



And he went throughout Galilee,
*proclaiming
the message.*

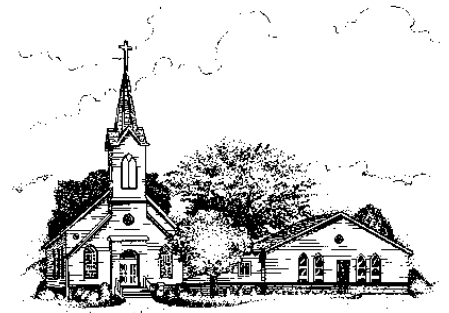
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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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Welcome to God's House

Martin Luther once said, "Where God built a church, there the devil would also build a chapel." Satan and the other demons hate God. They demonstrate hatred by hurting those that God loves in any way they can. The epiphany Christ wants us to have is this: demons are real, they are plenteous, and they are dangerous. But Christ would also have us see that he is continually undoing the devil's work. More, through his Word, Christ Jesus gives us the power to resist the devil and stand firm in the faith.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Hymn

I Walk in Danger All the Way #836:1, 6

I walk in danger all the way; the thought shall never leave me
that Satan, who has marked his prey, is plotting to deceive me.
This foe with hidden snares may seize me unawares
if e'er I fail to watch and pray; I walk in danger all the way.

My walk is heav'nward all the way; await, my soul, the morrow,
when you at last with joy can say farewell to sin and sorrow.
All worldly pomp, begone! To heav'n I now press on.

For all the world I would not stay; my walk is heav'nward all the way.

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession of Sins

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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 mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest

MUNICH CW 1039

♪ To God on high be glory and peace to all the earth,
for God has shown his favor in Jesus' holy birth!
Almighty God and Father, our humble thanks we bring;
we worship you, we bless you, Lord God, our heav'nly King.

O Lamb of God exalted, you take all sin away;
extend to us your mercy and hear us as we pray.
With God the Holy Spirit, at God the Father's throne,
you reign, O Christ, forever, for you are Lord alone!

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, keep your family continually in true faith, so that those who rely only on the hope of your heavenly grace may be protected by your mighty power; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 40:27-31

²⁷ Why do you complain, Jacob?

Why do you say, Israel,

“My way is hidden from the Lord;

my cause is disregarded by my God”?

²⁸ Do you not know?

Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God,

the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He will not grow tired or weary,

and his understanding no one can fathom.

²⁹ He gives strength to the weary

and increases the power of the weak.

³⁰ Even youths grow tired and weary,

and young men stumble and fall;

³¹ but those who hope in the Lord

will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

The LORD Is Kind and Merciful #103A

Refrain

The LORD is kind and mer-ci-ful,
slow to an-ger, and rich in com-pas-sion.

Tone

Praise the Lord, / my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his / holy name—
who forgives / all your sins
and heals all your dis- / eases,
who redeems your life / from the pit
and crowns you with love and com- / passion,
who satisfies your desires / with good things
so that your youth is renewed like the / eagle's. **Refrain**

The Lord is compassionate and / gracious,
slow to anger, abound- / ing in love.
He does not treat us as our / sins deserve
or repay us according to our in- / iquities.
For as high as the heavens are a- / bove the earth,
so great is his love for those who / fear him;
as far as the east is / from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions / from us.
Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

Second Reading

1 Peter 5:6–11

⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. ⁸ Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. ¹⁰ And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. ¹¹ To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Isaiah 40:31

Alleluia. Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles. Alleluia.

²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. ³⁰ Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. ³¹ So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.

³² That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. ³³ The whole town gathered at the door, ³⁴ and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

³⁵ Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. ³⁶ Simon and his companions went to look for him, ³⁷ and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!"

³⁸ Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come." ³⁹ So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

It Is Well with My Soul #850

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll—
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

*Refrain It is well with my soul,
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
and hath shed his own blood for my soul. **Refrain**

My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought—
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more:
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! **Refrain**

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend;
even so, it is well with my soul. **Refrain**

Sermon

Please stand

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of

the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

O Lord, make your teachings our delight. Keep us on the path of life that we may prosper with your blessing. Lord, give strength to your people.

Lord, bless your people with peace.

In your grace you have chosen us to be your own. Bless us with daily bread. Feed our souls with your Word. Deliver us from every trouble. Lord, give strength to your people.

Lord, bless your people with peace.

Rescue those who walk in darkness and turn them from wickedness and destruction. As we share your gospel with them, plant the seed of your Word in their hearts. Make their faith grow, prosper and bear fruit to your glory. Lord, give strength to your people.

Lord, bless your people with peace.

You give your blessing to those who are merciful. Have mercy on those who help us in our physical needs: doctors, nurses and others who work in health care. Do not let them become weary in doing good but strengthen

and encourage them as they reflect your love in caring for others. Lord, give strength to your people.

Lord, bless your people with peace.

Continue to bless your people who are in their advanced years, as their journey brings them closer to their home in heaven. Increase their faith and use them to declare your faithfulness to the next generation. Lord, give strength to your people.

Lord, bless your people with peace.

You give your blessings also to those who mourn, hunger and thirst. Have mercy on all who suffer sadness, hunger, thirst, or pain [especially...]. Give them your comfort. Satisfy their hunger and thirst. Relieve their pain and give healing as it pleases you. Lord, give strength to your people.

Lord, bless your people with peace.

Silent prayers and special intercessions may follow

Lord God, you are our hope and our heart's delight. Teach us to know you better and let us grow under your blessing day by day; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Offering

The members of Zion have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. If you are a visitor, please don't feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

The Sacrament

Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

ANTHES CW 1046

♪ Sing, “Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts on high,
your everlasting glory fills earth and sea and sky.”
Our voices cry, “Hosanna!” Lord, hear our humble plea:
in mercy, come and save us; in love, come set us free.

**Hosanna in the highest! How blest is Christ our King,
who died as our Redeemer, eternal life to bring!
How blest are you, Lord Jesus, now coming in God’s name!
“Hosanna in the highest!” our grateful hearts proclaim.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

ROCKINGHAM OLD CW 1030

♪ **O Lamb of God, once lifted high upon a cross to bleed and die, in perfect love you took our place—bestow on us your saving grace.**

O Lamb of God, your sacrifice has cancelled sin, has paid its price; your perfect love will never cease—have mercy, Lord, and grant us peace.

Distribution Hymn

Jesus Comes Today with Healing #668

Jesus comes today with healing, knocking at my door, appealing,
offring pardon, grace, and peace.

He himself makes preparation, and I hear his invitation:

“Come and taste the blessed feast.”

Christ himself, the priest presiding, yet in bread and wine abiding
in this holy sacrament,
gives the bread of life, once broken, and the cup, the precious token
of his sacred covenant.

Under bread and wine, though lowly, I receive the Savior holy,
blood and body, giv'n for me,
very Lamb of God from heaven, who to bitter death was given,
hung upon the cursèd tree.

God descends with heav'nly power, gives himself to me this hour
in this ordinary sign.

On my tongue his pledge receiving, I accept his grace, believing
that I taste his love divine.

Let me praise God's boundless favor, whose own feast of love I savor,
bidden by his gracious call.

Wedding garments he provides me, with a robe of white he hides me,
fits me for the royal hall.

Now have I found consolation, comfort in my tribulation,
balm to heal the troubled soul.

God, my shield from ev'ry terror, cleanses me from sin and error,
makes my wounded spirit whole.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

Afflicted Saint, to Christ Draw Near #867:1, 2, 4



1 Af - flict - ed saint, to Christ draw near, your Sav - ior's
2 Your faith is weak, your foes are strong, and if the
4 When called to bear your weight - y cross, or sore af -



gra - cious prom - ise hear; his faith - ful Word you can be -
con - flict should be long, the Lord will make the tempt - er
flic - tion, pain, or loss, or deep dis - tress, or pov - er -



lieve, that as your days your strength shall be. v. 2
flee, that as your days your strength shall be. Refrain
ty, still as your days your strength shall be. Refrain



Refrain
So, sing with joy, af - flict - ed one; the bat - tle's fierce, but the



vic - t'ry's won! God shall sup - ply all that you need;



yes, as your days your strength shall be.

This Week at Zion

Today:	7:30 / 9:45 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	8:30 / 8:45 a.m.	Sunday School / Adult Bible study
Tue:	12:30 p.m.	Pastoral Circuit meeting at KML, Jackson
Wed:	6:00 p.m.	Catechism instructions
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Unworthy / Echoes</i> Concert at KML
Thu:	7:00 p.m.	Worship
Sun:	7:30 / 9:45 a.m.	Worship
	8:30 / 8:45 a.m.	Sunday School / Adult Bible study

Holy Communion We believe that gathering together at God's altar to receive the Lord's Supper is a testimony of the confession, commitment and unity we share as members of the Lutheran Church. We ask guests who are not members of our Lutheran denomination to speak with the pastor before joining us at the altar so all may have a clear understanding of our faith and practice.

Council Installation At the annual meeting this past Monday evening, Mike Pamperin and Tom Schulz were elected to serve on the Council. They, along with the rest of the Council, will be installed today (Sunday) in the early service. The Council for 2024 consists of the following: Keith Bartelt – president; Dan Ehlke - building and grounds; Lester Hahn- evangelism; Adam Janz - stewardship / endowment; Jeff Karch – treasurer; Rick Meier - financial secretary; Mike Pamperin – elders; Tom Schulz – secretary. We thank them for their willingness to serve. **We also thank** Corey Schulz and John Schulz for their years of service, whose terms have expired.

Bible Study Our Sunday morning Bible study will resume today (Sunday) as we begin a study of the life of Joseph in the Old Testament. Join us on Sunday mornings at 8:40 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

We thank Barb Olsen for serving as our organist for all the services this weekend.

February calendars and copies of the brand new *Forward in Christ* are out on the cabinets in the entryway. Please take one before you leave. If you're looking for an annual report, they will be available next weekend.

Sign Up as a Greeter The greeter signup link for January – February is still active. Please consider serving in this way. Go to www.zionallenton.org and click on the link to sign up.

Contribution Statements / Church Envelopes The contribution statements from 2023 have been placed in your church mailboxes. Please take yours before you leave today. If you haven't picked up your 2024 church envelope boxes, they should also be in your church mailboxes. If you have any questions about them, please text or e-mail our financial secretary Rick Meier at 262.909.1069 or rrrick4919@yahoo.com.

Join Us for *Shrek The Musical* at KML Tickets are NOW ON SALE at www.kmlhs.org/theatre for KML's production of *Shrek The Musical*! Performances are at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School on Friday & Saturday, February 16 & 17 at 7:00 PM and Sunday, February 18, at 2:00 PM. All tickets are general admission and \$12 each. Online ticket sales for all shows end at 11:59 PM on Thursday, February 15, 2024. Tickets will also be sold at the door beginning 30 minutes before each performance. We can't wait to share with you "the greatest fairy tale never told!"

Unworthy/Echoes Concert Come join the KML Echoes and Unworthy for a free praise concert and sing along. Warm your hearts with the joy of the Gospel as we sing praises to our Savior together! This event will take place in the KML Performing Arts Center from 7:00-8:00 PM on Wednesday, January 31, 2024.

The WELS Connection for January will be shown after the services this

weekend. This month, we look back on blessings from 2023 and special events that we can attend in 2024.

9th Annual Wine Tasting Night Out This is one of the favorite fundraising events of the year! Join us for an evening of wine and craft beer paired with gourmet appetizers & desserts. We will have a wine pull and a silent auction with fabulous prizes. All proceeds benefit the ministry of Christian Life Resources. The date is Thursday, February 22, 2024 | 6:00-8:00 p.m. Go to www.christianliferesources.com

Men of His Word Conference The 15th annual Men of His Word conference will be held Saturday, Feb. 17, from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Oshkosh Waterfront Convention Center (1 N. Main St., Oshkosh). Register now to spend a day worshiping God and bonding with your fellow brothers in Christ! This year's theme is "Built to Serve" based on Galatians 5:13. For details about the cost, schedule, breakout sessions, speakers, etc., go to www.menofhisword.org

WELS Night with the Herd The Wisconsin Herd are excited to be hosting our annual WELS Night on Saturday, February 24th, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.! There will be some in-game promotions to celebrate WELS and the Winnebago Lutheran Academy band will be performing during the game. All attendees are invited to shoot some free throws and take a photo together on the court after the game to commemorate the experience together. For more information or to purchase tickets, please go to www.fevogm.com/WELS

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