

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Faith Lutheran Church, ELCA

January 28, 2024



*The fear of the LORD
is the beginning
of wisdom;
all those
who
practice
it have
a good
understanding.*

Psalm 111:10, NRSV

Prelude

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

setting by Michael Burkhardt

We stand.

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

We kneel or stand. Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,

we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of ✙ Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

ELW 310

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



- 1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
- 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph - et, priest, and king su - preme;
- 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak - ened bod - y, faint - ing soul;
- 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
 man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:
 that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
 and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt.
 Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702

(11:00) Children Worship and Wonder

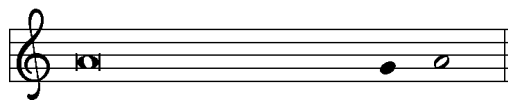
Children are dismissed for Children Worship and Wonder

Greeting

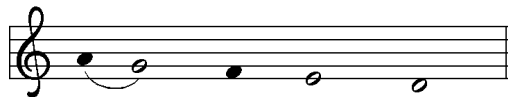
The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



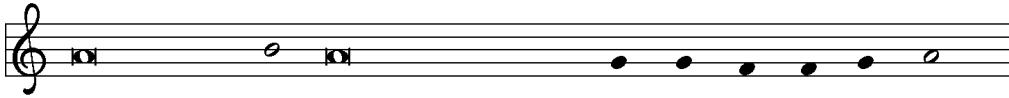
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.

A - men.

Canticle of Praise



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



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,



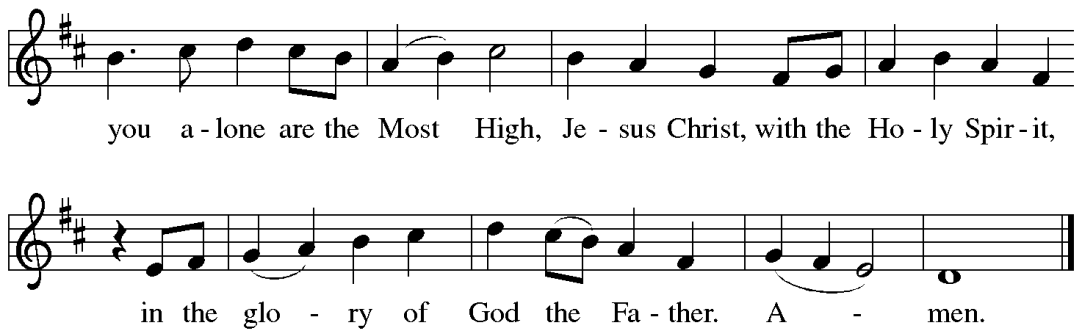
you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



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,



Prayer of the Day

We sit.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 *The prophet speaks with God's authority*

[Moses said:] ¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." ¹⁷Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

The word of the Lord *or* Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody Psalm 111



¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with ¹ my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the ¹ congregation.

²**Great are your ¹ works, O LORD,
pondered by all who de- ¹ light in them.**

³Majesty and splendor ¹ mark your deeds,
and your righteousness en- ¹ dures forever.

⁴**You cause your wonders to ¹ be remembered;
you are gracious and full ¹ of compassion. R**

⁵You give food to ¹ those who fear you,
remembering forev- ¹ er your covenant.

⁶**You have shown your people the power ¹ of your works
in giving them the lands ¹ of the nations.**

⁷The works of your hands are faithful- ¹ ness and justice;
all of your pre- ¹ cepts are sure.

⁸**They stand fast forev- ¹ er and ever,
because they are done in ¹ truth and equity. R**

⁹You sent redemption to your people and commanded your cove- ¹ nant forever;
holy and awesome ¹ is your name.

¹⁰**The fear of the LORD is the begin- ¹ ning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise en- ¹ dures
forever. R**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 8:1-13 *Limits to liberty*

¹Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him.

⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to

an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸“Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

The word of the Lord *or* Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

We stand with the presiding minister to greet the reading of the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

(Cantor) The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light; for those who sat in the shadow of death light has dawned. (repeat alleluia)

Gospel

Mark 1:21-28 *The healing of one with an unclean spirit.*

The holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²¹[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and 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.” ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came

out of him. ²⁷They 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.” ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sing the alleluia and then we sit.

Sermon Pastor Dana Lockhart

We stand.

Hymn of the Day ACS 1016 *Cast Out, O Christ*



1 Cast out, O Christ, cast far a - way the
 2 Our rag - ing griefs, our jeal - ous fears are
 3 Once long a - go, from Gal - i - lee, you
 4 Your word breathes life and health and hope that
 5 So come, O Christ, and cast a - way the



de - mons that de - stroy: the haunt - ing dreads that
 Le - gion in their name. Our shack - led hearts im -
 sailed to storm - tossed shores. And still, in pow'r, you
 break through e - vil's thrall. You send us, strength - ened,
 de - mons that de - stroy. Trans - form our lives to



choke our souls, the hates that sti - fle joy.
 plore your grace to loose our bind - ing shame.
 brave new paths to breach our bolt - ed doors.
 home in peace to live your gos - pel call.
 sense your love and spread a - broad your joy.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davison, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816

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Apostles Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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

God of grace, receive our prayer

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

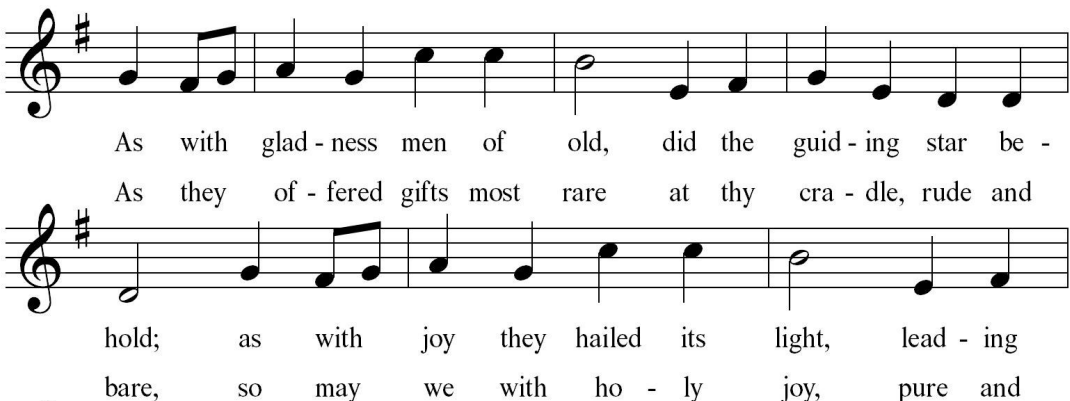
Temple Talk Mission Health Lexington

Choral Offering *Healing River* arranged by David Cherwien
Parish Choir

The song, *Healing River*, was composed in 1964 after the murder of four civil rights leaders by the Ku Klux Klan. The imagery of God's healing is from Amos 5:24: *Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.*

O healing river, send down your waters upon this land. O healing river, send down your waters and wash the blood from off the sand. This land is parching. This land is burning, no seed is growing in the barren ground. Let the seed of freedom awake and flourish, let the deep roots nourish, let the tall stalks rise, proud leaves uncurling against the skies.

Offering Song ELW 302 As with Gladness Men of Old, stanzas 1 and 3



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the song, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

As with glad - ness men of old, did the guid - ing star be -
As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy cra - dle, rude and
hold; as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing
bare, so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and



Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

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.**

It is indeed right...join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 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.

Eucharistic Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as 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.

Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to Communion

Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

Music During Communion

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Make of Our Hands a Throne Steven C. Warner

Make of our hands a throne to hold the bread of heav-en,
make of our hearts a home to hold the ve-ry wine of
life, in this mys-t'ry, Lord, make us one with you.

Cantor sings verses; assembly sings refrain.

ELW 715 Christ Be Our Light, refrain *(sung repeatedly)*

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the
dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your
church gath - ered to - day.

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for 'Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the'. The second staff continues with 'dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your'. The third staff concludes with 'church gath - ered to - day.' and ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are aligned under the corresponding notes.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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After all have communed, we stand.

Post Communion Prayer

Blessing



Sending Hymn ELW 665 *Rise, Shine, You People*



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

Text: Ronald A. Klug, b. 1939, alt.
Music: WOJTKIEWIECZ, Dale Wood, 1934–2003
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Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Rondo Gustav Gunsenheimer

Serving Today

Assisting Minister	(8:30) Richard Michel (11:00) Roland Born
Cantor	Elijah Garrett
Organist/Pianist	Kathy Egner
Ushers	(8:30) Chris & LaDawn Reynolds (11:00) Victoria Lockhart & David Templar
Greeter	(8:30) Jim & Judy Knauss (11:00) Debbie Rosenberg
Sacristan	Diana Shappley/Phyllis Hasbrouck
Livestream Operator	Helen Born
Counters	P. Black & C. Buchanan
Ministers	All Members of Faith
Pastor	The Reverend Dana Lockhart
Pastor Emeritus	The Reverend Ron Luckey
Parish Administrator	Amanda Nord
Director of Music	Kathy Egner
Youth Assistant	Paige Barricklow
Faith Learning Center Director	Charla Heersche
Sexton	Neil McComb

Worship Servants for Next Sunday (February 4)

	8:30	11:00
Assisting Minister	Shane Hadden	Shane Hadden
Cantor	Justin Felix	Justin Felix
Ushers		
Greeter		
Sacristan	Julie Keller	Jane Pettibone
Counters		
Livestream Operator		

January 28, 2024 Announcements

Mission Health Lexington (MHL)

As Mission Health Lexington celebrates 19 years of service to the Lexington community, we are so grateful for partners like Faith Lutheran! Your role in starting our organization and your ongoing contributions have been instrumental in our mission's success. In the past year alone, we proudly served 878 unique patients, and your ongoing support played a crucial part in making this possible. Thank you for your unwavering commitment, enabling us to provide health and healing to our neighbors in need.

Abby Pliszka is the Executive Director of MHL, Penni Black is serving as the Chairperson of the Board, and Ellie Burnside is serving on the Board of Directors. All will be here today to give an update in activities and upcoming events of MHL.

To contact Abby, or to visit or volunteer, Contact: Mission Health Lexington 230 S. Martin Luther King Boulevard | Lexington, KY 40508 phone: 859-272-0219 | www.missionhealthlex.org



Lenten Soup Suppers will be held on each Wednesdays; at 6.00, before the Mid-Week Lenten Services starting, February 21 and continuing through March 20.

If you are willing to provide soup please sign-up in the Narthex after services or contact Barbie Moore (859-361-0665, barbie_moore@icloud.com) or the church office.

Healthy Congregations Workshop: Creating Healthy Congregations RESCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 10, 2024

On Saturday, February 10, the first Healthy Congregations Workshop will take place at our Church. The purpose of this program is to help grow thoughtful leaders as well as to strengthen faith communities. As you may have read in the January Messenger, there are up to six workshops that may be offered to our congregation. The tentative schedule is as follows:

8AM: Last minute registration (free) and continental breakfast

9AM: Workshop begins

1:15 PM Program continues

10:30: Break

3:30 PM Program concludes

12:30: Lunch (provided by Parish Life)

Each workshop is made up of five sessions, and each session lasts for about 60 minutes. The total time for a workshop is about 5 hours. Workshop One is entitled: "Creating Healthy Congregations" and is the initial workshop. The other workshops can be done in order or juggled in their sequence. Pastor Dana and the Council feels that this program has the potential to enable greater engagement, communication, and spiritual growth, individually as well as throughout the congregation.

The intention is to offer the first workshop to our congregation, and depending on the response and evaluation by attendees, to either continue the series, or to conclude the program. Because the Parish Life committee will be preparing a breakfast and lunch for the participants, we would like to have members of the congregation register (registration is free) prior to the event. For this reason, please sign up using the sheet on the table in the narthex before entering the nave. We know that a commitment to attend a workshop for a 5-hour session is a big deal, but we trust the investment of time will be worthwhile. On behalf of the Council we hope that you will check your schedule, and if possible block this time off to attend this program.

Sincerely, In Christ,

Pastor Dana Lockhart

Bob Henry, Council President

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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WEEKLY

Events

Sunday, January 28

8:30am In-Person Worship
 9:45am MET Meeting
 11:30am In-Person/Livestream
 Worship
 12:00pm FLY Coffee

Monday, January 29

6:15pm AA
 7:00pm Parish Life Committee

Tuesday, January 30

9:30pm FLLC Creative Movement
 11:00am Tuesday Bible Study
 7:00pm Grace Notes

Wednesday, January 31

6:00pm AA (Faith House)
 7:00pm Parish Choir

Thursday, February 1

7:15am Men's Group (First
 Watch)

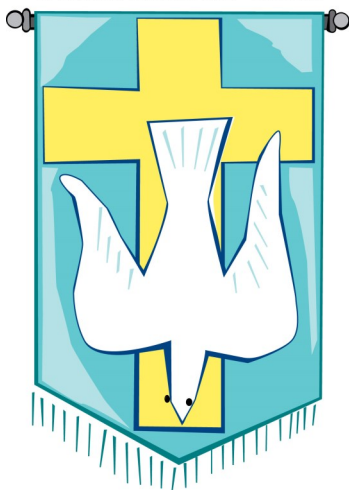
Saturday, February 3

10:30am Morning Bells

Sunday, February 4

8:30am In-Person Worship
 11:00am In-Person/Livestream
 Worship

Confirmation Class



Confirmation Resumes February 4

The next confirmation class will be at 5 pm in the youth room on Sunday, February 4th. Pastor Dana is also working to line up some presentations on diverse religious traditions as part of Confirmation (and for anyone else who might be interested). If you have a good contact with a local faith leader, please let Pastor Dana know. We are particularly looking for Orthodox, Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Bahai, and Buddhist.

Pastor's Forum

Pastor's Forum Postponed

Pastor Dana had scheduled a class to meet at 10 am on Sunday mornings. With so much going on in the congregation (Healthy Congregations, Lent, etc.) this class will be rescheduled until after Easter. In the meantime, please think of topics that would be good to include and presenters who might be helpful to invite (both within and from outside the congregation).