

*faith hope love*  
And now abide faith, hope, love, these three,  
but the greatest of these is love.  
1 Corinthians 13:13

**Arlington Hills Lutheran Church**  
**January 30, 2022**

# **Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

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### **Introduction**

*The glory of God is often revealed when and where it is least expected. God uses our lips to declare that glory, inexperienced and hesitant though they may be. God uses our love to demonstrate that glory and so urges us to exercise it. God uses Jesus of Nazareth, water and the word, bread and wine, to reveal God's glory where and when God chooses. Take heed, lest the glory of God slip through our midst unnoticed.*

### **Prelude**

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

Clara Scott

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates us,  
redeems us and calls us by name.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

C: **Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
and your beloved children.  
We have turned our faces away from your glory  
when it did not appear as we expected.  
We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves.  
We have failed to show hospitality  
to those you called us to welcome.  
Accept our repentance for the things we have done  
and the things we have left undone.  
For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe  
in the glory of your Son born among us,  
and reflect your love for all creation.**

**Amen.**

P: Rejoice in this good news:

In ☩ Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

You are descendants of the Most High,  
adopted into the household of Christ,  
and inheritors of eternal life.

Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

**C: Amen.**

**Hymn W&P #141**      “This Is the Day”

This is the day, this is the day

that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made;

we will rejoice, we will rejoice

and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord has made;

we will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this the day that the Lord has made.

*Text: Psalm 118:24*

**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.**

## Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray

C: **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 Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Readings

Assisting Minister

### Jeremiah 1:4-10

*God calls Jeremiah to be a prophet and consecrates him in the womb. Jeremiah's task is to preach God's word amid the difficult political realities of his time, before the Babylonian exile. He is to make God known not only to Judah, but also to the nations.*

<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! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” <sup>7</sup>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.

<sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you,  
says the LORD.” <sup>9</sup>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.

<sup>10</sup>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.”

## Psalm 71:1-6

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

**<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.**

## 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

*Christians in Corinth prided themselves on their spiritual gifts. Paul reminds them that God gives us many gifts through the Holy Spirit, but the purpose behind all of them is love, the kind of love that God showed us in Jesus Christ.*

<sup>1</sup>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. <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 do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>4</sup>Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or 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 in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup>It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; <sup>10</sup>but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <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 an adult, I put an end to childish ways. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

AM: “Word of God, word of life,”

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Acclamation** *(please stand as you are able)*

P: The holy gospel according to Luke the 4th Chapter

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

#### **Luke 4: 21-30**

*People in Jesus’ hometown are initially pleased when he says that God will free the oppressed. Their pleasure turns to rage when he reminds them that God’s prophetic mission typically pushes beyond human boundaries so that mercy and healing are extended to those regarded as outsiders.*

<sup>21</sup>Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” <sup>22</sup>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?” <sup>23</sup>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.’” <sup>24</sup>And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. <sup>25</sup>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; <sup>26</sup>yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. <sup>27</sup>There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the

prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.”<sup>28</sup> When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage.<sup>29</sup> 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.<sup>30</sup> But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

**P:** This is the gospel of the Lord.

**C:** **Praise to you, O Christ.** (*Please be seated*)

**Sermon**      “Equilateral Triangle - Faith, Hope and Love”      **Pr. Orval**

## Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue



1 Al - though I speak with an - gel's tongue, my faith, my  
2 For love is pa - tient, love is kind, and nev - er  
3 For now we peer at dark - ened glass; our vi - sions  
4 The gifts are man - y, the Bod - y one, and in - to



knowl - edge all sur - pass, but have no love, my gifts are  
vain with boast - ing pride; love bears all things, all things en -  
end; our tongues all cease. In part we know, in part now  
one are all bap - tized. Be - lov - ed, share one heart, one



vain as clang - ing gong or blar - ing brass.  
dures. All things must end; love will a - bide.  
see: then we will see love face to face.  
mind, one hope, one faith, one love in Christ.

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Music: O WALY WALY, English traditional  
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## The Apostles' Creed

**All: 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.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

**Assisting Minister**

**P: God of grace,**

**C: hear our prayer.**

### **Offering**

#### **Offering Music**

**"More Precious Than Silver" Lynn DeShazo**

#### **Offering Prayer**

**P: Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe.  
You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey.  
Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food,  
and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world,  
in the name of Christ our light.**

**C: Amen.**

### **Holy Communion**

#### **Words of Institution**

**P: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.**

**All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

#### **Lord's Prayer**

**All: 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**

## **Distribution**

### **Prayer after Communion**

P: We give you thanks, gracious God,  
for we have feasted on the abundance of your house.  
Send us to bring good news  
and to proclaim your favor to all,  
strengthened with the richness of your grace  
in your Son, Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn** This Far by Faith #264      “To God be the glory”

1 To God be the glory, great things he has done;  
so loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life gate that all may go in.

#### *Refrain*

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory, great things he has done.

2 Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
to ev'ry believer the promise of God;  
the vilest offender by grace may believe,  
that moment from Jesus a pardon receive. *Refrain*

3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer, and higher, and greater will be  
our wonder, our vict'ry, when Jesus we see. *Refrain*

*Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915*

## Blessing

P: God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,  
who rejoices over you,  
and who calls you by name,  
✠ bless your going out and your coming in,  
today and forever.

C: **Amen.**

..... *We invite the congregation to remain seated to enjoy the postlude* .....

**Postlude**            “This Day is the Start of a Happy New Year” Amy & Adams

## Dismissal

P: Go with Christ into a weary world.  
Share the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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## Leading Worship Today

**Pastor:** Orval Osmundson

**Special Music:** Amy and Adams

**Assisting Ministers:** Christine Anderson and Jon Helgason

**Livestream Producer:** Silvester Vicic

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*Our service today will be live streamed if anyone would like to view our new website or be connected to Facebook.* From [sundaysandseasons.com](http://sundaysandseasons.com).

**Please pray this week for AHLC Members and friends:** Clair and Dona Haberman, Jackie Staples, Dean Anderson, Richard Johnson, Priscilla Reeve, Jerry Ekblad, Gary Winter, Betty Richter, Ron Hanson, Velta Krauze, Joanne Policone, Shirley Johnson, Margaret Cleary, MaryAnn Wistrom, John Lind, Deb Perry, Esther Hallgren, John Hollman, Jan Kowitz, Richard Edge and Gerry Schaber

**Next Sunday** - Time: Feb 6, 2022 10:30 AM Central Time Join Zoom Meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83334700113> Meeting ID: 833 3470 0113

Trusting the promise of resurrection through Jesus Christ, I wish to inform you that Jeanne Beneke passed away Saturday, January 22, 2022 . May the Lord comfort her family and friends as they mourn her passing. Funeral will be held Thursday, February 3, 2022; at 2:30 p.m. Visitation will be from 1:00 p.m. -2:30 p.m. at AHLC. The funeral service will also be live streamed.

**Pick up choir next Sunday. Practice starts at 8:45 a.m.**

**February Birthdays**

3 Barb Watters  
4 David Almquist  
8 Elaine Rohrbach  
9 Carol Krauze  
12 Shirley Johnson  
17 Carol Brockway  
20 Deb Perry  
21 Debra Gray  
25 Jackie Staples  
29 Ken Rossow

**Anniversaries**

22 Jan and David Kowitz 47 years