



## February 2, 2025 – Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

### As We Gather

All three Readings today declare the depth, breadth, and height of God's love for the world. When God's people were drifting away, God sent prophets, such as Jeremiah, to speak God's Word and call the people back to faithfulness. God's love is shown forth in the actions of Jesus in the Gospel. The Epistle, often read at weddings, calls us toward lives patterned after God's amazing love for us.

### Welcome

**Hymn:** LSB 394 "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

### Invocation

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

### Opening Sentences *Based on Jeremiah 1:5, 7–8*

**Pastor:** The Lord says, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you."

**People:** **We thank You, O Lord!**

**Pastor:** The Lord says, "Before you were born I consecrated you."

**People:** **We adore You, O Lord!**

**Pastor:** The Lord says, "Whatever I command you, you shall speak."

**People:** **We praise You, O Lord!**

**Pastor:** The Lord says, "Do not be afraid, for I am with you to deliver you."

**People:** **We worship You, O Lord!**

### Confession and Absolution

**Pastor:** Embraced by the love of God through our Baptism into Christ, we confess our sin before God and one another.

*(Moment of silence for personal confession and reflection.)*

**All:** **O almighty God, merciful Father, I a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**Pastor:** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

**Kyrie** –Lord, Have Mercy (*Words and music in hymnal page 186*)

**All:** Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Gloria in Excelsis**—Glory to God in the Highest (*Words and music in hymnal page 187*)

**All:** Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace good-will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

God of love, You knew the prophet Jeremiah while he was still in the womb, and You appointed him to a purpose with which he struggled. So, too, You have known us and appointed us from the beginning, and You promise to deliver us in our struggles and fears. Help us to trust Your promises, that with our lips and our lives we show forth Your love to all people; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

#### **Old Testament Reading – Jeremiah 1:4-10** (*The call of Jeremiah.*)

<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.”

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

#### **Epistle Reading - 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13** (*Paul’s great chapter about the love we are to practice as followers of Christ.*)

<sup>31</sup>Now eagerly desire the greater gifts. Love is indispensable and yet I will show you the most excellent way.

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. <sup>4</sup>Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup>It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup>Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup>It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. <sup>8</sup>Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are

tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup> For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup> but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. <sup>12</sup> For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. <sup>13</sup> And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading – Luke 4:31-44** (*Jesus casts out an impure spirit and heals many people.*)

<sup>31</sup> Then he went down to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and on the Sabbath he taught the people. <sup>32</sup> They were amazed at his teaching, because his words had authority. <sup>33</sup> In the synagogue there was a man possessed by a demon, an impure spirit. He cried out at the top of his voice, <sup>34</sup> “Go away! What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!” <sup>35</sup> “Be quiet!” Jesus said sternly. “Come out of him!” Then the demon threw the man down before them all and came out without injuring him. <sup>36</sup> All the people were amazed and said to each other, “What words these are! With authority and power he gives orders to impure spirits and they come out!” <sup>37</sup> And the news about him spread throughout the surrounding area. <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.

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Hymn:** LSB 842 “Son Of God, Eternal Savior”

**Sermon:** Jeremiah 1:4-10 “Only”

**Nicene Creed**

**All:** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke

by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

### Offerings

#### Communion Confession

Pastor: The Lord's Supper is God's gift for Christians who are properly taught. In communion, we want people to receive Christ's body and blood for their good. This means that as you come to the Lord's Table you affirm with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord; and with Lutheran Christians you confess:

**All: I recognize and confess that I am a sinner. I repent of my sins and ask God's forgiveness. I believe Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin, Satan, and death. I believe that the risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament and, that under the form of bread and wine, I receive His true body and blood for the forgiveness of my sin and the strengthening of my faith and life. (Augsburg Confession-Article X)**

#### Communion Liturgy

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *[2 Timothy 4:22]*

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *[Colossians 3:1]*

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *[Psalm 136]*

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

#### Proper Preface

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who fulfilled the promise proclaimed by the prophets of old, and who by His death and resurrection overthrew the ultimate power of sin and death in order to build and plant His people into a fruitful vineyard. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus:** Holy, Holy Holy *(Words and music in hymnal page 195)*

**All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

#### The Lord's Prayer

**All: 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.**

#### Words of Institution

#### The Greeting of Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
People: Amen

**Agnus Dei:** Lamb of God (*Words and music in hymnal page 198*)

**All:** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.  
Amen.

### Communion Distribution

**Distribution Hymns:** LSB 783 "Take My Life And Let It Be"  
LSB 826 "Hark, The Voice Of Jesus Crying"

**Nunc Dimittis:** Song of Simeon (*Words and music in hymnal on page 199*)

**All:** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Pastor: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
People: And His mercy endures forever.

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this sacrament, and we implore You that of your mercy, You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

### Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*  
People: (*Sing*) Amen, Amen, Amen.

Hymn: LSB 848 "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"

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**Church**  
**News**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS for Week of February 2, 2025

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Family for the Week: James Sharp & Brett Arrasmith Families  
St. Andrew, Stockton - Rev. Ronnie Backs

### Prayers of Peace and Comfort

Family of Garlene Willams – (Sue Doss' aunt)

Family of Don Lunick – (Darlene Lampe's uncle)

## Prayers of Thanksgiving:

### Prayers for Health and Healing:

**Bob Brents** – (health and healing)

**Deborah Knotts** – (our cleaning lady – health and healing)

**Steve Parker** - (friend of Joanne Michel – health and healing on triple bypass surgery)

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## Complete Prayer List:

### Temporary

Doug Bernard – (Cathy Munden's cousin's husband – health and healing)

Treasa Bussey – (friend of Pam Bowling – health and healing)

Michelle Cody – (Pastor Cody's wife – health and healing from heart issues)

Roger Harris – (Wendy's Dad – health and healing from flu)

Wendy Koenig – (friend of Heidi Costello – health and healing from flu)

Michael & Jennifer Lampe – (health and healing from a car accident)

Tabitha Packwood – (health & healing)

Suzanne Parsons – (friend of Sue Doss – health and healing)

Billy Schmells – (friend of Cheryl Lile – health and healing)

Robert Sick – (Ardella Frerich's granddaughter's husband)

Bill Thompson – (health and healing)

Randy Wallace – (brother-in-law of Micki Gettman)

Thomas Williams – (Ruth Stoddard's friend)

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### Long Term

Diana Bauer – (daughter-in-law of Gladys Bauer – health & healing)

Jami Bauer – (relative of Gladys Bauer – peace and comfort)

Rick Bauer – (Gladys Bauer's son – health and healing from surgery)

Jill Bode – (niece of Rachel Sanford – health & healing, cancer)

Kathy Browne – (friend of Kathy Holle – health and healing)

Jackie Clark – (Micki Gettman's friend – healing from a broken-hip)

Dorthea Dennis – (health and healing)

Steve Doss – (friend of Harold Lampe – health & healing)

Jan Fisher – (daughter of Bill & Joanne Michel – health and healing)

Lois Gaddy – (friend of Gwen Lampe – health and healing)

Gary Gardner – (health and healing)

Jane Goodman – (health & healing)

Betty Gordon – (Health and healing)

Pastor Gary Griffin – (health & healing from cancer)

Vicki Heppard – (relative of Gladys Bauer – health & healing from cancer)

Ron Hicks – (friend of Glenda Enlow – health and healing)

Steve Hilton – (friend of Harold Lampe – health & healing, cancer)

Sheryl Holle – (Kathy Holle's cousin – health & healing, cancer)

Marty Jones – (Bobby Jones' mother – health)

Robbie Krueger – (friend of Kathy Holle)

Marybeth Lamp – (friend of Pam Bowling – health and healing)

Gary Lampe – (Pastor's brother – health and healing)

Pat Michel – (Bill Michel's Sister-In-Law – health & healing)

Larry Moennig – (friend of Harold Lampe – health & healing)

Bill Munden – (health and healing)

Margaret Seburn – (cousin of Joanne Michel – health and healing)

Ruth Stoddard – (health & healing)

Larry Swart – (friend of Bill Munden – health and healing)

Kooper Tutten – (Jeeper Meyer's Great-grandson healing)

Barbara Jean Wilson – Friend of Pam Bowling – health and healing)

June Winger – (Sharon Barlow's mother – health & healing)

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## THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>9:00 am - Happy Half Hour</b> <b>9:30 am - Fellowship</b> <b>9:30 am – Council meeting</b> <b>10:00 am – Service with communion</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Braille - 9:00 am &amp; 1:00 pm</b> <b>LWML at Freistatt - 1:30 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Feb. 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pastor in Office</b> <b>Bible Study - 7:00 pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Feb. 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pastor in Office</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Feb. 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:00 am - Happy Half Hour</b> <b>9:30 am - Fellowship</b> <b>10:00 am – Service</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Feb. 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Braille - 9:00 am &amp; 1:00 pm</b> <b>Women's Bible Study at Freistatt - 1:30 pm</b>

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**Birthdays:** Karsyn Jones-Feb. 2; Sue Doss-Feb. 2; Delphine Mullen-Feb. 3  
Bob Brents-Feb.9;

**Anniversaries:** None



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February

**02/02: Cheryl Lile and Gladys Bauer**

02/09: Bob & Rachel Sanford

02/16: Bill & Joanne Michel

02/23: Charlie & Edee Chambers

**02: Bill Michel**

09: Mitch Littler

16: Charlie Chambers

23: David Lampe



**Choice Dollars:** Please use them or lose them by March 31. If questions, ask Pam.

**Feb. 2: Grace will be taking a free-will offering for Robbie Krueger today.**

**Feb. 2: There will be a short council meeting at 9:30 am.**

**Feb. 2: Trinity Lutheran, Freistatt - Benefit Meal & Auction for Robbie Krueger:** Serving time 11:30 – 1:00 meal (Chili or Soup/crackers; Cheese/Fresh veggies & Cupcakes) free-will offering will be taken and Auction for five special deserts. **(Feb. 2-Sunday)**

**Feb. 7 & 8: Trinity Lutheran, Freistatt.** Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm-9:00 pm & Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am-4:30 pm (lunch provided). More information on the bulletin board.

**Feb. 20: Elders Meeting: 10:00 am**

**Church Council Meeting: 11:00 am (Feb. 20-Thursday)**

**Feb. 22: Grace Lutheran, Aurora.** 9 am-12 pm (lunch provided). Our annual planning meeting on growing Grace and brain-storming new ideas. Put it on your calendar and come and share your insight and input. **(Feb.22-Saturday)**

**Wednesday Night Bible Study:** On Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m., our Wednesday night Bible Study resumed. Our topic is: Jesus: The God Who Knows Your Name. The six-session course will help us better see Jesus as a real person and in the process come to understand more clearly the people we are created to be.