



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Forest City, Iowa

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Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.

The glory of God is often revealed when and where it is least expected. God uses our lips to declare that glory, inexperienced and hesitant though they may be. God uses our love to demonstrate that glory and so urges us to exercise it. God uses Jesus of Nazareth, water and the word, bread and wine, to reveal God's glory where and when God chooses. Take heed, lest the glory of God slip through our midst unnoticed.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

Amen.

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

You speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways.

Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: "**Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee**"

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 1:4-10 *I appointed you a prophet to the nations*

PSALM: Psalm 71:1-6 [read responsively]

L: In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.

C: From my mother's womb you have been my strength.

L: In your righteousness deliver me and set me free; listen to me and save me.

C: From my mother's womb you have been my strength.

L: Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold.

C: From my mother's womb you have been my strength.

L: Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

C: From my mother's womb you have been my strength.

L: For you are my hope, O Lord God, my confidence since I was young.

C: From my mother's womb you have been my strength.

L: I have been sustained by you ever since I was born

ALL: from my mother's womb you have been my strength; my praise shall be always of you.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 *If I speak without love, I am a noisy gong*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "**Alleluia**" pg. 102

GOSPEL: Luke 4:21-30 *Jesus says a prophet is not accepted in his hometown*

Announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.** Conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON / SERMON Pastor Jeniffer

HYMN OF THE DAY: "**He Comes to Us as One Unknown**" #737

APOSTLES' CREED pg. 105

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH: *L: God of grace, C: hear our prayer.*

Joann Bartleson

Doris Johnson

Tim Schmidt

Liam Bartleson

Karen Kofron

Joan Swanson

Taylor Bartleson

Mercedes

Lucky Truong

Jan Buffington

Jill (Lewison) Nedved

Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Magallanes

Hayden Despenas

family of Melvin Peterson

SHARING OF THE PEACE: *L: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.*

OFFERING: "Classic Praise" Choir

OFFERTORY: "**As the Grains of Wheat**" #465

OFFERING PRAYER

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. **Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

“Christ Be Our Light”

#715

“Beloved, God’s Chosen”

#648

“Now We Join in Celebration”

#462

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

SENDING HYMN: **“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”**

#547

BLESSING / DISMISSAL: Go in peace. Live in hope.

Thanks be to God.

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Worship Participants:

Ushers: Gary McCarthy, Jim Lund, Tina Berg

Song Leaders: Mark & Joy Newcom

Sound/Video Techs: Prosper/Ken Ferjak

Communion Servers: Joan Beebe, Mary Kingland

Piano/Organ: Karen Post

Altar Care: Kathy Leuwerke

Assisting Minister: Patti Strukel

Scripture Reader: Joan Beebe

Communion Set Up: Tasha Banta

Choir Director: Linda Ferjak