

Ordinary Time
Presentation of Our Lord
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**+ HOLY COMMUNION SETTING FOUR +**

**ORGAN PRELUDE** “Prelude, Fugue and Variation” by C. Franck

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**CATECHETIC MOMENT**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM** Pg. 97

Baptismal Anniversaries this month: Owen Woycenko, Lydia  
McTavish, Elizabeth Anderson, Kevin Sandau, Barb Patychuk

**GATHERING HYMN** God of Grace and God of Glory **No. 705**

**GREETING/ KYRIE** Pg. 147

**HYMN OF PRAISE** Glory to God Pg. 148

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** Pg. 150

**P** We pray. Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts  
of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you

promise, make us love what you command, through your Son,  
Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

**C Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON **Jeremiah 1:4-10**

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
and before you were born I consecrated you;

I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for  
I am only a boy." But the LORD said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy';

for you shall go to all to whom I send you,

and you shall speak whatever I command you.

Do not be afraid of them,

for I am with you to deliver you,

says the LORD."

Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the  
LORD said to me,

"Now I have put my words in your mouth.

See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,

to pluck up and to pull down,

to destroy and to overthrow,

to build and to plant."

A The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM *Sung* **Psalm 71:1-6**

In you, O LORD, have I | taken refuge;

let me never be | put to shame.

In your righteousness, deliver me and | set me free;

incline your ear to | me and save me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to | keep me safe;

you are my crag | and my stronghold.

Deliver me, my God, from the hand | of the wicked,

from the clutches of the evildoer and | the oppressor.

For you are my hope, | O Lord GOD,

my confidence since | I was young.

I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;  
from my mother's womb you have | been my strength;  
my praise shall be al- | ways of you.

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 13:1-13**

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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 4:21-30**

**C Glory to you, O Lord**

Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

### SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY** Where Charity and Love Prevail **No. 359**

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### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Please stand as you are able.*

The response to "*Lord, in your mercy*, is "***Lord, hear our prayer.***"

A United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

A For the earth. For mountains and prairies, cities and farms, rain forests and deserts. Awaken us to the mystery and diversity of your creation. Nurture all living things and protect your creation from harm. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Lord, hear our prayer.**

A For the nations. Kindle within us a spirit of respect for one another. Protect those fleeing their homes to escape danger or oppression. Bring peace to communities torn apart by warfare and violence. Give us vision to seek the pathways of peace  
Lord, in your mercy,

**C Lord, hear our prayer.**

A For those in need. Protect those who suffer abuse and encourage those who lack hope. Guide all who provide medical care. Comfort those who grieve and bring healing to the sick. We pray for: 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, those we name aloud ... those we carry in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Lord, hear our prayer.**

A For this assembly. Bless our children and our elders. Gather us into a community guided by your love. Inspire in us a spirit of hospitality and kindness. Teach us to bear one another's burdens with compassion. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Lord, hear our prayer.**

A For those who serve in the holy catholic Church:

- for the Saskatchewan Synod, the synod staff, pastors, people, and Bishop Ali Tote
- for the Southern Area Leadership Team, pastors, people, and Dean, Rev. Dr. Tim Wray
- for our Synod Campus Ministries and especially for Rev. Margaret Koizumi, Chaplain for the University of Calgary,
- and Mount Royal University, and for Pastor Peter Chau
- for Highwood Lutheran, Calgary, and Hope Lutheran, Calgary
- for Saint Matthew Congregation, Barrio Quirigua, Bogota, Colombia
- for the students, faculty, and staff of Luther College, Regina, Saskatchewan

- for the pastors and people of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Augsburg Confession in Hungary
- for the pastors and people of the Anglican, Mennonite, Moravian and Canadian Council Churches

For all these, Lord, in your mercy,

**C Lord, hear our prayer.**

A We give thanks for those who have gone before us in faith, and who now see you face-to-face. Inspire us by their example and bring us into your everlasting presence. Lord, in your mercy,

**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. Lord, in your mercy,

**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, Lord, in your mercy,

**C Lord, hear our prayer.**

P Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus 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**

“Christians All, Come Sing His Praises” by Beall/Carter

*Setting of the altar and reception of the Offerings.*

*Please be seated.*

**OFFERING PRAYER** God of mercy and grace ...

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**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**

He Comes to Us as One Unknown **No. 737**

Although I Speak with Angel’s Tongue **No. 644**

**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** O Zion, Haste **No. 668**

**DISMISSAL** Pg. 155

P Go in peace...

**C Thanks be to God!**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE** “Canon in D” by J. Pachabel

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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: Al Gummo
- Lector: Helga Weissenberger
- Assistant: Cam Schneider
- Altar Guild: Ruth Gummo, Linda Schnell
- Refreshments: Al and Ruth Gummo
- Zoom Host: Phil Tang, Ahmed Conteh

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE

Last week	26 January	Budget 2024
Current	\$ 4,495	\$2,911
Benevolence	\$ 10	
Building Fund	\$ 10	
Other	\$ 5,473	
Attendance	56	

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Today	2 Feb	11:45 PM	Fellowship and Refreshments
		2:00 PM	CFMA Worship
Monday	3 Feb	7:00 PM	12 Step Program
Tuesday	4 Feb	1:00 PM	HLW Bible Study
Wednesday	5 Feb	10:00 AM	12 Step Program
		7:00 PM	12 Step Program
Friday	7 Feb	7:00 PM	12 Step Program
Saturday	8 Feb	9:00 AM	House of Hope Worship
Sunday	9 Feb	10:30 AM	5 th Sunday after Epiphany
			Holy Communion Service
		12:30 PM	Annual General Meeting

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORT BOOKLETS are now available for parishioners. PDF copies have been sent by email. Printed copies are in the Narthex.

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.

HIGHWOOD LADIES' BIBLE STUDY – All ladies are welcome to join us in our bible study on Tuesday 12 February at 1:00 PM downstairs. Bring a friend if you like, as we all learn from each other.

TOURISM CALGARY is hosting Chinook Blast running until 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.

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 5th Sunday after Epiphany Year C

Isaiah 6:1-13

Psalm 138

1 Corinthians 14:12b-20

Luke 5:1-11

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

Join us for a soup and bun lunch.

Meeting begins at 12:30 PM