

Welcome to First Lutheran Church

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3rd Sunday After Epiphany

January 21, 2024

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(Please pass the attendance pad along the pew. If you are a visitor, please include your mailing address.)

Opening Hymn: “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” (ELW 588) *(See back page)*

*Confession and Forgiveness

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: God our rock and refuge,

People: **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.

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness with these words:

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

***Prayer of the Day:**

Pastor: Let us pray

People: **Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

¹ The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³ So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. ⁴ Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵ And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. ¹⁰ When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

Psalm 62:5-12

⁵By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,
O God of our salvation;
you are the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas.

⁶**By your strength you established the mountains;
you are girded with might.**

⁷You silence the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
the tumult of the peoples.

⁸**Those who live at earth’s farthest bounds are awed by your signs;
you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.**

⁹You visit the earth and water it;
you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water;
you provide the people with grain,
for so you have prepared it.

¹⁰**You water its furrows abundantly,
settling its ridges,
softening it with showers,
and blessing its growth.**

¹¹You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

¹²**The pastures of the wilderness overflow;
the hills gird themselves with joy;**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

²⁹ I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰ and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹ and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

*Gospel Announcement

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Gospel: John 1:14-20

¹ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God ¹⁵ and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

¹⁶ As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, for they were fishers. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ Immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly is seated.

Children’s Message

Sermon- “Jesus Calls the First Disciples”

Pastor Hans Anderson

Song of the Day: “Go to the World” (ACS 991)

1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
for I am with you till the age shall end,
bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"
Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***Statement of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

***Prayers of Intercession:**

Pastor: As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God’s blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Pastor: God our rock and deliverance, do not let your church be shaken. We trust you never abandon your promises to the most vulnerable among us. Give your church wisdom and empathy in its varied ministries. God of grace,

People: receive our prayer.

Pastor: God our hope and refuge, you placed the fish in the sea. Guide our care of oceans and all creatures that live in them. Hold us accountable for actions that endanger water sources and the people who depend on them. God of grace,

People: receive our prayer.

Pastor: God who proclaims judgement and offers mercy, be a model to the leaders of our nation and the world. As they lead, may they follow in your way of justice and truth. God of grace,

People: receive our prayer.

Pastor: God who cares for the suffering, care for survivors of assault and sexual abuse and sustain all who minister to them. Keep safe any who live under threat of violence, those living in poverty, and any among us who are ill or in pain. God of grace,

People: receive our prayer.

Pastor: God of resurrection and new life, as the first disciples shared the good news, empower us and this faith community to be open to your call. When we are uncertain of your call, assure us. When we have strayed from your ways, redirect us. God of grace,

People: receive our prayer.

Pastor: Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

Offering

***Offertory Prayer**

**People: 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.

Amen.

***Words of Institution**

***Lord's Prayer**

**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;
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.**

† Communion †

*All who believe in the death and resurrection as given in this bread and wine are welcome to the table today.
Please follow usher's guidance to come forward to receive communion and then return to your seat.*

Gluten free wafers are available from the communion server upon request.

You are welcome to this Table of our Lord.

Holy Communion Distribution

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "This is Christ's bod - y, bro - ken and blest. Feed us with mer - cy and love. with mer - cy and love. We are Christ's bod - y, bro - ken and blest. Heal us and make us one." The piano accompaniment features block chords and simple melodic lines.

Text: Anne Krentz Organ, b. 1960
Music: Anne Krentz Organ
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***Post Communion Blessing**

Pastor: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

People: Amen.

***Post Communion Prayer**

People: 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.

Amen.

***Blessing:**

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

People: Amen.

***Sending Hymn: "O Jesus, I have Promised" (ELW 810)**

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "O Jesus, I have Promised". It consists of six systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

Text: John E. Bode, 1816-1874, alt.
Music: *Neuermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

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*Dismissal:

Pastor: Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Ushers:	Paul Pearson & Paul Sasse
Altar Guild:	Jan Brasel & Penny Siewert
Counter:	Holly Knutson

Next Sunday's Readings: Deuteronomy 18:15-20, Psalm 111, 1 Corinthians 8:1-13, Mark 21-28

The Week Ahead

Sunday, January 21, 2024

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Worship Service (<i>in-person & Zoom</i>)	9:00 AM
Coffee & Fellowship,	10:00 AM
Sunday School	10:15 AM
Church Council	10:30 AM

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

Confirmation	6:00 PM
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Sunday, January 28, 2024

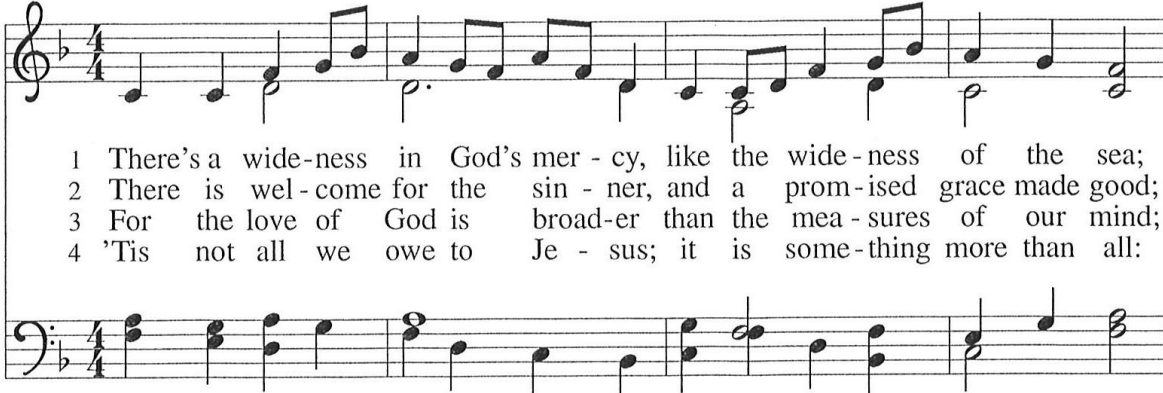
4th Sunday after Epiphany/Noisy Offering

Worship Service (<i>in-person & Zoom</i>)	9:00 AM
Coffee & Fellowship,	10:00 AM
Sunday School	10:15 AM

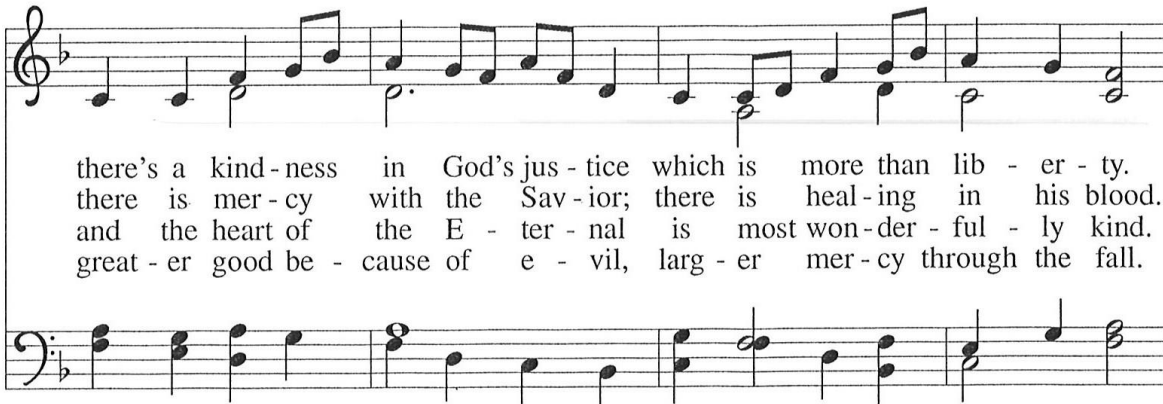
If you are not able to attend the Worship Service in person, you will still be able to listen to the sermon or watch video of the service online at the First Lutheran website.

Links will be on First Lutheran's website and on our Facebook page by Monday morning.

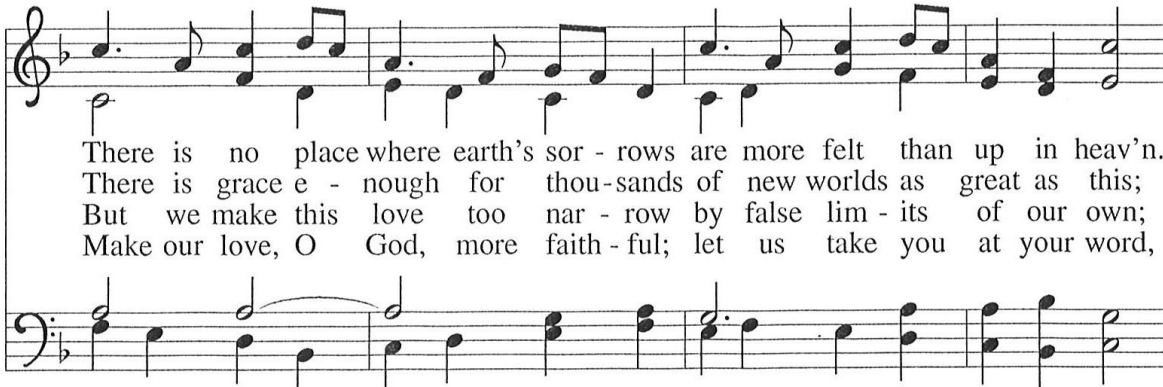
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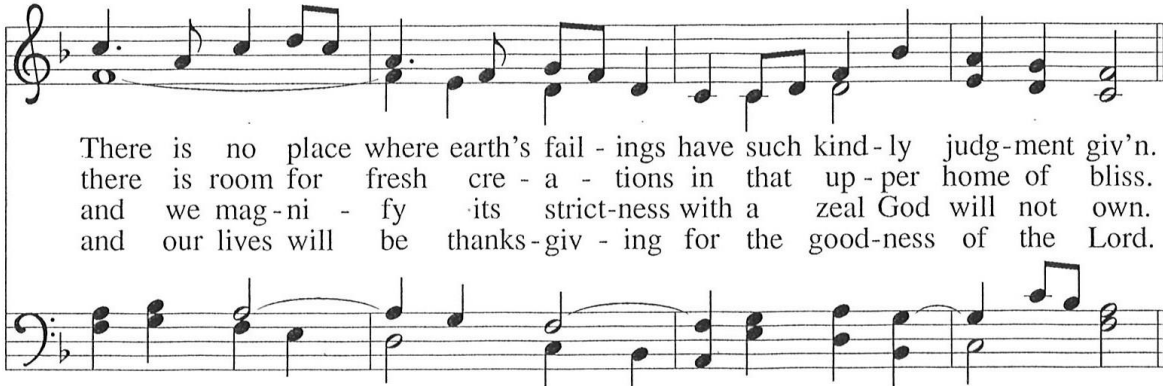
1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;
But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.