



February 2, 2025

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

GATHERING IN THE LORD'S PRESENCE

Boldface = All speak

❖ = All who are able, please stand.

PRELUDE "People Need the Lord" *Greg Nelson, Arr. by Mark Hayes*

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT..... "When the Lord Redeems the Very Least"
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❖**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(based on 1 Corinthians 13:4-8)*

Love is patient. Love is kind.

Love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.

Love does not insist on its own way.

Love is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing.

Love rejoices in the truth.

Come, let us worship the Lord who loves us without boundaries.

❖**HYMN** "O God, Who Gives Us Life" **#53**
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❖**CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER**

Generous God, when we set our tables, we imagine who belongs. We are satisfied to welcome those who we call our own. We limit the seating to those who make us comfortable and lay out the welcome mat for those who we choose to welcome. But your kingdom has no boundary. Before our birth you have known, loved, and claimed each and every one. (a time for silent confession) Gracious God, soften our hearts to those we exclude. Restore us to your vision of who belongs at the table. Renew us with your abundant mercy and love, which knows no end. Amen.

❖**ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

❖ **AFFIRMING THE PEACE AMONG US**

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

The children may go back to Sunday School at this time.

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HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Saving God, source of our calling, your Word is full of power and glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that we may receive your grace and live as your beloved children, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGLuke 4:21-30, pg. 1464

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM*"Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"*

(Words and music by Brian Doerksen, arr. by Mark Hayes)

MESSAGEThe Rev. Sara K. Snowden

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

❖ **HYMN***"Feed Us, Lord"* **#501**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Blessed are you, O Lord... ..universal church and the heavenly choir:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and

earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is Jesus Christ... ...share this joyful feast.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit... ...offered by countless generations:

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

Those who wish to partake of communion within the sanctuary are invited to come forward to receive a piece of bread (gluten-free bread is available upon request) and a cup of grape juice.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks and praise, O God, that you have fed us with your mercy and poured out your Spirit in this place. Continue to nourish and fill us each day, that we may live as your beloved people; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

❖**HYMN** "Healer of Our Every Ill" **#795**
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OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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GOING FORTH TO SERVE

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT & SERVE

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Patricia Lind for DuPage PADS Interim Housing

❖**HYMN** "Will You Come and Follow Me?" **#726**

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❖SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE..... "The Light of the World is Jesus" *Philip P. Bliss, Arr. by Mark Hayes*

Pastor: The Rev. Sara K. Snowden

Lector: Kim Mays

Greeter: Joan Knapp

Communion Servers: Joan and Jerry Knapp

Worship Pianist: Amy Dickman

Today's invitation to the Lord's Supper comes from *A Wee Worship Book*, Fourth Incarnation. Wild Goose Worship Book, GIA Publications, Inc. (Chicago, 1999), p 95.

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