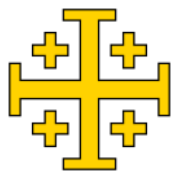


Blessed
are those
who mourn

MATTHEW 5:4



Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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“As followers of Jesus, we serve our neighbors locally and globally.”

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 29, 2023

10:30 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Pastorale* – Louis Vierne

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All who are able, please stand and face the baptismal font at the front of the church.
Throughout this worship folder, the text in **bold** type is said by the congregation.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,
we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves.
We have not practiced your righteousness.
Our hearts have turned away from you.
For the sake of the world you so love,
forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another
for the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

Thus says our God:

“The former things have come to pass
and new things I now declare.”

God’s mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of + Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

HYMN #873: *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* MARION

APOSTOLIC 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.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's
3 To you a - lone, O God, we cry, the Ho - ly One we



giv - en! Let an - gels sing, let all re - ply; good -
au - thor, O Lamb of God, your death a - lone takes
name you; for you a - lone are God most high, one



will break forth from heav - en! Lord God Al-might - y,
sin a - way for - ev - er. Stretch out your arms to
liv - ing God we claim you: we wor - ship you, Lord



heav - en's king, we wor - ship you, our thanks we sing, we
ev - 'ry land, and, as you reign at God's right hand, re -
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it ev - er blest, in



praise you for your glo - ry.
ceive our prayer; have mer - cy.
God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The presiding minister says a prayer to which the congregation responds, Amen.

FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8 *(printed on the back cover)*

The congregation is seated. At the conclusion of the reading, the following is said:

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 15

The psalm is spoken responsively.

¹ LORD, who may dwell in your | tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your | holy hill?

²**Those who lead a blameless life and do | what is right,
who speak the truth | from their heart;**

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil | to their friends;
they do not cast discredit up- | on a neighbor.

⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who | fear the LORD.
They have sworn upon their health and do not take | back their word.**

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes a- | gainst the
innocent. Those who do these things shall never be | overthrown.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 *(printed on the back cover)*

At the conclusion of the reading, the following is said:

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN #174: GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Celtic Alleluia)*

The congregation stands to sing the Gospel Acclamation.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12 *(printed on the back cover)*

The congregation stands; then the following is said:

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the following is said:

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

The congregation is seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Blest Are the Pure in Heart* ST. THOMAS

1. Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God;
The secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's abode.
2. The Lord, who left the heavens, our life and peace to bring,
To dwell in lowliness with us, our pattern and our King;
3. Still to the lowly soul he does himself impart,
And for his dwelling and his throne will choose the pure in heart.
4. Lord, we thy presence seek; may ours this blessing be:
Give us a pure and lowly heart, a temple fit for thee.

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APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

PRAYERS

Each petition concludes: Merciful God, receive our prayer.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers. The congregation responds: Amen.

PEACE

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

ANTHEM: *Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit* – Kenneth Lowenberg

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Let us pray, Merciful God,
receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The presiding minister continues with the proper Preface. At the conclusion of the Preface, the congregation sings the Sanctus.

HYMN #190: *Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus)*

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

FRACTION/INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

HYMN #199: *Jesus, Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)*

COMMUNION

The congregation is seated. Lutherans teach that Christ is truly present with, in, and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Those who wish to receive only a blessing should indicate this by crossing their arms over their chest. As the ministers distribute the elements, they say these words: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. Each person may respond: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Let us pray: O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now – today, tomorrow, every day – that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor, ✙ and give you peace. Amen.

HYMN #551: *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* CHESTERFIELD

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: *Carillon de Longpont* – Louis Vierne

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MUSIC NOTES:

Louis Vierne (1870-1937), the composer of the prelude and postlude, was one of the most renowned French organists of the 20th century. A student of César Franck and Charles-Marie Widor, he overcame a handicap of almost total blindness to become organist of the famed Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. He served there from 1900 until his death, which occurred at the Notre Dame organ console on June 2, 1937 while playing his 1750th recital. Both pieces offered today are taken from a collection of 24 pieces written in 1913. “Carillon de Longpont” is the first of several organ compositions by Vierne based on bell themes. This particular work is built upon a 17-note chime played by the chapel tower bells of the Château de Longpont in Aisne, France.

SERVING IN THE LITURGY

Interim Pastor	The Reverend Dr. Daniel M. Yeiser
Organist	Roger Kurtz
Asst. Minister/Lector	Jill Clubb
Altar Guild	Kathy Schreiber
Acolyte	Spencer Ehrhart
Ushers	Claude Grube and Andy Anderson
Zoom Monitor	

PRAYER CONCERNS: Please pray for Christine and Andy Anderson, Lynn Beard, Barry Becker, Joyce Burkholder, Weston Hertzler, Hunter Leisey, Lillian Logeman, Byron Miller, Judy Perry, Lisa Riley, Vickie and Jim Salmi, Daryl Slaymaker, Aaron Stripling Family, Janice Styer, Greg Summers, Bonnie Trout, Pastor Dennis Trout, and Doris Witter. Pray for God's healing presence in places of hunger, pain, illness, or overwhelming sorrow. Be with military personnel, first responders, healthcare workers and the helpers and the residents at nursing homes; school boards, school administrators, staff, teachers, and students in communities around this country.

For Adult Forum on Sunday, Jan. 29 at 9 a.m. we will be making valentines for our soldiers .

Reminder Dates

Adult Forum/Fellowship at 9:00 am with Worship Service at 10:30 am on Sunday, Jan. 29
Choir Practice at 7pm on Wednesday, February 1st

Lititz-Warwick Community Chest Food Bank

January Suggestions:

condensed soup— cream of mushroom, cream of chicken, tomato

*** rice - plain white or brown**

*** flavored baked beans**

Items can be placed in the box near the elevator on the first floor - thank you



Important Date

Sunday, February 5, 2023 Annual Congregational Meeting to follow the worship service with pizza and dessert after the meeting. Pizza will be provided. Please bring a dessert to share with all.

FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

²Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

³"O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak of
Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD."

⁶"With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Psalm 15**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

The message about the cross is foolishness to those
who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is
the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will
thwart."

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe?
Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made
foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the
wisdom of God, the world did not know God through
wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our

proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews
demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we
proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews
and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are
called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of
God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness
is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is
stronger than human strength.

²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not
many of you were wise by human standards, not many
were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But
God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the
wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame
the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the
world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things
that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence
of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus,
who became for us wisdom from God, and righteous-
ness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order
that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in
the Lord."

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the moun-
tain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.
²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be
comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the
earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for right-
eousness, for they will be filled.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive
mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see
God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be
called children of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for right-
eousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and per-
secute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely
on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward
is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted
the prophets who were before you."

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]; Psalm 112:1-9 [10]; 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]; Matthew 5:13-20.

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