

PEACEMAKERS IN SPIRIT WILL BE CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD
PERSECUTED FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS KINGDOM OF HEAVEN
THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN MEEK WILL INHERIT EARTH HUNGER
BLESSED ARE...
POOR MOURN COMFORTED THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS
FOR THEY WILL BE MERCIFUL WILL BE SHOWN MERCY PURE WILL SEE GOD ZHEART THE GOD FILLED

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February 1, 2026 – 8:00am & 10:30am

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 1, 2026 – 8:00am & 10:30am

PRELUDE

“Blest Are They”

arr. Michael Burkhardt

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN **“Son of God, Eternal Savior”** **#842**

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

CONFESSiON and ABSOLUTION

P Confident in the assurance of forgiveness through Jesus Christ, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

P Almighty God,
C We confess to You that we choose to walk in places far from Your light. We neglect opportunities to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with You. We hide the light that is Your gift to us. Forgive us and guide us in our way, that we may shine before others and give You the glory. Amen

P Arise, shine, Your light has come. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for You and for His sake forgives You all Your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive You all Your sins in the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P People of God, live no longer in darkness, but in the light of Christ.
C Amen.

† DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE †

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

P Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray together:

C Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Micah 6:1-8

¹Hear what the LORD says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ²Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³“O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.” ⁶“With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” ⁸He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P O LORD, who shall sojourn in your tent?
Who shall dwell on your holy hill?

C **He who walks blamelessly and does what is right**
and speaks truth in his heart;

P who does not slander with his tongue
and does no evil to his neighbor,
nor takes up a reproach against his friend;

C **in whose eyes a vile person is despised,**
but who honors those who fear the LORD;
who swears to his own hurt and does not change;

P who does not put out his money at interest
and does not take a bribe against the innocent.
He who does these things shall never be moved.

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. ²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things

that are not, to bring to nothing things that are,²⁹ so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:1-12

ALLELUIA and VERSE

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹ Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. ⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



NICENE CREED

C 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Blest Are They”

#982

(The stanzas will be sung by the soloist. / The Congregation will sing the refrain following each stanza.)



1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; Theirs is the
2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones;____ They shall in -
3 Blest are they____ who show mer - cy; Mer - cy
4 Blest are they____ who seek peace;____ They are the
5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate,____ All____ be -



king - dom of God.____ Blest are they,____ full____ of
her - it the earth.____ Blest are they who hun - ger and
shall____ be theirs.____ Blest are they, the pure____ of
chil - dren of God.____ Blest are they who suf - fer in
cause____ of Me.____ Re - joice and be glad,____ yours is the



sor - row; They____ shall be con - soled._____
thirst;____ They____ shall have their fill._____
heart;____ They____ shall see God!_____
faith;____ The glo - ry of God is theirs._____
king - dom; Shine____ for all to see._____

Refrain

Re - joice _____ and be glad! _____ Bless-ed are you,
 ho-ly are you. Re - joice _____ and be glad! _____ Yours is the
 king - dom of God. _____

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SERMON

“It’s Too Much”

Texts: Micah 6:1-8 & Matthew 5:1-12 – Pastor Adam McDowell

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP and GATHERING OF OUR OFFERINGS

VOLUNTARY

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”

arr. Raymond Haan

OFFERTORY

What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
 me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will

call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** We pray for the church, that walking humbly with You we may do justice and love kindness. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **Hear our prayer.**
- P** We pray for those persecuted for their faith, that they find wisdom in the message of Christ crucified. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **Hear our prayer.**
- P** We pray for the nations of the world, that peacemakers may be a sign of your healing and reconciliation. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **Hear our prayer.**
- P** We pray for our Synod, its teachers and officers. Keep it true to Your Word, and cause the work of our Synod to grow and flourish. Guard and protect all members of our Synod against the danger of sinful ambitions, the love of dissension, and the spirit of indifference in doctrine and practice. Preserve us from all heresy and false belief.

Bless and defend the seminaries, colleges, and universities of our Synod, as well as our current seminarians and field workers: Luke, Christian, and Rick. Give us faithful pastors and teachers of Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P We pray for the poor in spirit, and all who suffer due to depression, poverty, or illness that you may be their strength. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P We pray for those who mourn and grieve the loss of loved ones, that you may comfort and console them. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, for all the blessed saints who now see you face-to-face, we give thanks. May we join them in the everlasting song of praise. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C **Amen.**

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

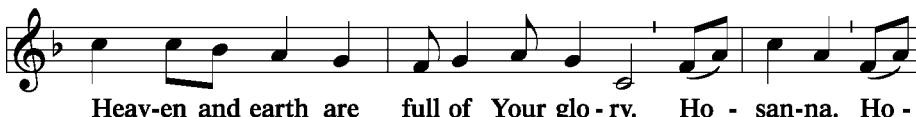
PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Hea-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na Ho - san - na in the high - est Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

AGNUS DEI

A musical staff in G clef and common time. It consists of two measures. The first measure has a quarter note, a eighth note, a sixteenth note, a eighth note, a quarter note, a eighth note, a sixteenth note, and a eighth note. The second measure has a quarter note, a eighth note, a sixteenth note, a eighth note, a quarter note, a eighth note, a sixteenth note, and a eighth note. Below the staff, lyrics are written in a two-line format: "C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have" on the first measure and "mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the" on the second measure.

The image shows two staves of musical notation. The top staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. It consists of a series of eighth and sixteenth note patterns. The lyrics "world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the" are written below the notes. The bottom staff continues the musical line, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. It features a sustained note followed by a sixteenth-note pattern, with the lyrics "sin of the world; grant us peace." written below.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Jesus Sat with His Disciples”

#932

(This hymn will be sung to a different tune than what is in the hymnal.)

“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

#848

“Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread”

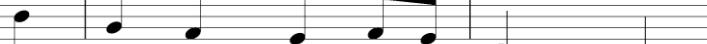
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DISMISSAL

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart **†** in peace.

C Amen.

NUNC DIMITTIS



C 1 O Lord, now let to the Your ser - vant De -

C 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the glo - ry to the Son, For All glo - ry seen to the the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For ev - er Three - in - One;
 A light to lead the be - gin - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
 to now, Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing, Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Heavenly Father, You have graciously fed us with the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Let this holy food empower us, that Your dawn may break forth as we give ourselves to the hungry and to those who thirst for righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION and DISMISSAL

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and **☩** give you peace.



P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN **“You Are the Way; Through You Alone”** **#526**

POSTLUDE

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”

arr. Paul Weber