

**Epiphany 4 (February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025)  
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## Opening Hymn: 783 Take My Life and Let It Be

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ 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.

**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.

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Introit

Arise, O LORD; O God, lift | up your hand; \*  
forget not the af- | flicted.

**The LORD is king forever and | ever; \*  
the nations perish | from his land.**

O LORD, you hear the desire of the af- | flicted; \*  
you will strength- | en their heart;

**you will incline your ear to do justice to the fatherless and | the oppressed, \*  
so that man who is of the earth may strike ter- | ror no more.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son \*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning, \*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Arise, O LORD; O God, lift | up your hand; \*  
forget not the af- | flicted.

## Kyrie

**C** Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

- P** Glory be to God on high:  
**C** and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.  
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.  
**P** Let us pray.  
Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Jeremiah 1:4–10*

- <sup>4</sup>Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying,  
<sup>5</sup>“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
and before you were born I consecrated you;  
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”  
<sup>6</sup>Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth.”  
<sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to me,  
“Do not say, ‘I am only a youth’;  
for to all to whom I send you, you shall go,  
and whatever I command you, you shall speak.  
<sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them,  
for I am with you to deliver you,  
declares the LORD.”  
<sup>9</sup>Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me,  
“Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.  
<sup>10</sup>See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms,  
to pluck up and to break down,

to destroy and to overthrow,  
to build and to plant.”

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 12:31b—13:13*

I will show you a still more excellent way.

<sup>1</sup>If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

<sup>3</sup>If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup>Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup>Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup>For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup>but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. <sup>12</sup>For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

<sup>13</sup>So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**Alleluia**

*LSB 190*

- C** **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 4:31–44*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

- C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>[Jesus] went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, <sup>32</sup>and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority. <sup>33</sup>And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, <sup>34</sup>“Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” <sup>35</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent and come out of him!” And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm. <sup>36</sup>And they were all amazed and said to one another, “What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!” <sup>37</sup>And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region.

<sup>38</sup>And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. <sup>39</sup>And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them.

<sup>40</sup>Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them.

<sup>41</sup>And demons also came out of many, crying, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.

<sup>42</sup>And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, <sup>43</sup>but he said to them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose." <sup>44</sup>And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life † of the world to come. Amen.**

*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day: 842 Son of God, Eternal Savior**

**Sermon**

*Stand*

**Offertory**

*LSB 192*

**C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.  
Amen.

*Sit*

**Offering**

*Stand*

**Prayer of the Church**

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P** For the faithful proclamation of Christ's saving name, that God's people may be strengthened in the true faith and His kingdom extended, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the holy Christian Church throughout the world and for all who confess the name of Christ, that God would guard and defend us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For this congregation, its mission and its people; for the ability to meet the needs that arise as we do the work God has given us to do; and for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For all who partake this day of Christ's holy body and blood, that in their eating and drinking they may receive the benefits of forgiveness of sins and the renewal of life and have a foretaste of the feast to come, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For those who have wandered from the faith, that the Holy Spirit would use us to call them home to the Father, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the government and all who have been set into positions of leadership, that they may use the authority entrusted to them honorably and for the good of the people, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all who serve in worthy occupations, professions, arts, and sciences, that God would grant them skill and integrity in the performance of their responsibilities and valued service through their vocations, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For those who suffer from hunger, homelessness, poverty, or unemployment, that God's great mercy and love would preserve and relieve them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For those who are sick including:

Kay Brown (Sister of Dave and Lynn Matthews)

Lynn and Lori Matthews

Troy Stults (Son of Andy and Brenda Wolf)

Eldora Fuelling

Cheryl Caffee

Shelly Gerke (Wife of Troy Gerke)

Jim Thieme

Glen Deatruck for healing from a fall

Keith and Suzy Scherer

Susan Gerke (Sister of Steve and Jim Fuelling)

Phil Liechty (Father of Megan Buuck) as he recovers from surgical complications

Janell Harper for strength and healing

Harriet DeLong (Wife of Dan DeLong)

Braden Morris (Future Step-Son of Louie Fuelling)

that God would grant healing to their bodies and strength to bear their infirmities with patience and grace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For those who mourn including the family of Mike, that in their time of sorrow they would not lose hope but rely on God's promise that He will never leave them or forsake them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor, and worship, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Preface

*LSB 194*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C** **It is meet and right so to do.**

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

*LSB 195*

**C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;**  
**heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

## Lord's Prayer

*LSB 162*

**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 Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

**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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## Pax Domini

LSB 197

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 198

**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

*Sit*

## Distribution

533 Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure

544 O Love, How Deep

617 O Lord, We Praise Thee

*Stand*

## Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,

a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## Thanksgiving

LSB 200

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your

Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

## Benedicamus

*LSB 202*

**A** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

*LSB 202*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**C** Amen, amen, amen.

## Hymn to Depart: 922 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

*sts. 1-4*

### In His Service Today:

**Preacher and Celebrant:** The Rev. Dr. Ryan Tietz

**Liturgist:** The Sem. Joshua Camp

**Organist:** Mrs. Jackie Sanderson

**Deacons:** Joe Werling (Head), Dan DeLong, Mitch Billington, Nathan Scherer

**Elders:** Fred D. Fuelling (Head), Steve Fuelling, Matt Braun, Rodney Busick

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offerings: January 26<sup>th</sup>- Home Purpose: \$4,068.57, Picnic Grove: \$25.00, Vanco: \$44.78, Memorials to Endowment Fund: \$430.00

**\*NOTE: Needed each week to meet the ministry needs of St. Peter: \$5,700.00.\***



You may also donate your offerings online by scanning the QR code with your phone.

**Daily Devotionals:** There are daily devotionals available in the Narthex.

“Many, many thanks to Pastor Tanksley, St. Peter Congregation & SPI, The ‘Hood’ and SO many friends for wrapping your loving arms around us in our recent time of grief. We can hardly articulate how much your support means to us. How heartening it is for us to realize just how much you all loved Bonnie. We love all of you, too.” ~ Mike, Mike, Shelby & Marjorie Ruth and the whole Crosby Crew

**2024 Annual Reports:** are now available in the Narthex.

**SEMINARY FOOD CO-OP THEME for FEBRUARY & MARCH** - “DINNER”: During the months of February & March we will be collecting items for “Dinner” items. Items will be delivered to the Seminary the first of April. Some suggestions are but not limited to: Spaghetti & Alfredo sauce, pasta, noodles, canned meat & fruits, sloppy joe sauce, canned tomatoes, boxed meals, rice, macaroni & cheese, taco meals, chili mixes & beans. Other items that are always in demand are breakfast cereal (excluding Chex) & tomato products. All your donations are greatly appreciated by the Seminary & are a great benefit to the students and their families. Items can be placed in the gray and white bag at Church.  
**Thank you for all your donations.**

**Lenten Soup Suppers:** Wednesday March 5<sup>th</sup> (Ash Wednesday) is the beginning of Lent. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex to volunteer to provide supper before one of the evening midweek Lenten services. Volunteers in the past have provided either one or two kinds of soup, crackers and or bread, and a light dessert such as cookies, brownies, etc. Church will provide tableware (bowls, plates, cutlery, napkins) and bottled water.

**SPIrit Night Auction Committee:** they are looking to borrow items from February 27<sup>th</sup>-March 2<sup>nd</sup>, to use as props/decorations for this years upcoming SPIrit Night and are asking this congregation for help. If anyone happens to have saddle shoes, old roller skates, Coca-Cola stuff (boxes/signs), Leather jacket (think from the movie Grease), old diner straw holder/ napkin dispenser, 50's car photos, old booth bench, Bistro set (table & chairs), or Elvis stuff and would be willing to allow the committee to utilize the items, please call Kim Fuelling at 260-466-1211. Thank you!

Here is an excerpt from a thank you letter sent from St. John Ev. Lutheran Church (Bingen) one of the mission money recipients: “ Thank you for your generous contribution to the Tanzanian Mission fund that supports the Lord’s mission and mercy work in Tanzania. We are pleased to announce that three homes for vulnerable children have now been built with such funds, and the children continue to be supported through on-going generosity of the Lord’s people. Furthermore, the Indiana District of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod has committed \$350,000 to continue this important work of both mercy and mission. We will certainly continue to support the training of Tanzanian pastors and deaconesses so many more can hear the Word of God and be brought to saving faith in our Lord, Jesus Christ. We rejoice in this blessing that God has bestowed on us to use the gifts He has given us to serve others.”

**CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025**

TODAY	9:00 am	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
TUESDAY	7:00 pm	Decatur LBI classes at Wyneken Lutheran School
WEDNESDAY	10:00 am	Bible Study
THURSDAY	9:00 am	Ladies Aid Quilting
SUNDAY	9:00 am	Divine Service

GriefShare is a Christian caring group of people that has direction and purpose. You'll get practical teaching and advice on grief-related topics. Emmanuel Soest 9909 Wayne Trace will be starting on Saturday, February 22 at 10:00 am and continue through May 17. Each session lasts about 2 hours. You can register at [Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church \(Soest\) GriefShare - GriefShare](#). You may also register with me at [mh9744@gmail.com](mailto:mh9744@gmail.com) or call me. -Mary Hines (260)705-0454

**All You Can Eat Pancake & Sausage Breakfast:** Bethlehem Lutheran PTL invites you to an AYCE Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on Saturday February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, from 6:00-10:30 am at the Bethlehem Lutheran Gym in Ossian, IN. This event is a free will donation.

**Decatur Lutheran Bible Institute:** Classes continue February 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:15 pm at Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School US Hwy 27 just north of Decatur.

## **Protect Young Eyes: FREE Parent and Caregiver Event**

**Thursday, February 13 from 7:00-8:30 PM** at Concordia Lutheran High School  
**No Filter: Creating a Tech-Ready Home in a Fast-Paced Digital World (Parents and Caring Adults Only)**

It's not possible to create a home that removes all risk of digital harm. It is possible to create one that is **internet SAFER**. After well over a thousand presentations to parents, grandparents, and caregivers just like you, and countless conversations, we've observed what it takes to have kids who use technology well. **And we call it the Tech-Ready Home Framework**. This presentation breaks down these 5 foundational ideas. Do you know what's better than any parental control? Do you know why your router is the most important digital device in your home? Do you understand the toxic trio? Do you know why TikTok is so compelling to young brains? Get ready for a ton of practical tips, solutions, and ideas you can implement this weekend.

### ***Our desired outcomes include:***

- A deep understanding of why multiple layers of protection are necessary and how they work together.
- Awareness of the hardware and software tools that support your digital goals.
- How to use practical solutions so that your family is prepared, balanced, and protected online.

**RSVP for the event at this link or scanning the QR code:**

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/protectyoungeyes/1518026>

