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**+ HOLY COMMUNION SETTING FOUR +**

**ORGAN PRELUDE** “These are the Holy Ten Commandments” arr. J.S. Bach

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**GATHERING HYMN** O God of Light **No. 507**

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**P** We pray. Almighty and eternal God, look mercifully on our weakness, and stretch out your mighty hand 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.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

### Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

A The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM *Sung* Psalm 19

The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,  
and the sky proclaims its | maker's handiwork.  
One day tells its tale | to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge | to another.  
Although they have no | words or language,  
and their voices | are not heard,

their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the  
ends | of the world,

where God has pitched a tent | for the sun.

It comes forth like a bridegroom out | of his chamber;

it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about  
to the end of | it again;

nothing is hidden from its | burning heat.

The teaching of the Lord is perfect and re- | vives the soul;

the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom | to the  
simple.

The statutes of the Lord are just and re- | joice the heart;

the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light | to the  
eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean and en- | dures forever;

the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous | altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,

sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.

By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,

and in keeping them there is | great reward.

Who can detect one's | own offenses?

Cleanse me from my | secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not  
get dominion | over me;

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great  
offense.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be  
acceptable | in your sight,

O Lord, my strength and | my redeemer.

Glory be to the Father, and | to the Son,

and to the | Holy Spirit;

as it was in the begin-| ning, is now

and will be forever. | Amen.

## **SECOND LESSON**      **1 Corinthians 12:12-31a**

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the  
members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, ‘Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body’, that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, ‘Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body’, that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I have no need of you’, nor again the head to the feet, ‘I have no need of you.’ On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

A The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Please stand as you are able.*

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**THE HOLY GOSPEL**      **Luke 4:14-21**

**C Glory to you, O Lord**

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding

country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’

P The gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY** Hark, the Glad Sound!

**No. 239**

**THE APOSTLES CREED**

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**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Please stand as you are able.*

The response to “*We pray to the Lord,*” is “***Lord, hear our prayer.***”

A We have heard God's word in faith. Let us now respond in prayer for all the world.

*A brief silence.*

A For Christian people around the world, that we may become one as Christ wills us to be, we pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, hear our prayer.**

A For all who hear and read God's word with faith, that the Spirit may touch their hearts with joy, we pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, hear our prayer.**

A For all members of the body of Christ, that we may use the gifts God has given us to build up the kingdom of peace and love, that we may heed the Spirit's call to help all in suffering or affliction and to bring the good news of God's love to all, we pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, hear our prayer.**

A For the sick and the suffering, and those who minister to them; for the deceased and those who mourn them; for all in crisis or need; Anna Berwanger, Simret Bogale, Chrystine Cuch, Mariette Erasmus, Adeline Erick, Ruth Gummo, Dolores Hollowell, Donna Harbor, Genevieve Janssen, Julie Janssen Downe, Eleanora Lahoda, Fay Larsen, Amy Lynch, Jean McCowan, Mark Mutschlechner, Bruce and Judith Nagel, Jerry Rasmuson and family, Jim and Joyce Rasmussen, David Sr. and Joan Richardson, Vern Schnell, Rose Sinclair, Sam Skogen, those we name aloud ... those we carry in our hearts. We pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, hear our prayer.**

A For those who serve in the holy catholic Church:

- for the Synod of Alberta and the Territories, the synod staff, pastors, people, and Bishop Trish Schmermund
- for the Southwestern Area Leadership Team, pastors, people, and Dean, Rev. Dr. Tim Wray
- for our Synod Campus Ministries and especially for Rev. Dr. Andrea Wilhelm, Chaplain for University of Alberta, Augustana Campus, Camrose
- for our synod candidates for ministry
- for Emmanuel Lutheran Calgary, and First Lutheran, Calgary
- for Saint Luke Congregation, Barrio Kennedy, Bogota, Colombia
- the chaplains and staff of the Bethany Group Care Facilities and of the Good Samaritan Society
- for the bishops, pastors, and people of the Lutheran Churches of Germany
- for the pastors and people of the Anglican, Mennonite, Moravian, and Orthodox Churches of Canada

For all these, we pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, hear our prayer.**

A For all virtually gathered for this service, and those attending to the care of others and to beneficial endeavours that keep them away from worshipping. we pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, hear our prayer.**

A For Ukraine, and all countries experiencing the terror of war. Let the bloodshed and war crimes come to an end. For wisdom, peace, and justice to prevail, we pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, hear our prayer.**

P Loving God, we come as your beloved children, presenting the needs and concerns of our hearts. Listen to our prayers, and lead us in your pathways, for we come to you through Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**THE PEACE**

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P May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

**C And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** “Arise, Shine, Your Light Has Come” M. Bender  
*Setting of the altar and reception of the Offerings.*  
*Please be seated.*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER** (Version II)

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**THE FRACTION**

P The Word became flesh and lived among us; and we have beheld His glory.

**C Make yourself known to us in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.**

**LAMB OF GOD**

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**THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT**

*Please be seated. Assistants and those in need commune first.*

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

Thy Strong Word

**No. 511**

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

**No. 886**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER** Gracious God, in this meal... Pg. 65  
*Please be seated.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY**

**BENEDICTION** Pg. 155

**SENDING HYMN** The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve **No. 551**

**DISMISSAL** Pg. 155

**P** Go in peace...

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE** “Christ, Saviour of the World” arr. J.S. Bach



**WELCOME** to all gathered here today. Join us for refreshments and conversation downstairs after worship, Questions? Ask one of today’s servants or speak with the pastor.

**WE THANK TODAY’S SERVANTS**

Usher: Shelley Ford  
Lector: Shelley Ford  
Assistant: Walter Anderson  
Altar Guild: Elizabeth and WalterBeth Anderson,  
Refreshments: Mariette Erasmus, Pat Fedkenheuer  
Zoom Host: Phil Tang, Ahmed Conteh

**OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE**

|               |            |             |
|---------------|------------|-------------|
| Last week     | 12 January | Budget 2024 |
| Current       | \$ 2,175   | \$2,911     |
| Benevolence   | \$ 0       |             |
| Building Fund | \$ 10      |             |
| Other         | \$ 50      |             |
| Attendance    | 36         |             |

**ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

|           |        |          |                             |
|-----------|--------|----------|-----------------------------|
| Today     | 26 Jan | 11:45 PM | Fellowship and Refreshments |
|           |        | 2:00 PM  | CFMA Worship                |
| Monday    | 27 Jan | 7:00 PM  | 12 Step Program             |
| Tuesday   | 28 Jan | 6:30 PM  | Never Alone Peer Support    |
| Wednesday | 29 Jan | 10:00 AM | 12 Step Program             |



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|          |        | 7:00 PM  | 12 Step Program                                                 |
| Thursday | 30 Jan | 10:00 AM | Knitting Circle                                                 |
| Friday   | 31 Jan | 7:00 PM  | 12 Step Program                                                 |
| Saturday | 1 Feb  | 9:00 AM  | House of Hope Worship                                           |
|          |        | 10:00 AM | Men's Breakfast at Ace Casino<br>Airport                        |
| Sunday   | 2 Feb  | 10:30 AM | 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany<br>Holy Communion Service |

**THE KNITTING GROUP** will meet on Thursday, 30 January at 10:00 AM. We'll help you learn to knit or crochet. All are welcome to visit with us.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** – All men, and your guest(s) are welcome to join us at Ace Casino Airport for our monthly breakfast on Saturday 1 February.

**HOUSE BLESSINGS** – Epiphany was on 6 January 2025 and now is the season of House Blessings. Schedule your time with the Pastor. Kits are also available for you to use.

**TOURISM CALGARY** is hosting Chinook Blast running from 31 January to 17 February 2025 with events and activities for everyone. Check out the line-up of events [here](#) and get ready to celebrate winter in Calgary!

**MUSIC GALA** – Hope Lutheran (3527 Bouton Road NW) presents musicians and choirs from various Lutheran Churches in Calgary on Friday, 7 February 2025 at 7:00 PM. Donations for the Calgary Food Bank are being collected. Refreshments after the concert. Poster is downstairs.

**HOSPICE CALGARY DYING TO KNOW** - This free, online education series provides information on preparing for end-of-life, strategies for staying resilient through challenging times, and help for care partners to become more confident in their roles. See poster downstairs.

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE** - If you need a ride to church, contact Elizabeth Anderson 587 897 0548 or Bill Strand 403 239 9894

**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORT BOOKLETS** are now available for parishioners. PDF copies have been sent by email. Printed copies are in the Narthex. Please send any questions to Cam Schneider or the office [secretayhlc@outlook.com](mailto:secretayhlc@outlook.com) by 31 January 2025, so that research may be done to answer your inquiry.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany Year C

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalm 71:1-6

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Luke 4:21-30

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION  
is Sunday, 9 February 2025, after the service.**