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### Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 29, 2017

#### GATHERING

PRELUDE

Barb Hanson

BELLS

WELCOME SONG *Surely the Presence of the Lord*

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Let us begin in the Name above every name – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

*Silence for reflection*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

P: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for His sake God forgives you all your sins. May the Lord strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in His Kingdom forever.

**C: Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN *Rise Up, O Saints of God!*

LBW 383

GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Holy God,

**C: 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. Amen.**

**WORD**

FIRST READING		Micah 6:1-8
SECOND READING		1 Corinthians 1:18-31
CHILDREN'S SERMON	<i>Jesus Loves Me, This I Know</i>	Pr. Carleton
GOSPEL		Matthew 5:1-12
SERMON		Pr. Carleton
HYMN OF THE DAY	<i>Blest Are They</i>	WOV 764
APOSTLES' CREED		LBW pg. 65
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION		
	P: Hear us, O God. C: <b>Your mercy is great.</b>	

**MEAL**

PEACE		
MISSION FOCUS:	LSS – Senior Nutrition	
OFFERING		
OFFERTORY		Barb Hanson
OFFERTORY PRAYER		
	P: Merciful God,	
	<b>C: receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</b>	
WORDS OF INSTITUTION		
THE LORD'S PRAYER	(please sing)	
DISTRIBUTION	(intinction)	
COMMUNION MUSIC		

*Listen, God Is Calling.*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING		
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER		
	P: O Morning Star, fair and bright,	
	<b>C: you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now— today, tomorrow, every day— that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever. Amen.</b>	

HEALING SERVICE	<i>Just as I Am, without One Plea</i>	LBW 296*
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## SENDING

### BLESSING

P: The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

**C: Amen**

### BELLS

SENDING HYMN    *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

LBW 259

### DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

Barb Hanson

\* denotes a favorite hymn

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### This Week's Bible Readings

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<b>Mon</b>	Psalm 37:1-17, Ruth 1:1-18, Philemon 1-25
<b>Tue</b>	Psalm 37:1-17, Ruth 2:1-16, James 5:1-6
<b>Wed</b>	Psalm 37:1-17, Ruth 3:1-13; 4:13-22, Luke 6:17-26
<b>Thu</b>	Psalm 112:1-9, Deuteronomy 4:1-14, 1 John 5:1-5
<b>Fri</b>	Psalm 112:1-9, Isaiah 29:1-12, James 3:13-18
<b>Sat</b>	Psalm 112:1-9, Isaiah 29:13-16, Mark 7:1-8
<b>Sun</b>	Isaiah 58:1-9a, Psalm 112:1-9, 1 Corinthians 2:1-12, Matthew 5:13-20

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### Service Assistants

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	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Next Week</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Everyone	Everyone
<b>Ushers</b>	Gil & Carole Ann Morris	Tom & Shane Synstegard
<b>Acolyte</b>	Kaia Dunham	Jayden Vredenburg
<b>Reader</b>	Jeanne Gaston	Phyllis Deer
<b>Communion</b>	Cheryl Young	Catherine Nelson, Phyllis Deer

**Prayer Concerns:** *Vince Arvik, Jeanette Johnson, Mike Duclos, Judy Sacre (friend of Debbie Hodapp), Tami (friend of Debbie Hodapp), Eloise McLaughlin (friend of Carole Ann Morris), Futz (friend of Tom Synstegard), Dennis Lecy (friend of Peg Davies), Chad Jarman (Lorna Cooper's friend), Jennifer Lyons (Carol Jones's niece), Wayne Hruby (Dorothy Pohl's friend), Alma Lau (Violet Sundermeyer's aunt), Dina Carlson (Phyllis Carlson's granddaughter), Tina Mitchell (Carole Ann Morris's sister), Linda Husby, Arnold Dahl, Hannah Gass (granddaughter of Larry Gass), Barb Doerring, Lorrie Bergquist, Milan Davig, Merub Morris, Annika Mae Feist (grandniece of Lorna Cooper), Noah & his family, William Wienzierl, Don Johnson, Joy & Tim Atwater (Carol Jones's sister & brother-in-law), Judy Gerdtis (friend of Peg Davies), Jerry Johnson, (Jeanette Johnson's son ), Shawn Semmler (Rachelle Krotzer's brother)*

## Welcome!

**We are blessed by the presence of every individual as we are called together to worship God. Everyone is invited to the Lord's Table.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**January 29, 2017**

A free class “**Powerful Tools for Caregivers**” will be held Friday mornings starting February 17<sup>th</sup> at the Park Rapids Senior Center. Call Judi Weiss at 732-9932 to register.

**Audrey's Purple Dream - “Our Answer to Cancer”** is February 11<sup>th</sup>. First Lutheran will be serving hot food and drinks on 11<sup>th</sup> Crow Wing lake from 10-2. See Melissa to volunteer for this fun activity.

**Bible Study** tonight at FLC at 5:00

**PLEASE help with the cleaning of the church.** The sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

#### Opportunities This Week

<b>Today</b>	Coffee Fellowship	9:30 AM
	Worship Service – FLC	10:30 AM
	Bible Study - FLC	5:00 PM
<b>Mon</b>	Pr. Carleton's office hours	9:00 AM – Noon
	AA Meeting	8:00 PM
<b>Tues</b>	Quilting	9:00 AM
	UCAN Office	10:00-12:00 AM
	Yes, You Can!	10:00-12:00 AM
<b>Wed</b>	Men's Breakfast & Bible study– BLC	7:30 AM
	Confirmation Class - FLC	7:00 – 7:45 PM
<b>Thu</b>	Habitat for Humanity – BLC	1:00 – 2:00 PM
<b>Sun</b>	Worship Service	10:30 AM
	Potluck Fellowship	11:30 AM