Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany January 29, 2023

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AS WE GATHER

Why do the Beatitudes resonate with us? Yes, we who follow Christ are poor in spirit, we hunger for righteousness, and we know some persecution; but so do others, those who follow other gods. The difference is that, at the deepest level, God has promised blessings while we experience all those human emotions and take what action we think best. Those blessings come to us by grace, simply because God has chosen us, without any merit or worthiness in us. We are not worthy, just as God's Old Testament people did not merit His attention, but we and they received it nonetheless. God has chosen to make us worthy by sending His Son in our place. In today's Readings, He explains what pleases Him. Only Christ lived the perfect life, but the Gospel certainly moves us to respond to God's choosing us, as best we can, in love and service.



Baptism – **Baptism** – Today we welcome Raya Everly Esplen into the family of God through the waters of Holy Baptism. We pray that our gracious heavenly Father would keep Raya in her baptismal grace, that she may grow up to lead a godly life to the praise and honour of her Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Seeing the crowds, (Jesus) went up on the mountain. and when He sat down, His disciples came to Him. And He opened His mouth and taught them. Matthew 5:1-2

Opening Hymn: LSB #605 "Father Welcomes" +Order of Baptism+

Hymn: LSB #588 "Jesus Loves Me"

+Confession and Absolution+

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+Service of the Word+

Introit (spoken responsively)

Psalm 15

¹O LORD, who shall sojourn in your tent?
Who shall dwell on your holy hill?
²He who walks blamelessly and does what is right and speaks truth in his heart;

³who does not slander with his tongue and does no evil to his neighbor,

nor takes up a reproach against his friend;

⁴in whose eyes a vile person is despised, but who honors those who fear the LORD;

who swears to his own hurt and does not change;

⁵who does not put out his money at interest and does not take a bribe against the innocent.

He who does these things shall never be moved.





as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Kyrie LSB 186 Gloria in Excelsis LSB 187

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Old Testament Reading Micah 6:1-8

Epistle Reading 1 Corinthians 1:18–31 Alleluia LSB 190

Holy Gospel *Matthew 5:1–12*

Hymn of the Day LSB #728 "How Firm a Foundation"

(The children are dismissed for Sunday School) Sermon: Rev. Lowell Dennis, Emeritus

Offertory LSB 192

Offering (The gifts previously gathered are brought forward)

Praver of the Church

+Service of the Sacrament+

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Closing Hymn: LSB #921 "On What Has Now Been Sown"

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