8

Psalm 32:5

#### ENTRANCE HYMN

## Arise, Your Light Has Come!



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#### GREETING

- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you.



For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray | to the Lord. A

**G** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

- A 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.
- C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
- A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray | to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
- A Help, save, comfort, and defend us | gracious Lord.
- **G** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

HYMN OF PRAISE Luke 2:14; John 1:29 glo - ry And peace to **C** 1 To God on high be all the earth; 2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa-ther's Son, we pray; 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly Lord. are the Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth! Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way. 0 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored; We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we singus, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt Have mer - cy on сгу, You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High, Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high-God the Fa-ther's glo-ry. "A-men!" our glad re - ply. In

#### SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you. 2 Timothy 4:22

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Stand watch over your family, O Lord, that we who depend entirely on your heavenly grace may always be protected in the mighty fortress of your love; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen** 

The assembly is seated.

WordfGod

The First Reading is from the 40<sup>th</sup> chapter of Isaiah

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<sup>21</sup>Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? <sup>22</sup>It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in; <sup>23</sup>who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness. <sup>24</sup>Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. <sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. <sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might and because he is strong in power, not one is missing. <sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? <sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. <sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. <sup>30</sup>Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup>but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Brief silence for reflection.

The Psalm is read responsively.

#### Psalm 147:1-11

- Praise the LORD!
   For it is good to sing praises to our God;
   for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.
- <sup>2</sup> The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
- <sup>3</sup>He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.
- <sup>4</sup> He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.
- <sup>5</sup> Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.
- <sup>6</sup> The LORD lifts up the humble; he casts the wicked to the ground.
- <sup>7</sup> Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre!
- <sup>8</sup> He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth; he makes grass grow on the hills.
- <sup>9</sup> He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry.
- <sup>10</sup> His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,
- <sup>11</sup> but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

Brief silence for reflection.

The Second Reading is from the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter of 1 Corinthians

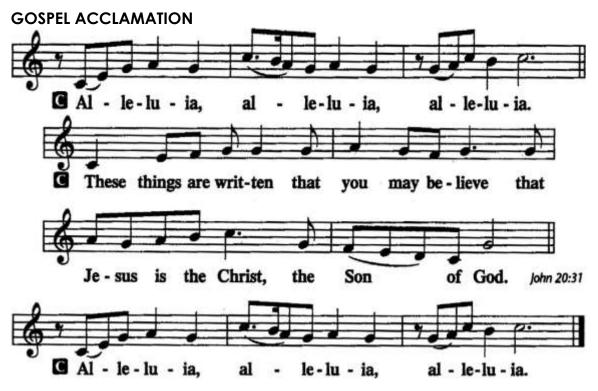
#### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-27

<sup>16</sup>For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! <sup>17</sup>For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but if not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. <sup>18</sup>What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel. <sup>19</sup>For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup>To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup>To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup>To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. <sup>23</sup>I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings. <sup>24</sup>Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. <sup>25</sup>Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. <sup>26</sup>So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. <sup>27</sup>But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Brief silence for reflection.

The assembly stands (if able) to welcome the Gospel.



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 1st chapter.

#### C: Glory to You, O Lord.

#### Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

<sup>29</sup>Immediately {Jesus} left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. <sup>31</sup>And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them. <sup>32</sup>That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered together at the door. <sup>34</sup>And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. <sup>35</sup>And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, <sup>37</sup>and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

#### C: Praise to You, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

#### SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The assembly stands (if able).

#### HYMN OF THE DAY You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord On Eagle's Wings







#### NICENE CREED

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

#### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence.

Each portion of the prayers ends with these or similar words:

P: Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. C: Amen

#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you.

The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

#### PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

#### OFFERTORY

## Now Thank We All Our God



Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586-1649; in: Catherine Winkworth, 1829-1878 Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598-1662 NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT 67 67 66 66

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A: Let us pray. Blessed are you,
- C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### PREFACE

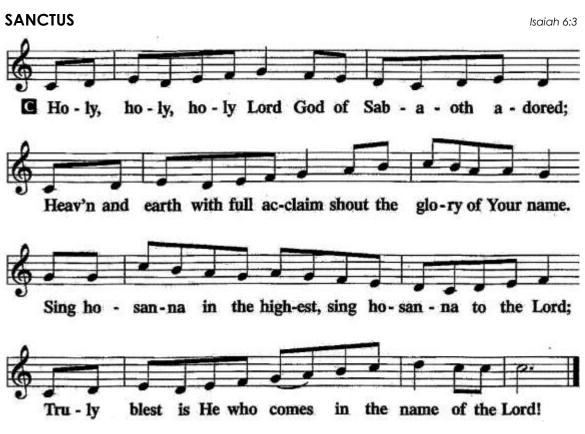
P: The Lord be with you.	C: And also with you.	2 Timothy <b>4</b> :22
P: Lift up your hearts.	C: We lift them to the Lord.	[Colossians 3:1]

[Psalm 136]

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly right and salutary . . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.
  - In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.
  - We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. **C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus**

#### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

- P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My & body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
  - In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My & blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

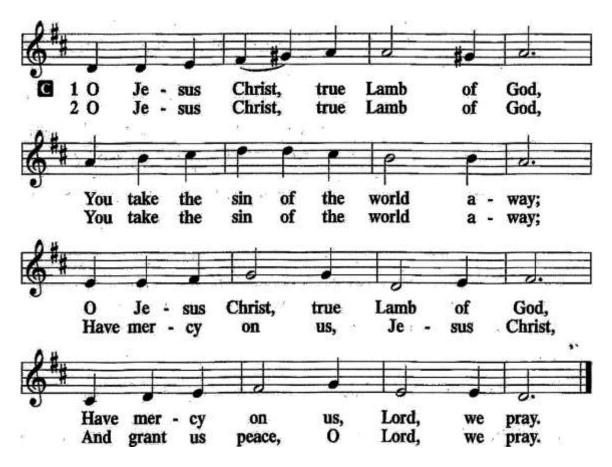
#### LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

- P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.
- C: 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.

The assembly is seated.

AGNUS DEI



#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND TO PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

We invite you to pray silently for someone in the congregation while sitting in the pew before or after receiving Communion or while in line waiting to receive. Two people will be at the back of the sanctuary praying for everyone at this time.

All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine.

HOW WE COMMUNE: When you come forward the pastor will first give you bread to eat. Then, take a cup from the tray. The assistant will pour in wine to drink. Afterward, you will place the empty cup in the water in the plastic container at the side aisle, and return to your seat. If you are unable to consume wine, you may commune with only the bread. Unbaptized and those who have yet to receive first communion may come forward to receive a blessing. Signify by holding your hands to your chest instead of reaching out for the bread and wine.

Gluten free wafers are available for those that are gluten intolerant. Please notify the pastor as you come forward to receive Commumnion that you require a gluten free wafer.

The assembly stands (if able) when everyone has received the sacrament.

#### BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. C: Amen

#### NUNC DIMITTIS

Luke 2:29-32



#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace, we thank you for feeding us with the sacrament of Christ's body and blood – that which strengthens us in faith and assures us of new life now and in eternity. As we wait and watch for the return of the Messiah in these last days, continue to feed us with the life-giving bread and the cup of salvation.

#### C: Amen

#### **BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION**

- P: Let us bless the Lord. C: Thanks be to God. [Psalm 103:1]
- P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
   The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
   The Lord look upon you with favor and & give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26
- C: Amen

#### SENDING HYMN

## Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



Text: Joachim Neunder, 1650-1680; tr. Cathorine Winkworth, 1829-1878, alt. Time: Ernewerten Gesengbuch, Strainund, 1665

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#### DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

#### POSTLUDE

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#### **PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES**

In your daily prayers please remember those listed below:

Homebound **Debbie Binder** Donna Hiltebeitel Elizabeth Larsen Sonya LaGamba Earl and Janet Harry

#### Additional prayers

Tom Scherer - ALS Megahn Mills – colitis recovery Patricia Stroup – pulmonary disease **Steven Stroup** – reconstructive knee surgery Anne Gleason – rehab for broken leg Candy Whitney - recovering from shingles Rose Keller – chemo Denise Force – colon cancer **Rob Zwally** – migraine headaches John Tippett – recovering from strokes Mike Haas – prostate cancer Nathaniel Cuff – healing Mary Gates – recovering from stroke Kathy Jacobson – pancreatic cancer Barbara Wood – breast cancer surgery Gail Cuff

#### PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

To request a prayer during today's worship for a person not on the list above, "print" the name on the prayer request form on the table in the back of the nave before worship.

Names on the additional prayers list will be printed for one month. Contact Rose Keller (717) 333-1448 or (rose.a.keller@gmail.com) or Pr. Mark at (pastor@reformation-nalc.org) to keep a name listed for another month, to add a new name, or to remove a name.

#### **PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES (conti.)**

Prayer Chain participants are emailed prayer updates. Contact Judy Mills (pabluebird1242@icloud.com) to be included in the updates, or request removal from the chain.

#### **STEWARDSHIP**



Offering plates are not passed during the service. They are on a table in the back of the nave. You may also mail checks to Sandy Tippett (3377 Horizon Drive, Lancaster PA 17603) or make a donation online at https://www.reformation-nalc.org/giving/.

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## CORE VALUES OF THE NALC

#### **Christ-Centered**

We confess the apostolic faith in Jesus Christ according to the Holy Scriptures. We affirm the authority of the Scriptures as the authoritative source and norm, "according to which all doctrines should and must be judged" (Formula of Concord). We accept the ecumenical creeds and the Lutheran Confessions as true witnesses to the Word of God.

#### **Mission-Driven**

We believe that the mission of the Church is to preach the Gospel and to make disciples for Christ. We believe that making disciples — in our congregations, in our communities and nations, and around the world must be a priority of the Church in the present age.

#### Traditionally-Grounded

We affirm the ecumenical creeds and the faithful witness of the Church across time and space. We endorse the form and practices of the universal Church that are consistent with Scripture, particularly the office of the ministry and the tradition of worship under Word and Sacrament. We seek dialogue and fellowship with other Lutheran churches and with faithful Christians of other confessions.

**Congregationally-Focused** 

We strive to be a church body that is organized to facilitate the ministries of local congregations in a posture of servanthood and a spirit of partnership, through the provision of resources, connections and information.



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