

# Welcome

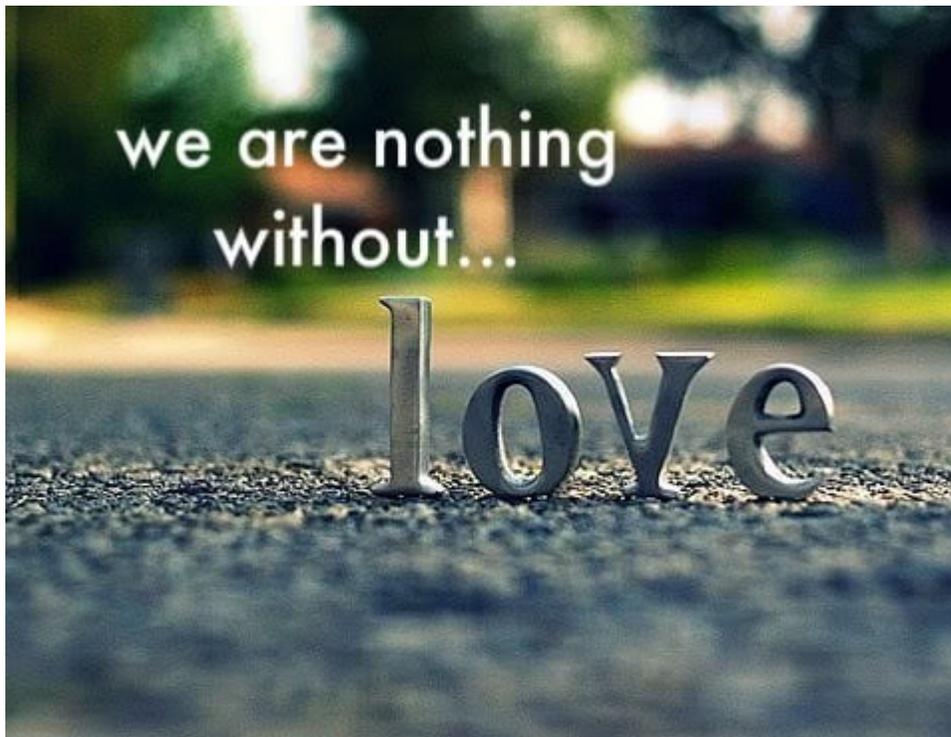
**4th Sunday after Epiphany**

January 30, 2022

10:30 a.m. Worship

**SERMON SERIES: Living Like Christians**

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE O Perfect Love Culli  
*The Altar Candles are lit at this time during the Prelude.*

*The minister leads the congregation in the invocation. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

*Please stand as able.*

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

*The minister continues, using one of the sections below.*

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9)

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

*The minister stands and addresses the congregation.*

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

HYMN Love Divine, All Loves Excelling LBW# 315

## GREETING

*The minister greets the congregation.*

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.**

KYRIE (Mark 10:47)

**A** In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord. **A** For the

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

peace from a-bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the

Lord. **A** For the peace of the whole world, the well - be - ing of the

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

Church of God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. **A** For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

wor - ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

☐ Help, save, com- fort, and de- fend us, gra- cious Lord.  
 ☐ A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE (Luke 2:14; John 1:29; Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9)

*Refrain*

☐ Glo- ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav- en- ly king, al- migh- ty God and Fa- ther, we wor- ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa- ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy, have mer- cy on us; you are seat - ed

*Refrain*

at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

3 For you a - lone are the Ho- ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

SALUTATION (2 Timothy 4:22)

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O God, you know the perilous choices we are prone to make that fall short of your desire for human faithfulness and obedience. Without you, our fragile nature cannot survive. Support us with your Word of truth, that we may grow in faith in the midst of our trials. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

*Please be seated.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*A **NOISY OFFERING** of quarters for Autumn Care will be collected at this time to assist with the Sunday School Monthly Project.*

*We read scripture from the Old Testament, Apostolic Letters and the Gospels because faith comes from hearing. (Romans 10:17)*

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 1:4-10

<sup>4</sup>Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying, <sup>5</sup>“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.” <sup>6</sup>Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth.” <sup>7</sup>But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a youth’; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. <sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the Lord.” <sup>9</sup>Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the Lord said to me, “Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup>See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

Lay Reader The word of the Lord C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 71:1-6 *read responsively*

<sup>1</sup>In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be ashamed.

<sup>2</sup>**In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me.**

<sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold.  
<sup>4</sup>**Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**  
<sup>5</sup>For you are my hope, O Lord God, my confidence since I was young.  
<sup>6</sup>**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 always of you.**

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 12:31b - 13:13

<sup>31b</sup>I will show you a still more excellent way.  
<sup>1</sup>If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>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 have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. <sup>4</sup>Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup>Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup>Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup>For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup>but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. <sup>12</sup>For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup>So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Lay Reader    The word of the Lord                    C            **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (John 6:68)

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

P            The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 4th chapter.  
 C            **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Luke 4:31-44

<sup>31</sup>{Jesus} went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, <sup>32</sup>and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority. <sup>33</sup>And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, <sup>34</sup>“Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?”

Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are — the Holy One of God.”<sup>35</sup> But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent and come out of him!” And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm.<sup>36</sup> And they were all amazed and said to one another, “What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!”<sup>37</sup> And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region.<sup>38</sup> And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon’s house. Now Simon’s mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf.<sup>39</sup> And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them.<sup>40</sup> Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them.<sup>41</sup> And demons also came out of many, crying, “You are the Son of God!” But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.<sup>42</sup> And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them,<sup>43</sup> but he said to them, “I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose.”<sup>44</sup> And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

SERMON

Keith Thrasher

*Please stand as you are able.*

HYMN

O Perfect Love

LBW# 287

APOSTLES' CREED (Romans 10:9-10)

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.\* On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and was seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

*\*Or, He descended to the dead.*

*\*\*Or, the holy Christian Church,*

*Please be seated.*

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS (Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19)

*All loose offering will go towards the Mission Fund. During the month of January, the Benevolence focus is on Rowan Helping Ministries. If you wish for your giving to go there please specify accordingly.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## OFFERTORY

*The choir will sing it once after which the congregation is invited to join in on the second time while the offering is brought forward.*

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, fill to the brim our  
cup of bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed, we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath-er the hopes and the dreams of all; u-nite them with the  
prayers we of-fer now. Grace our ta-ble with your pres-ence,  
and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray. Blessed are you,

C **O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## THE PRAYERS (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*After each portion of the prayers:*

P Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13)

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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**

BENEDICTION (Numbers 6:22-27)

*The minister blesses the congregation, using this or another appropriate blessing.*

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen**

CLOSING HYMN

What Wondrous Love Is This

LBW# 385

SENDING OF DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES

Our church family is ever changing. Loved ones are born into the family and loved ones come to the end of their lives. Individuals come and go in our church life.

It is important and right that we recognize these times of passage, of endings and beginnings.

Today we celebrate the gifts you have brought to us as our *music director*.

Hear Paul's words written to the Ephesians:

Each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ

Today we share the time of farewell with *Isaiah Cornelius*, whose time as our *music director* ends.

*He* was installed as our *music director* on May 2, 2021.

At your installation as the *music director* of this congregation, we made vows to one another.

Paul's words remind us today, even as he reminded the Ephesians: to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. *Ephesians 4:1-6*

**Music Director:** I thank you, my sisters and brothers, for the love, kindness, and support shown me these past 8 months. I am grateful for the ministry we have shared together. With joy I recall what we accomplished with God's help, and with sadness those dreams not fulfilled. I ask your forgiveness for expectations not met.

**Congregation:** We offer our forgiveness and celebrate all that God has accomplished among us. We are grateful for your ministry and for your influence on our lives. We ask your forgiveness for expectations not met.

**Music Director:** I receive your gratitude and forgive your shortcomings. And I release you from the vows and promises made at my installation.

**Congregation:** We release you from your promises to us, and we offer you our blessing as you leave to utilize your gifts and talents to serve God.

**The leader may offer the following or similar prayers:**

O God, you have bound us together for a time as *music director* and people to work for your church in this place. We give you thanks for the ministry we have shared. Now, we pray, be with *Isaiah Cornelius* and with this congregation. Grant that all of us, by drawing closer to you, may always be close to each other in the communion of saints. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

**The prayer shawl is placed onto the music director's shoulders as choir and congregation join in singing...**

**The Lord has promised good to me;**

**His Word my hope secures;**

**He will my shield and portion be**

**As long as life endures.** (*vs 4. Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*)

THE SENDING (Matthew 28:19)

*The minister may dismiss the congregation.*

P You have been nurtured in Word and Sacrament now go therefore and make disciples of all nations

C **Baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and of the Holy Spirit.**

P Union Lutheran Church you are sent!

C **Amen, amen, amen**

POSTLUDE

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Callahan

**Lessons for next Sunday (February 6)**

Isaiah 6:1-13; Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 14:12b-20; Luke 5:1-11



Isaiah Cornelius

Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW) green hymnal

With One Voice (WOV) blue hymnal

With One Voice (WOV) Setting 4 (pages 12-27)

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## THOSE SERVING IN JANUARY

**Guest Speaker:** Keith Thrasher

**Acolytes:** Tyler Goodman and Adam Thompson

**Altar Guild:** Deena Lanning and Karen Morgan

**Communion Assistants:** Elbert Kluttz, Deena Lanning, and Karen Morgan

**Lay Readers:** Elbert Kluttz, Deena Lanning, and Karen Morgan

**Ushers:** Phil and Linda Cauble, Mike and Brenda Cauble, and Frank and Dawn Merrell

**Offering Counting Team:** Jennifer Curlee, Doris Shepherd, and Wayne Vellines

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### WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

9:30 a.m. Sunday School (please remember to practice social distancing)

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

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