

February 2, 2020, the Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Welcome

Opening Song "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" *LSB 411*

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

Chorus In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2 I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, And show me the way to the Father.

Chorus

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race, We shall know the joy of Jesus.

Chorus

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

P: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world!

C: The Light no darkness can overcome!

P: Through Baptism, the Light of Christ now shines in you!

C: Shine in us, Lord Jesus!

P: You are the light of the world.

C: Shine, Jesus, shine, fill us with Your radiant light.

Confession, and Absolution

P: Lord Jesus, Light of the world, have mercy on us and hear our prayer:

C: I confess to You, my Heavenly Father, that I have sinned against You in my thoughts, actions, words, and in ways I am not even aware. I have failed to shine the Light of Jesus in my life, and as a result I have failed at loving You above all things and loving my neighbor as myself. For this and all my sins, have mercy on me and forgive me. Cleanse me from my sin and I will be whiter than snow! All this I pray in the name of and for the sake of Your Son, my Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: Almighty God...in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

C: Amen. Praise to You, O Christ!

Song of Praise "10,000 Reasons" *Praise Team*

Chorus Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Worship His holy name.
 Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.

- 1 The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, It's time to sing Your song again.
 Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
 Let me be singing when the evening comes. **Chorus**
- 2 You're rich in love and You're slow to anger. Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
 For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
 Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. **Chorus**
- 3 And on that day, when my strength is failing, The end draws near, and my time has come;
 Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending
 Ten thousand years, and then forevermore! **Chorus**

Ending Worship Your holy name, Lord, I'll worship Your holy name.
 Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.
 Worship Your holy name, Worship Your holy name.

Old Testament Lesson 1 Samuel 1:21-28

The man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, "As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, so that he may appear in the presence of the LORD and dwell there forever." Elkanah her husband said to her, "Do what seems best to you; wait until you have weaned him; only, may the LORD establish his word." So the woman remained and nursed her son until she weaned him. And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh. And the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, "Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the LORD. As long as he lives, he is lent to the LORD." And he worshiped the LORD there.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Lesson Hebrews 2:14-18

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Children's Chat

Holy Gospel Luke 2:22-40

And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Affirmation of Faith the Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Message Song "Everlasting God" *Praise Team*

- 1 Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,
We will wait upon the Lord, We will wait upon the Lord.
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,
We will wait upon the Lord, We will wait upon the Lord.

Pre-Chorus Our God, You reign forever. Our Hope, our strong Deliv'rer.

Chorus You are the everlasting God, The everlasting God,
You do not faint, You won't grow weary.
You're the defender of the weak, You comfort those in need.
You lift us up on wings like eagles.

Repeat all

Message "Victory Over Sin, Death, and the Devil!"

We Worship God with Our Offering

Offering Song "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done" v. 1, 3, 5 *LSB 464*

Chorus Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 1 The strife is o'er, the battle done; Now is the victor's triumph won;
Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!
- 3 The three sad days have quickly sped, He rises glorious from the dead.
All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!
- 5 Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee, From death's dread sting Thy servants free
That we may live and sing to Thee. Alleluia!

Chorus

We Go to God in Prayer

P: Lord, in Your mercy...

C: Hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: 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.

Lord's Supper

The Words of Institution

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

P: The gifts of God for you, God's people.

C: Amen.

We Ask God's Blessings on This Holy Meal

P: The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look to You, O Lord, and You give them their food in due season.

C: We praise You, Father, and ask Your blessings on this meal, for You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. Amen.

Sanctus "Holy, Holy, Holy" *LSB 507*

- 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.
- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Hymn "Rock of Ages" *LSB 761*

- 1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
- 2 Not the labors of my hands Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.
- 3 Nothing in my hand I bring; Simply to Thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to Thee for dress; Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly; Wash me, Savior, or I die.
- 4 While I draw this fleeting breath, When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee.

Song "Come Thou Fount (I Will Sing)" *Praise Team*

- 1 Come Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing; Tune my heart to sing Thy grace.
Streams of mercy, never ceasing Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, Mount of Thy redeeming love.
- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer; Hither by Thy help I come.
And I hope by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger Wand'ring from the fold of God.
He to rescue me from danger Interposed His precious blood.

Chorus How Your kindness yet pursues me! How Your mercy never fails me!
 'Til the day that death shall loose me, I will sing, oh, I will sing.

- 3 Oh to grace, how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be.
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

Chorus

Chorus 1b How Your kindness yet pursues me! How Your mercy never fails me!
 'Til the day that death shall loose me, I will sing, oh, I will sing.
 'Til the day that death shall loose me, I will sing, oh, I will sing.

Ending Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love.
 Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.
 Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

Song "Forever" *Praise Team*

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord Our God and King; His love endures forever.
For He is good, He is above all things; His love endures forever. Sing praise, sing praise.
- 2 With a mighty hand And an outstretched arm; His love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn; His love endures forever. Sing praise, sing praise.

Pre-Chorus Sing praise, sing praise.

Chorus x2 Forever God is faithful, Forever God is strong,
 Forever God is with us, Forever, forever.

- 3 From the rising to the setting sun His love endures forever.
And by the grace of God We will carry on; His love endures forever. Sing praise, sing praise.

Pre-Chorus

Chorus x2

End Forever, and ever. Forever, and ever. Forever.

The Post-Communion Prayer

P: Lord God, our Heavenly Father:

C: Thank you for this holy meal. Live in us, Lord Jesus, that we may always live in You. Amen.

Sending and Benediction

P: Let us bless the Lord!

C: Praise and thanksgiving be to God on high!

P: Let your light shine before men.

C: That they may see our good deeds and praise our Father in heaven!

P: Go in peace; serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: Now hear the good words of our Lord...and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Song "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" v. 1-4 *LSB 461*

- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living head.
- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.
- 3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
- 4 He lives to grant me rich supply; He lives to guide me with His eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

Announcements

Postlude

The service is over...the worship begins! Romans 12:1