

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

P: Come, and praise God!

C: In the company of God's people, let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: Great are the works of God, full of glory and majesty.

C: Our God is gracious and compassionate;

P: our God is merciful and forgiving

C: our God is faithful and trustworthy,

P: our God is just and good.

C: So come, let's worship God together. God's praise will last forever!

(Please rise as you are able.)

Opening Songs

"Ancient of Days"

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto the Ancient of Days;
From ev'ry nation, all of creation bow before the Ancient of Days.

(chorus) Ev'ry tongue in heaven and earth shall declare Your glory,
Ev'ry knee shall bow at Your throne in worship;
You will be exalted, O God, and Your kingdom shall not pass away, O Ancient
of Days. (repeat)

Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth, sing unto the Ancient of Days;
For none can compare to Your matchless worth, sing unto the Ancient of
Days. (to chorus)

Gary Sadler and Jamie Harvill, c. 1992 Integrity's Hosanna! Music/Integrity's Praise Music, CCLI 655526

“I Believe in Jesus”

I believe in Jesus, I believe He is the Son of God;
I believe He died and rose again, I believe He paid for us all.
And I believe that He's here now, Standing in our midst
Here with the power to heal now, and the grace to forgive.

And I believe in You, Lord, I believe You are the Son of God;
I believe You died and rose again, I believe You paid for us all.
And I believe that You're here now, Standing in our midst;
Here with the power to heal now, and the grace to forgive.

I BELIEVE IN JESUS, Marc Nelson, c. 1987,1997 Mercy/Vineyard, CCLI 655526

(Please be seated)

Confession

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, creator of darkness and light,
word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our rock and refuge,

**C: We pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not
always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against
you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of
us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that
we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.**

P: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of
grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority
of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.

C: Amen.

Song of Confession

“More Love, More Power”

More love, more power, more of You in my life;
More love, more power, more of You in my life.
More love, more power, more of You in my life;
More love, more power, more of You in my life.

And I will worship You with all of my heart,
and I will worship You with all of my mind;
And I will worship You with all of my strength,
you are my Lord, You are my Lord.

More love, more power, more of You in my life;
More love, more power, more of You in my life.
And I will seek your face with all of my heart,
And I will seek your face with all of my mind,
And I will seek your face with all of my strength,
You are my lord. You are my Lord.

Jude Del Hierro, c. 1987, Mercy/Vineyard Publishing, CCLI 655526

(Please rise as you are able)

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:21-28

P: A reading from the gospel of Mark

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, “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.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be quiet and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

P: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please be seated)

Children's Message

Pastor Emily Dalen

Sermon

Pastor Emily Dalen

Song of Response

"The Power of Your Love"

Lord, I come to You, let my heart be changed, renewed;
Flowing from the grace that I've found in You;
And Lord, I've come to know, the weaknesses I see in me,
Will be stripped away by the pow'r of Your love.

(chorus) Hold me close, let Your love surround me;
Bring me near, draw me to Your side;
And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle, And I will soar with You
Your Spirit leads me on, In the pow'r of Your love.

Lord, unveil my eyes, let me see You face to face,
The knowledge of Your love as You live in me.
Lord, renew my mind, as Your will unfolds in my life,
In living ev'ry day in the pow'r of Your love.

POWER OF YOUR LOVE, GEOFF BULLOCK, C. 1992, WORD MUSIC, CCLIC 566626

(Please rise as you are able.)

Intercessory Prayers

P: Lead us, O God,

C: Lead us by your light.

We Share God's Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also, with you.

P: Let us share God's peace with those around us.

(Please be seated)

We Bring Our Tithes and Offerings

(Please rise as you are able)

Offering Song

“We Are An Offering”

(chorus) We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You,
we are an offering;

Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,
Lord, use our lives, they are Yours, We are an offering.

(Bridge) All that we have, all that we are
All that we hope to be we give to You, we give to You. *(chorus)*

WE ARE AN OFFERING, c1984 Bug and Bear Music, CCLIC 655526

Offering Prayer

P: Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread
and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive
what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C: Amen.

Words of Institution

P: On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and
gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat;
this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again,
after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink,
saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all
people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer

P: Remembering our Lord, let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us...

**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.**

(Please be seated)

P: At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

Distribution of Communion

Communion Song

"Above All"

Above all powers, above all kings, Above all nature and all created things,
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man;
You were here before the world began.

Above all kingdoms, above all thrones,
above all wonders the world has ever known,
Above all wealth and treasure of the earth;
There's no way to measure what You're worth.

Crucified, Laid behind a stone, You lived to die rejected and alone.

Like a rose trampled on the ground,
You took the fall...and thought of me...Above all.

Above All, Lenny LeBlanc and Paul Baloche, c. 1999 Integrity's Hosanna Music, CCLIC 655526

(Please rise as you are able)

Communion Blessing

P: And now, may the body and blood of our crucified and risen Lord
strengthen you and keep you in His grace, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

P: Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.
Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now
and forever.

C: Amen.

The Benediction

P: God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ☩ bless you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

Sending Song

“Shine Jesus Shine”

Lord, the light of Your love is shining in the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth You now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.

(chorus) Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory, Blaze,
Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire; Flow river, flow, flood the nations with
grace and mercy, send forth Your word, Lord and let there be light.

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence from
the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me. *(chorus)*

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness, so our faces display Your likeness;
Ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.
Shine on me, shine on me. *(chorus)*

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE, c1987, Make Way Music, CCLIC 655526

Sending Mission:

P: Go forth into the world to love and serve God with gladness by

C: Knowing Jesus, Telling About Jesus, Loving as Jesus Loves.

P: Go in peace. You are God's beloved!

C: Thanks be to God!

January 28, 2024

Fourth Sunday in Epiphany

Welcome Team: 8:00 a.m. Doug & LaJean Wehring; 10:30 a.m. Kevin & Ann Pingel/Kelby & Jennifer Vorthmann Family

Tellers: Tanya Whitehill & Stephanie Melby

Musicians: 8:00 a.m. Ruby Bentley; 10:30 a.m. Megan Dreyer

Acolyte: 8:00 a.m. Liz Young; 10:30 a.m. Joslyn Chambers

Reader: Sheryl Henderson

Prayers: Randy Jensen; Chris Rochleau; Joy Young; Robert Meier, Jr.; Jeri Schnepel; Dian Wilson; Ed Whitehill; Brenda Riley; Roger Grant; Peggy Engel; Beth Lucy; Logan Young (Military)

You're welcome to attend Adult Bible Study: Join Pastor Emily at 9:15 a.m. on Sundays for a study on the book of Genesis.

Join the Council for Visioning Sessions! Everyone is invited to our Visioning session. Let's gather for an hour to talk about where we have been as a congregation, what needs we see in the community, and the values that we hold. We'll begin to dream about how God is continuing to call this church to be active in the world. Choose one of the sessions to attend:

***Wed., January 31 at 7 p.m.-**Meet at 7 pm in the sanctuary. Do you have confirmation students? This would be a great session for you! Bring the kids and gather upstairs.

***Sun., February 4 at 11:30 a.m.-**Stick around after church for a light lunch and discussion.

***Thurs., February 8 at 7 p.m.-**Join Council at Silos for an informal discussion. We'll provide appetizers; you purchase your beverage of choice.

One More Lenten Speaker Still Needed! Pastor Emily is looking for people who are willing to share a 5-7 minute story on Wednesday evenings during worship. Our theme will be Wandering Heart. We will look at Lent through the eyes of the disciple Peter. Our theme will also utilize stanzas from the song, Come Thou Fount. Would you be willing to share a story about one of the following things:

***March 13-**Matthew 16:21-23 Peter needed a new perspective. Has there been a time when your faith was tested and you needed to rethink what you know?

Bethany Volunteers Needed: Bethany is in need of volunteers that would ride along with residents that have appointments that don't have family that are able to go with them. It would be nice to get our volunteers back. All that is needed is a background check and training.

The Nominating Committee has begun its work: We are currently looking for a Treasurer, a cemetery committee member, and volunteers to serve on the preschool board. Would you prayerfully consider how God might be calling you to serve? Talk with Pastor, Brandon Vorthmann, Alissa Hough, Carrie Schweer, or Dave Keay if you might be interested in serving.

This Week's Calendar:

Sun. 1/28: 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Wedded Band Spaghetti Dinner
2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Denise F-hall

Mon. 1/29: 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wed. 1/31: 6:15 p.m. Confirmation
7:00 p.m. SPY Cell Group/Visioning Session Sanctuary

Thurs. 2/1: **Denise's Day Off**
8:30 a.m. Maint. Day
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Fri. 2/2: **Pastor Emily's Day Off**

Sun. 2/4: 8:00 a.m. Worship
9:00 a.m. Fellowship
9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study/Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Visioning Session F-hall
4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Silver Keg Feeders 4-H F-hall

Worship Attendance on 1/21/24: 8:00 a.m. **34**; Online: **21**; 10:30 a.m. **47**; Online: **32**

Sunday School Attendance on 1/21/24: **18**

Stewardship Emphasis: The Mission for January: Lutheran Services in Iowa

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