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Fourth Sunday After The Epiphany

January 30, 2011

VISITORS – WE WELCOME YOU to this house of prayer this morning.
May you feel at home among friends as we worship together. We invite
you to sign your name in the guest book in the back of the church and
hope you will return again soon.

Pre-Service Music
Welcome
Ringling of the Bell

Opening Song of Praise: "This Is The Day" (AGPS #241)
Text: Psalm 118:24
Tune: Les Garrett

This is the day, this is the day
that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made.
I will rejoice, I will rejoice
and be glad in it, and be glad in it!
This is the day that the Lord hath made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
that the Lord hath made.
(Sing Twice)

Invocation and Opening Verses

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: I will exalt You, O Lord,

C: for You lifted me out of the depths.

P: O Lord, my God, I called to You for help,

C: and You healed me.

P: O Lord, my God,

C: I will give You thanks forever.

Psalm Song: "I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord" (AGPS #133)

Text: Adapt. from Psalm 89:1; Tune: Unknown

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing, I will sing.
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.
With my mouth will I make known
Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness.
With my mouth will I make known
Thy faithfulness to all generations.
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing, I will sing.
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.
(Sing Twice)

Greeting

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day (Spoken by all)

Scripture Song: "Thy Word" (AGPS #247)

Text: Amy Grant; Tune: Michael W. Smith

Refrain

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
still You're there right beside me,
and nothing will I fear as long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end.

(Refrain)

I will not forget Your love for me and yet
my heart forever is wandering.

Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side,
and I will love You to the end.

(Refrain)

Readings from Holy Scripture:

Micah 6:1-8

Psalm 1:1-6 (prayed responsively)

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Matthew 5:1-12

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Song of the Day: "Blest the Children of Our God"

Text: Joseph Humphreys (AGPS #75)

Tune: Dix (LSB #397)

1)

Blest the children of our God,
They are bought with Christ's own blood;
They are ransomed from the grave,
Life eternal they will have.
With them numbered may we be
Here and in eternity!

2)

They are justified by grace,
They enjoy the Savior's peace;
All their sins are washed away,
They will stand in God's great day:
With them numbered may we be
Here and in eternity!

3)

They are lights upon the earth,
Children of a heav'nly birth;
One with God, with Jesus one;
Glory is in them begun:
With them numbered may we be
Here and in eternity!

Sermon: "How Blessed Are You!"

Offering

Choral Offering: "Glory to God on High" B. Milgrove; Arr. J. Riedel

The General Prayer

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Benediction

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

C: Amen.

Closing Song: "Let All Things Now Living" (AGPS #155)

Text: Katherine K. Davis

Tune: Welsh (Ash Grove)

1)

Let all things now living A song of thanksgiving
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,

Who fashioned and made us, Protected and stayed us,
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.

His banners are o'er us, His light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.

Till shadows have vanished And darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light into light.

2)

His law He enforces, The stars in their courses,
The sun in His orbit, obediently shine.

The hills and the mountains, The rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim Him divine.

We too should be voicing Our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration a song let us raise

Till all things now living Unite in thanksgiving
To God in the highest hosanna and praise!

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Sending Music

(Worship resources for today's service were taken from "All God's People Sing," a CPH publication of which the church has sufficient quantity. The rights of the publisher, authors, and composers of all materials have been assiduously guarded. All elements of this service are taken from synodically approved resources. This is in accordance with Article VI of the Synod's Constitution which, among other matters, includes as a condition for congregational membership: "Exclusive use of doctrinally pure agenda, hymnbooks, and catechisms in church and school.")

Book Sale

A book sale is currently being held in the fellowship hall. Take what you want and leave a donation you feel is acceptable. Proceeds will go to Lutherans for Life.

Pro-Life Petitions

Two petitions are available this morning for your signatures. The first urges Minnesota state legislators to ban sex-selection abortion. The second shows your support for the "No Taxpayer Funding of Abortion Act," which would establish a permanent, government-wide law against federal funding of abortion and federal subsidies for insurance coverage of abortion. Please consider signing these documents and allowing your pro-life voice to be heard.

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Tuesday:	7:00pm	Board of Elders
Wednesday:	4:30PM	5 th /6 th Grade Confirmation
	5:30PM	7 th /8 th Grade Confirmation
	7:30PM	Choir
Friday:	7:30PM	Fellowship Club at Doug & Ruth Danker's
Next Sunday:		Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
	9:00AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:00AM	Fellowship Time

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Today	- Bonnie Kassen
Monday	- Cody Callstrom
Tuesday	- Kim Burns, Robert Schultz
Thursday	- Dale Banitt, Merle Dargus
Friday	- Nathan Arndt
Saturday	- Leonard Dicke

IN OUR PRAYERS

Healing: Philip Sorenson (recovering from full pancreatectomy), Dave Dicke (still waiting for a transplant), Joanne Meyr (recovering from cancer treatments on her leg), Mark Yahn (for peace during hospice care), Lori Ramig (recovering from a heart transplant), Bill Langhans (recovering from heart surgery), Irene Pasche (recovering from a heart attack), Steven Finstad (a Marine serving in Afghanistan who is a friend of Ryan Kassen), Wayne Thomforde, Judith Whipple and Jean Bateman.

Fabric Needed

The Ladies Quilting Group is in need of cotton fabric for its projects. Please bring material to church if you are able to help out. If you have questions, please speak with Marion Kolberg.

Life Quotes

January 30 "True disability is when a person forgets 'God does not make junk.' Every single day is an opportunity for each person to meet their full potential, and each person is a gift from God—braces, tubes, wheelchairs, trachs, catheters, or whatever may just be part of that package." *Janette Clausen, LBSW, Lutheran Family Services of Iowa* – **A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org**

Nybo's Family Night Inquiry

A small group continues to meet once a month for fellowship and fun at Nybo's lanes. Cost is an incredible \$1 per game and \$1 for shoes. The event has been held at 7:30 PM on the second Sunday of the month. We are wondering if an earlier time on Sunday would be better for families who would like to participate with the group? Talk to Pastor Sorenson or Jerry Kohn if you feel a change in time would influence your participation. Thanks.

The Brief Statement of the Doctrinal Position of the Missouri Synod (1932)

"Of Creation"

We teach that God has created heaven and earth, and that in the manner and in the space of time recorded in the Holy Scriptures, especially Gen. 1 and 2, namely, by His almighty creative word, and in six days. We reject every doctrine which denies or limits the work of creation as taught in Scripture. In our days it is denied or limited by those who assert, ostensibly in deference to science, that the world came into existence through a process of evolution; that is, that it has, in immense periods of time, developed more or less of itself. Since no man was present when it pleased God to create the world, we must look for a reliable account of creation to God's own record, found in God's own book, the Bible. We accept God's own record with full confidence and confess with Luther's Catechism: "I believe that God has made me and all creatures."

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, 6

8:30AM on KCUE-AM; 6:00PM on KDHL-Faribault (920)

"Refusing Rescue"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

On Calvary's high ground, Jesus offers rescue to all those trapped by the rising floodwaters of sin and death.
(1 Corinthians 2:13-15)