

# Epiphany 4

February 1, 2026



Holy Spirit Lutheran Church  
Lancaster, PA

## The Holy Eucharist

*If you are visiting with us, a special welcome. We invite you to return and worship with us as often as you are able. Please sign the guest book in the narthex. Guest cards are also available. Please take one, fill it out and return it to an usher. The offering plates are in the back of the sanctuary. If you need a large print bulletin, please ask an usher. As you enter the nave, please conclude all conversations and silence all cell phones and other electronic devices, as to fully enter into this time of worship.*

*Please indicate to the Pastor if you require gluten free wafers, prior to worship, if possible.*

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## Prelude

## Announcements

*Please stand.*

## Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
the Creator of heaven and earth,  
the Word who spoke life into being,  
the Wind stirring the waters.

C Amen.

P Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Mighty God, lover of justice,  
C **you call us to life in community,  
but we have served our own interests  
at the expense of our neighbors.  
We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.  
We say the right words,  
but our hearts are far from you.  
Turn us to seek your face.  
Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,  
that we may do justice, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.**

P The former things have passed away,  
and new things God now declares:  
Like a spring of water that never fails,  
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,  
and forgives your sin in + Jesus' name.  
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,  
and bless you with the gift of peace.  
C **Amen.**

# The Gathering Hymn

*Listen, God Is Calling*

Hymn #513

*Refrain*  
Leader All



Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,  
Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,

1 2



ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.  
of - fer - ing for - give-ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.

Leader All



Ye - su a - li - se - ma, Mka - hu - bi - ri.  
1 Je - sus gave his man-date: share the good news  
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.  
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ingstead - fast,

Leader All *Refrain*



Ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la wo - ko - vu.  
that he came to save us and set us free.  
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.  
walk-ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

Text: Tanzanian traditional; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922

Music: NENO LAKE MUNGU, Tanzanian tune

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# The Apostolic Greeting

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** And also with you

*Please stand.*

## The Kyrie

*The Kyrie is sung in dialogue by the cantor and the assembly.*

Cantor

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Cantor

Assembly

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Cantor

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

## The Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray. Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## First Reading

Micah 6:1-8

A reading from Micah.

<sup>1</sup> Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.

<sup>2</sup> Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth,  
for the LORD has a case against his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.

<sup>3</sup> “O my people, what have I done to you?  
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

<sup>4</sup> For I brought you up from the land of Egypt  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,  
and I sent before you Moses,  
Aaron, and Miriam.

<sup>5</sup> O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,  
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

<sup>6</sup> “With what shall I come before the LORD  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?

<sup>7</sup> Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

<sup>8</sup> He has told you, O mortal, what is good,  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice and to love kindness  
and to walk humbly with your God?

L The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 15** *(Read responsively with the lector.)*

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, who may abide in your tent?  
Who may dwell on your holy hill?

<sup>2</sup> **Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right  
and speak the truth from their heart;**

<sup>3</sup> who do not slander with their tongue  
and do no evil to their friends  
nor heap shame upon their neighbors;

<sup>4</sup> **in whose eyes the wicked are despised  
but who honor those who fear the LORD;  
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**

<sup>5</sup> who do not lend money at interest  
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be moved.

## **Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

<sup>18</sup> The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

<sup>26</sup> Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no one might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup> In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup> in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia Verse

Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?      You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

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# Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

**C Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup> “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup> “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup> “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup> “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

## Sermon

*Silence for reflection follows.*

*Please stand.*

## Hymn of the Day

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*

Hymn #873

*Verses 1, 3, 5 & 6— All*

*Verses 2 & 4— Choir*

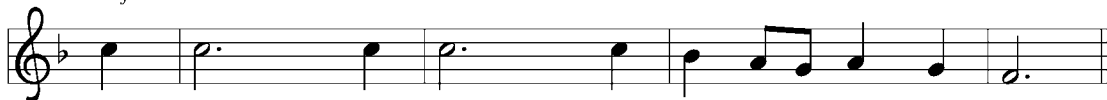


- 1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing;  
2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,  
3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth  
4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray,



your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.  
send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.  
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.  
as pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.

*Refrain*



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

5 At last the march shall end;  
the wearied ones shall rest;  
the pilgrims find their home at last,  
Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*

6 Praise God who reigns on high,  
the Lord whom we adore:  
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,  
one God forevermore. *Refrain*

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Music: MARION, Arthur H. Messiter, 1834–1916

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## The Apostles Creed

**C** I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **The Prayers of the Church**

**A** As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

*As a sign of resurrection glory, the people sit or kneel for the prayers.*

*After each portion of the prayers:*

**P** Merciful God,

**C** receive our prayer

*The prayers conclude:*

**P** Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

**C** Amen.

*Please stand.*

## The Sharing of the Peace

**P** The peace of Christ be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

*Without leaving your seat offer a wave to your neighbor, sharing God's peace, in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.*

*Please be seated.*

## Anthem

*Offertory*

*John S. Beck*

## Offering

*During this time our offerings are represented through the gift of music, bread, and wine. Following the service you are invited to give your financial gifts in the offering plates located in the back of the sanctuary.*

*Please stand.*

### The Offertory Response

*On What Has Now Been Sown*

1 On what has now been sown your bless-ing Lord, be - stow; the  
pow'r is yours a - lone to make it sprout and grow. O Lord, in  
grace the har - vest raise, and yours a - lone shall be the praise!

The musical notation is written on three staves in treble clef. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text. The second staff contains the melody for the second line of text, which includes a key signature change to one sharp (F#) for the word 'sprout'. The third staff contains the melody for the third line of text, ending with a double bar line.

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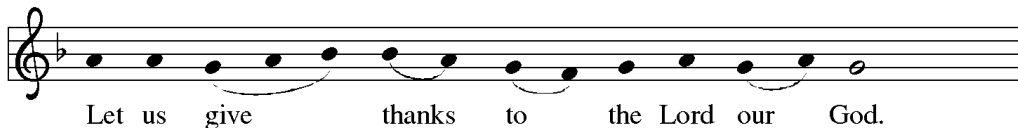
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## Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray. God of majesty,  
no eye has seen, no ear has heard  
what you have prepared for those who love you,  
yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.  
Use what we have gathered  
to feed us with the reign of God come near,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

## The Great Thanksgiving



P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Eucharistic Prayer

P Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
you we praise and glorify,  
you we worship and adore.

You shaped the world from unformed depths and called it good.  
You wrapped the earth in air and light,  
set fire in the stars and water in the soil,  
and formed us in your image,  
to live in relationship with all you have made.

Again and again, you chose closeness over distance.  
You walked with a people learning freedom,  
bearing them with mercy wider than the sky.  
When we were divided from you, from one another, and from ourselves,  
you came among us in Jesus,  
revealing in flesh and breath the wisdom of love.  
In his life, we see compassion without condition.  
In his death, the cost of truth spoken to power.  
In his resurrection,  
your commitment to life  
and your refusal to let fear or death have the final word.  
In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, and broke it, saying:  
Take and eat. This is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and said:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

In this bread and cup,  
we remember Jesus,  
firstborn of a renewed creation,  
whose life reveals the shape of love  
and whose rising breathes new possibility into the world.  
Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this meal.  
Disturb what needs disturbing.  
Heal what has been broken.  
Form us into a people who tell the truth,  
bear one another's pain,  
and choose love over fear.

Make us a living body,  
so that what we receive here  
becomes mercy in our hands,  
justice in our choices,  
and light for a world hungry for hope.

All this we pray  
through Jesus,  
with the Spirit,  
now and always.

**C Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**C 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.**

## **The Invitation to Communion**

**P Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!  
Come to the table; taste and see.**



## The Lamb of God

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

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*Please be seated.*

## The Distribution of Holy Communion

*The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America practices open table hospitality. Baptized communicants of other Christian denominations, of all ages, are welcome to receive the sacrament. An usher will direct each seating area to come forward to receive the sacrament. Bring your communion cup with you, or take one from the usher. We return to the practice of continuous communion around the Table with safe distancing by household groups. Please **stand** at the communion rail and the pastor will place the bread into the hands of communicants and then they will receive the cup from the Assisting Ministers. The second chalice contains grape juice. A gluten free wafer is available upon request. Those persons not receiving communion are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.*

# Hymns During Communion

## *Come and See*

What are you look - ing for? Come,

The first system of the hymn 'Come and See' is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody begins with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a half note C5. The lyrics 'What are you look - ing for? Come,' are written below the treble staff. The bass staff begins with a half note G2, followed by a quarter note A2, a quarter note B2, and a half note C3. The lyrics 'What are you look - ing for? Come,' are written below the bass staff.

see, come and see. What are you


The second system of the hymn 'Come and See' is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody begins with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a half note C5. The lyrics 'see, come and see. What are you' are written below the treble staff. The bass staff begins with a half note G2, followed by a quarter note A2, a quarter note B2, and a half note C3. The lyrics 'see, come and see. What are you' are written below the bass staff.

look - ing for? Come and see. Come and see.



The third system of the hymn 'Come and See' is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody begins with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a half note C5. The lyrics 'look - ing for? Come and see. Come and see.' are written below the treble staff. The bass staff begins with a half note G2, followed by a quarter note A2, a quarter note B2, and a half note C3. The lyrics 'look - ing for? Come and see. Come and see.' are written below the bass staff.

Remember and Rejoice


Hymn #454



1 Re - mem - ber and re - joice, re - newed by floods of grace.  
2 In life, in death, we trust in God's most ho - ly name,  
3 We pledge our - selves a - new to flee the lures of hell,  
4 God, bless us by your grace; re - mind us of your care.  
5 Re - mem - ber and re - joice, re - newed by floods of grace.



We bear the sign of Je - sus Christ, that time can - not e - rase.  
for - ev - er traced by wa - ter sign, and sealed by Spir - it flame.  
to cling to Christ's com - mu - ni - ty, in jus - tice, peace to dwell.  
Re - new - ing Spir - it, fill us now, in - spire our work, our prayer.  
We bear the sign of Je - sus Christ, that time can - not e - rase.



Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

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*Please stand.*

## **Post-Communion Blessing**

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C** Amen.

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

**A** Let us pray. Radiant God,  
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.  
In the sacrament of his body and blood  
you have drawn us to your heart.  
Send us from this table with delight,  
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,  
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

## **The Blessing**

**P** May the triune God,  
who has put a new song in your mouth  
and tuned your heart for praise  
+ bless you now and forever.

**C** Amen.

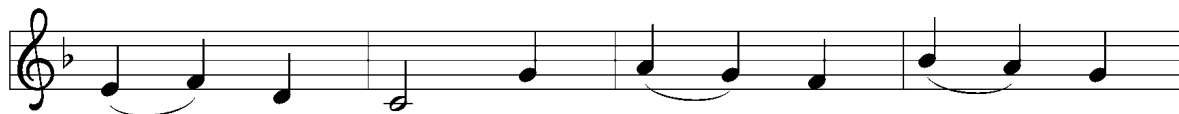
# Sending Hymn

*The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

Hymn #551



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in  
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the  
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter  
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings  
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to  
joy like seed and, all our days, to  
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.  
share a dream and help the blind to see.  
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.  
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: CHESTERFIELD, attr. Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820

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## Sending to Serve

**A** Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Postlude



Sponsor

The bulletin is sponsored by Betty Emich and dedicated to Loved Ones.

The text for next week:

- Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]
- Psalms 112:1-9 [10]
- 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]
- Matthew 5:13-20

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### **Coming up at Holy Spirit**

- Feb. 3 Book Club, 7:00 p.m.  
*Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt
- Feb. 4 Prayer & Meditation: In Person, 10:00 a.m.  
Bible Study, 11:00 a.m.  
7:00 p.m. Choir. All are welcome!
- Feb. 5 Bible Study @ Centerville Diner, 6:00 p.m.
- Feb. 8 Second Sunday
- Feb.16 Fasnacht Sale, 2:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- Feb. 17 Fasnacht Sale, 6:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Feb. 18 Ash Wednesday  
Lenten Prayer and Meditation Service, 7:00 p.m.

### **The Wednesdays in Lent**

- Education Hour, 10:00 a.m.
- Lenten Prayer and Meditation, 11:00 a.m.
- Following the service, all are welcome to gather for fellowship at the Centerville Diner.



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