

**Rejoice  
and  
Be Glad**

~ Matthew 5:1-12

**Sunday, February 1, 2026**  
*Fourth Sunday after Epiphany*

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# HOLY COMMUNION

*Setting Four*

*Regular font: Worship Leader; **Bold font: Congregation***

*Time for Meditation and Personal Prayer*

*Prelude*

**WELCOME**

## GATHERING

*Please stand*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being,  
the Wind stirring the waters. **Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Mighty God, lover of justice,  
**you call us to life in community,  
but we have served our own interests  
at the expense of our neighbors.  
We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.  
We say the right words,  
but our hearts are far from you.  
Turn us to seek your face.  
Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,  
that we may do justice, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

The former things have passed away,  
and new things God now declares:  
Like a spring of water that never fails,  
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,  
and forgives your sin in + Jesus' name.  
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,  
and bless you with the gift of peace. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

“Gather Us In”

**ELW 532**

## **GREETING**

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**

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## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **WORD**

*Please be seated*

### **FIRST READING**

**Micah 6:1-8**

<sup>1</sup> Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.

<sup>2</sup> Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth,  
for the LORD has a case against his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.

<sup>3</sup> "O my people, what have I done to you?  
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

<sup>4</sup> For 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.

<sup>5</sup> O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,  
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD."

<sup>6</sup> "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?

<sup>7</sup> Will 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?"

<sup>8</sup> He has told you, O mortal, 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?

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 15** (*spoken responsively*)

<sup>1</sup> LORD, who may dwell in your <sup>1</sup> tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your <sup>1</sup> holy hill?

<sup>2</sup> **Those who lead a blameless life and do <sup>1</sup> what is right,  
who speak the truth <sup>1</sup> from their heart;**

<sup>3</sup> they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil <sup>1</sup> to their friends;  
they do not cast discredit up- <sup>1</sup> on a neighbor.

<sup>4</sup> **In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those  
who <sup>1</sup> fear the LORD.**

**They have sworn upon their health and do not take <sup>1</sup> back their  
word.**

<sup>5</sup> They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take  
bribes a- <sup>1</sup> gainst the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be <sup>1</sup> overthrown

*Please stand*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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**GOSPEL READING**

**Matthew 5:1-12**

The holy gospel according to Matthew the 5th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat  
down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> And he began to speak and taught  
them, saying:

<sup>3</sup> "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they  
will be filled.

<sup>7</sup> "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup> “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup> “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup> “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” .

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

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

### **SERMON**

*Pastor Sara Stall-Ryan*

*One Minute of Silence is kept for reflection.*

*Please stand*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate”

**ELW 722**

### **APOSTLES’ CREED**

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### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

As God’s beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

*A brief silence.*

God our wisdom, renew the church in the power of the Spirit, that it may do justice, love kindness, live humbly, and boldly proclaim Christ crucified. We pray for social justice and humanitarian aid ministries (faith-based organizations may be named). Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God our source, we honor you by caring wisely for your creation. We pray for the health of old growth forests, ice caps, and ocean currents. Preserve the diversity of life on earth. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God our righteousness, raise up visionary leaders who serve with integrity and respect human rights. Increase freedom in every nation. Protect educators, journalists, artists, and religious activists who are reviled for speaking truth. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God our advocate, you give hope to all who suffer because of persecution, poverty, or war. Reunite separated families and bring orphaned children to safety. Comfort any who grieve or suffer in any way (especially). Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God our blessing, we pray for the children and youth of this congregation, and for parents, grandparents, mentors, teachers, and youth ministers who model love for their neighbor and care for others. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God our joy, we give thanks for the lives of those before us who journeyed humbly with you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

**Amen.**

**PEACE**

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## **MEAL**

*Please be seated*

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

God of majesty,  
no eye has seen, no ear has heard  
what you have prepared for those who love you,

yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.  
Use what we have gathered  
to feed us with the reign of God come near,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*Please Stand*

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It is indeed right...

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*Please kneel or sit*

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**LORD'S PRAYER** (*Sung to the tune of ELW 812, played 4 times*)

“Our Father, God in Heaven Above”

- 1 Our Father, God in heav'n above, we pray united in your love:  
Your name be hallowed. Help us, Lord, in faithfulness to keep your word.  
Your kingdom come; your will be done on earth as there before your throne.
- 2 Give us today our daily bread; let every one be clothed and fed.  
Forgive our sins, as we forgive when others hurt us as we live.  
Help us to dwell in harmony and serve each other willingly.
- 3 In time of trial, rescue us. Let your word give success to us when,  
on our left and on our right, temptations challenge us to fight.  
Deliver us from evil's pow'r and comfort us in life's last hour.
- 4 Amen. Yes, yes, it shall be so! Build up our faith and make it grow;  
beset by doubt, help us believe what here we ask we shall receive.  
So, by your promise, in your name, with loud Amen your Yes we claim!

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!  
Come to the table; taste and see.

*Please be seated*

## **LAMB OF GOD**

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*Please kneel or sit*

## **COMMUNION HYMNS**

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

**ELW 614**

“Blessed Assurance”

**ELW 638**

## **BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

*Please stand*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Radiant God,  
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.  
In the sacrament of his body and blood  
you have drawn us to your heart.  
Send us from this table with delight,  
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,  
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **BLESSING**

May the triune God,  
who has put a new song in your mouth  
and tuned your heart for praise  
+ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

### **SENDING HYMN**

"Built on a Rock"

**ELW 652**

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Postlude:*

## Prayer List

<b>For Health:</b>			<b>For Safety:</b>
Joyce G	Jonathan A	Malynda A	Andrew C
Bill B	Pauline N	Harry W	Todd S
Cathy L	Curt R	Annamaria T	Michael C
Marion B	Matthew S	Brenda B	Tyler G
Lily V	Family of	Lee T	Erik B
Holly N	Phil O	Judi E	Justin Earl B
Dylan G	Joan A	Michael L	Evan G
Lisa A	Diane E	Liam S	David P
Aiden J	Dick C	Jamie S-R	
Helen A	Karen R	Don R	
Matthew A	Stacey T	Family of	
Bud J	Pat J	Bob L	
Marjorie F	Lois B	Family of	
Jessica A	Loee M	Fran C	
Charlotte D	Charline C		
	Alexis R		

### SERVING TODAY

Donna Cote - Lector  
Kathy Richards - Worship Assistant  
Donna Berndtson, Rick Borg, - Ushers/Greeters  
Donna Marlow - Altar Guild  
Sarah Dzialo - Organist



### **Annual Meeting Notice:**

Due to the impending snow storm, the **Annual Meeting** has been **rescheduled to Today, February 1, 2026 immediately following the church service.**

**Emergency Closings** due to weather will be announced on the following channels:

**Channel 3**

**Channel 30**

**Channel 61**

**Channel 8**



**RaiseRight Gift Cards**

Place your order today to get RaiseRight (formerly Scrip) cards! You pay face value for the cards, but Zion receives a percentage of the amount of the card. It's a win-win! See Rick Borg for details.

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\* Anyone interested in volunteering for Coffee Hour you can sign up for a Sunday on the sign up sheet in the narthex. It doesn't have to be anything fancy, just a simple snack to share for a time of fellowship after the church service. See Sandy Chiasson for details.  
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Make sure to use a **Goodwill Good Neighbor Donation Card** whenever you donate to Goodwill. See Donna Berndtson for the donation cards and details.



The **Word in Season Daily Devotions for January, February and March** are available in the Narthex and the Red Box outside the door with the doorbell.



**Please Recycle Ink and Toner Cartridges Here.**

There is a container to leave your used ink and toner cartridges for us to recycle.



During Advent in Adult Education we will be studying *Sumud*, an Arabic word meaning “steadfastness.”

*Sumud* connects ELCA members to our companions in the Holy Land and seeks to follow guidance, support leadership, and amplify the voices of our Palestinian partners. Together with our Lutheran companions, we accompany Palestinians and Israelis, and many other Jews, Christians and Muslims, in working to establish the justice required for peace. Stop in and see what it’s all about.

For more information, please see Pastor Sara.

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**Today: February 1, 2026**

**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

**9:00 a.m.** Worship/Communion

**10:30 a.m.** Annual Meeting

**11:30 a.m.** True Vine Church

**This Week:**

Monday: **6:00 p.m.** N/A

Wednesday: **6:30 p.m.** Property/Finance

Friday: **7:00 p.m.** N/A

**Next Sunday: February 8, 2026**



**Fourth Sunday of Epiphany**

**9:00 a.m.** Worship/Communion

Boy Scout Sunday

**10:15 a.m.** Sunday School

**10:30 a.m.** Adult Education

**11:30 a.m.** True Vine Church

Next weeks readings: Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]; Psalm 112:1-9 [10];  
1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]; Matthew 5:13-20

Attendance: Last Sunday - 24; Last year - 53

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**9:00 a.m. Worship**

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