

SHARING THE PEACE

GIFT GATHERING AND SONG: *Let the Vineyards...* (ELW 181)

OFFERING PRAYER: Let us pray. Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

MEAL 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.**



HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: (ELW 473 x2)

LORD'S PRAYER: (ELW p. 145)

COMMUNION HYMNS: *We Come to the Hungry Feast* (ELW 479)

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness (ELW 488)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: Let us pray. Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG: *Let Justice Flow Like Streams* (ELW 717)

DISMISSAL

All who desire communion with Jesus and approach the sacrament with faith, are welcome at the Lord's Table. While both the common cup and individual glasses are offered, we encourage the use of the common cup to emphasize the unity we share in the Body of Christ, the church (please indicate your preference to the servers). A non-alcohol option is available in the tray. You may also partake of bread only, or come to the table for a blessing only.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS! Following today's service, there will be a brief workshop for ushers from 11:20 to noon. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

SERVICES FOR VIOLET FLOOD: Visitation is today, 2-5 pm, at Pinecrest Cemetery. Her funeral is on Mon, Feb 3rd, 2 pm, in the Pinecrest Cemetery chapel.

MEDITATION GROUP: Wednesday, February 5, 5 pm, at FLC.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Wednesday, February 12, 9 am at Chances R Restaurant.

CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS: The key documents were distributed this week. Please read them and give them your careful consideration before attending the Annual General Meeting on Sunday, February 23rd. Please bring your own print copies to the AGM as only a few print copies will be available for reference.

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Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, February 2nd, 2020

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW), Setting 3



Pastor: Martin Malina

Honorary Assistant Pastor: Diane Raddatz

Church Secretary: Debra Boyd-Chisholm

Assisting Today:

Lector: Rochelle Piske

Assistant: Randy Rodgers

Musician: Carol Dicks

Ushers: Norman Richter &

Pierre Quenneville

Counter: Brian Wirth

Next Sunday:

Lector: Brenda Shoenermarck

Assistant: Earla Roth

Musician: Sharon Wirth

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GATHERING AND WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS: (ELW P. 94)

OPENING HYMN: *We Are Called* (ELW 720)

GREETING

KYRIE: Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**
Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: *O Savior, Precious Savior* (ELW 820)

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Let us pray. **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.**

FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8 A reading from Micah.

- ¹Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.
²Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.
³“O my people, what have I done to you? In what 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 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.”
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 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?

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 15 (*Read responsively by half verse, antiphonally*)

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness 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, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human 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, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia* (ELW p. 142)

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

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

- ¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, 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 will be comforted.
⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice 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.**

SERMON: (*Read along at www.raspberryman.wordpress.com*)

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Blessed Are They* (ELW 728)

APOSTLES CREED: (ELW p. 105 or back cover of hymn book)

PRAYERS OF PETITION: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**