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Our mission is to  
**Glorify God**  
as we  
**Gather**  
around the Gospel  
to help people  
**Grow**  
in the Gospel  
and  
**Go**  
with the Gospel

**Welcome!** We thank God that you have joined us at worship today.

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Today we gather together in the presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of our worship.

January 30 & February 2, 2025  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany



## Popularity is not Proof of Success

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In 2009, Facebook added the “like” button. That same year, Twitter added the “retweet” feature. Interestingly, reported cases of depression began to rise sharply in 2010. It is easy to think that the more people like us, the more successful our lives must be. Likewise, it is easy to believe the more people like a church, the more successful that church is. So here is an important epiphany for both individuals and churches. Popularity is not proof of success.

Though there will be times when Christ’s gospel and those who proclaim it are popular, that popularity is never the goal. Nor does that popularity define success. If a church makes its central focus things like personal improvement, healing for the sick, or social justice, that church may draw a crowd. It just fails to carry out the true agenda Christ has given his Church. The gospel of forgiveness is to be the center of all our preaching and teaching. The agenda for Christ’s Church is set. It’s the same agenda that was followed by the Church’s Christ.

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## Opening Hymn

*Go Forth and Preach the Gospel* CW 908



1 Go forth and preach the gos - pel to all who are in need.  
2 Go forth and preach the gos - pel to all who live in fear,  
3 Go forth and preach the gos - pel; go spread the news a - broad!



As wit - ness to the Sav - ior, go teach by word and deed.  
and share the joy - ful mes - sage that God is al - ways near.  
Pro - claim to ev - 'ry na - tion the great - ness of our God.



The Spir - it is up - on us, and sends us to de - clare  
The Spir - it is up - on us, and sends us forth in peace  
The Spir - it is up - on us, that all may un - der - stand



good news of God's for - give - ness to peo - ple ev - 'ry - where.  
to bring the poor glad ti - dings, that mer - cy may in - crease.  
the prom - ise of sal - va - tion re - vealed to ev - 'ry land.

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*Stand*

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

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## CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

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M: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

C: **Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: **Almighty and merciful Father,**

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.  
 We have followed our own selfish ways and the desires of our hearts.  
 We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.  
 We have done those things that we should not have done,  
 and we have not done those things that we should have done.  
 Have mercy on us, Lord!  
 Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,  
 according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

**M:** 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.

**C:** Amen.

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

### *Oh, Taste and See*

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are  
 they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -  
 ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -  
 ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -

ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

### Prayer of the Day

**M:** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, look with mercy on our weaknesses, and in all our dangers and needs stretch out the right hand of your majesty to help and defend us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### *Be Seated*

Grades 3-4 (*Sunday 8:00 am*)

1 What does the Lord God ask of me?  
 I should walk in all His ways,  
 And fear and love Him faithfully  
 Even now and all my days.

### *Blessed Are Those*

5 What does the Lord God ask of me?  
 I should serve with all of my heart,  
 And follow each of His commands  
 so our ways will never part.

### *Refrain*

*For blessed are those  
 who hear the Word of God and obey it.  
 For blessed are those  
 who hear the word of God and obey it.*

Linda Moeller 2007

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## THE WORD

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### First Lesson

**Jeremiah 1:4-10**

The LORD called Jeremiah to fearlessly share God's Word, even if what he said made him unpopular.

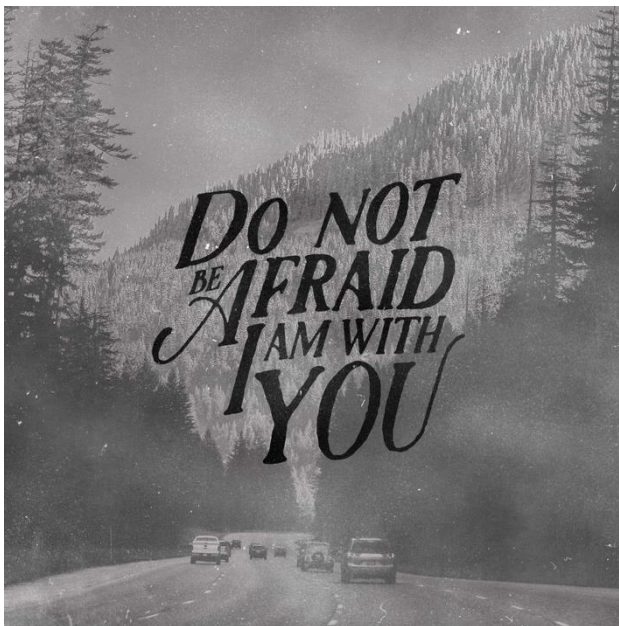
<sup>4</sup>The word of the LORD came to me, saying,

<sup>5</sup>"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
before you were born I set you apart;  
I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

<sup>6</sup>"Alas, Sovereign LORD," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am too young."

<sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am too young.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. <sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the LORD.

<sup>9</sup>Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "I have put my words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup>See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant." (NIV)



## Psalm of the Day

## God Is My Strong Salvation Psalm 71a CW

### Refrain



God is my strong sal - va - tion; what foe have I to fear?

### Tone



In you, LORD, I have taken / refuge;  
let me never be / put to shame.

In your righteousness, rescue me and de- / liver me;  
turn your ear to me and / save me.

Be my rock of / refuge,  
to which I can / always go. *Refrain*

Since my youth, God, you have / taught me,  
and to this day I declare your / marv'lous deeds.

Even when I am / old and gray,  
do not forsake / me, my God,

till I declare your power to the next gener- / ation,  
your mighty acts to all who / are to come.

**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***

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## Second Lesson

## 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

A temptation is for spiritual teachers to say only what people want to hear, equating personal popularity with success. St. Paul gives young Pastor Timothy a different agenda.

<sup>14</sup>But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup>and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup>All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

<sup>1</sup>In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: <sup>2</sup>Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. <sup>3</sup>For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. <sup>4</sup>They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. <sup>5</sup>But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry. (NIV)

## Verse of the Day

**M:** Alleluia. I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God, because that is why I was sent. Alleluia. (Luke 4:43 NIV)

*Stand*

## Gospel

## Luke 4:38-44

Jesus was popular in Capernaum. The people wanted him to stay there permanently. Jesus knew for his mission to be successful, he needed to proclaim the good news in other towns.

<sup>38</sup>Jesus left the synagogue and went to the home of Simon. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Jesus to help her. <sup>39</sup>So he bent over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up at once and began to wait on them.

<sup>40</sup>At sunset, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them. <sup>41</sup>Moreover, demons came out of many people, shouting, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew he was the Messiah.

<sup>42</sup>At daybreak, Jesus went out to a solitary place. The people were looking for him and when they came to where he was, they tried to keep him from leaving them. <sup>43</sup>But he said, "I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent." <sup>44</sup>And he kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea. (NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

*Be Seated*

**Hymn of the Day**

*O Christians, Haste* CW 901



1 O Chris - tians, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,  
2 Be - hold how man - y thou - sands still are ly - ing  
3 Pro - claim to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion  
4 Send her - alds forth to bear the mes - sage glo - rious,



to tell to all the world that God is light,  
bound in the drear - y pris - on - house of sin  
that God, in whom they live and move, is love;  
give of your wealth to speed them on their way;



that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing  
with none to tell them of the Sav - ior's dy - ing  
tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion  
pour out your soul for them in prayer vic - to - rious;



one soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.  
or of the life he died for them to win.  
and died on earth that they might live a - bove.  
O Chris - tians, haste to bring the bright - er day!

*Refrain*



Pub - lish glad ti - dings, ti - dings of peace,



ti - dings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion and re - lease.



## Sermon

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

*Stand*

### **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Be Seated*

### **Offering**

*Stand*

Please sign the friendship register located in your pew.

Guests please don't feel a necessity to give an offering today. *"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver"* (2 Corinthians 9:7).

## Prayer of the Church

### Lord's Prayer

**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.**

**M:** O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

### Benediction

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

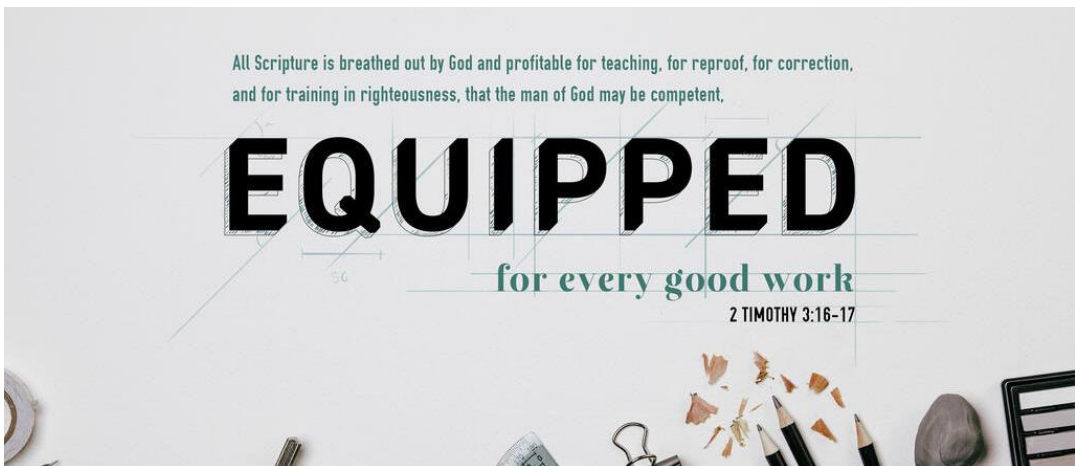
The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

*Be Seated*



## Closing Hymn

*Preserve Your Word, O Savior* CW 874



1 Pre - serve your Word, O Sav - ior, to us this lat - ter  
2 Pre - serve your Word and preach - ing, the truth that makes us  
3 Pre - serve in wave and tem - pest your storm-tossed lit - tle



day, and let your king - dom flour - ish; en - large your  
whole, the mir - ror of your glo - ry, the pow'r that  
flock; as - sailed by wind and weath - er, may it en -



Church, we pray. O keep our faith from fail - ing, keep  
saves the soul. Oh, may this liv - ing wa - ter, this  
dure each shock. Come take the helm, our pi - lot, and



hope's bright star a - glow; let noth - ing turn us  
spring of heav'n - ly grace, sus - tain us while here  
set the course a - right; then we will reach the



from you while wan-d'ring here be - low.  
liv - ing un - til we see your face.  
har - bor in your e - ter - nal light.

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