

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

January 28, 2024 8:30 am ~ Spirited Traditional Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



P = Pastor, R = Reader, C = Choir, **A = All*** Stand = Stand as you are able

PRELUDE

All Glory Be to God on High

arr. by M. Burkhardt

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS ~ Stand *

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

A: Amen

P: Oh God of light and glory,

A: we confess that Jesus is the one in whom you revealed yourself to the nations. Yet there are times when we do not recognize his lordship over our lives. Forgive us, we pray, for anything that would stop us from seeing Christ in ourselves, others or the world. Help us to open our eyes that we might envision the abundant life you offer to us!

P: People of God, know that our Lord has heard our confession and offers forgiveness through Jesus Christ simply in our asking. May we worship with joyful hearts because of God's grace!

A: Amen

OPENING HYMN

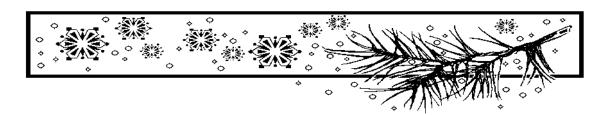
My God, How Wonderful Thou Art

Green Book #524

GREETING

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

A: And also with you.



KYRIE (Sung) Green Book Page 57

C: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

A: Lord, have mercy.

C: For the peace from above, and for our salvation,

let us pray to the Lord. A: Lord, have mercy.

C: 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.

A: Lord, have mercy.

C: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

A: Lord, have mercy.

C: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. A: Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE (Sung)

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C: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

A: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

R: Let us pray... Compassionate God,

A: you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

ANTHEM ~ Sit The Tree Song First Kids

FIRST READING (White Insert)

R: A reading from...(the Reading is read)...The Word of the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM In the Savior's Care Shackley

SECOND READING (White Insert)

R: A reading from...(the Reading is read)...The Word of the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL VERSE (Sung) ~ Stand *

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A: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL (White Insert)

Green Book Page 63

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the first chapter.

A: (Sung) Glory to you, O Lord.

(Gospel is read.)

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

A: (Sung) Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON ~ Sit Pastor Sara

SERMON HYMN ~ Stand * All Glory Be to God on High Green Book #166

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

TITHES & OFFERINGS ~ Sit

Meditation

by F. Mendelssohn



OFFERTORY (Sung) ~ Stand *

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A: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray together...Merciful Father,

A: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

PRAYERS

P: Let us pray for the whole people...In Jesus' name.

A: Amen



LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and hear us as we pray...

A: 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

BENEDICTION (Sung)

Green Book Page 74

P: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

A: Amen

CLOSING HYMN

On Our Way Rejoicing

Green Book #260

SENDING FORTH

P: Go in Peace! Serve the Lord!

A: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven arr. by R.T. Porter

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