

# A TIME OF WORSHIP & PRAISE

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

January 28, 2024

## GATHER

**\*Processional Hymn:** *Seek Ye First* 405

### Call to Worship

Lift up your heads, O gates!

**Wake up you sleepy headed people! The king is coming!**

Wake up you sleepy heads!

**It is time to worship. God is here! Let us worship God together!**

### Opening Prayer

Holy God, we come together today acknowledging that sometimes we believe what the world tells us about wanting more. Today, we ask you to change our mindset to be in line with your ways. We desire to hold less tightly to what we have been given, trusting that we can live as the hands and feet of Jesus, regardless of our circumstances. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**Hymn of Praise:** *All Creatures of Our God & King* (vv. 1, 4, 5) 62

### Kids Minute

## ENCOUNTER

**Message:** *Love → Grace ↔ Generosity ↔ Grace ← Love*

**Scripture:** John 9 (selected); Ephesians 3.2-10; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

**Hymn of Response:** *Jesus Loves Me* 191

## TRANSFORM

**Prayers of the People**  
**The Lord's Prayer** 895

**Offerings of the People**  
**\*Doxology** 95

**Prayer of Dedication**  
**Our great and generous God, for the abundant life you give us that transcends money or material possessions, we are grateful. Receive these offerings as a demonstration of our love for you and our commitment to your *kingdom's* work on earth. Amen.**

## BLESS

**\*Benediction**

**\*Hymn of Joy:** *Amazing Grace* (vv. 1-3) 378

### Prayer Requests

Please include these people in your prayers this week:

Missy Hall

Karen Sargent

Rosie Argabright

AJ Salas

Submit prayer requests to the office by Thursday, 9 am to be included here.

## Announcements

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**Scholarship & Task Force Grant Applications:** Pick up in the Narthex – due March 1.

**Giving Statements:** Pick up with February's newsletter in the Narthex. Also, sign up for future electronic church communication—it is the best use of our resources!

**Feb 4 – Meals from the Heart** for Missy & Troy Hall: Good News! Missy is home! We might like to cook up some meals to make their return easier, but Missy's diet is very specific. So, we're collecting funds for Fareway cards to help restock their pantry. Use the box in the Narthex to make your contributions by Feb 4.

**Lenten Devotions:** If you would like to contribute a short scripture & reflection for our Lenten Devotional (starting Feb 14!), please pick up a form today. These are due by Feb 7 for production. **Lent starts Feb 14!**

### Coming Up

- ◆ **Mon, Jan 29:** Card Club, 12 pm (FLC), Horizons 1pm (FLC), Just for Kix, 6 pm
- ◆ **Tue, Jan 30:** Card Club, 12 pm (FLC); Bible Study, 1:30 pm; Worship Team, 5:30 pm; VBS Planning, 7 pm
- ◆ **Wed, Jan 31:** Confirmation, 1:30 pm; Coffee Time, 3 pm, JAM (Wed Worship), 5:30 pm
- ◆ **Thurs, Feb 1:** AA Meeting, 7:30 pm
- ◆ **Fri, Feb 2:** Winter JAM youth trip, leaving 1 pm
- ◆ **Sun, Feb 4:** Adult Sunday School, 9 am; Worship & Communion, 10 am

### Worship Stewards

#### Today

Music: Rosemary Matthews  
Liturgist: Michelle Kogel  
AV: Hudson Family  
Livestream: Paxton Duhn  
Acolytes: Jameson Fehr & Kyson Kogel  
Offering: Tony Salas  
Counters: Steve Hoyman

#### Next Week, Feb 4

Michelle Kogel  
Kogel Family  
Paxton Duhn  
Beckham Shirk & Mason Reinholdt  
Cal Christiansen  
Dean VerMulm

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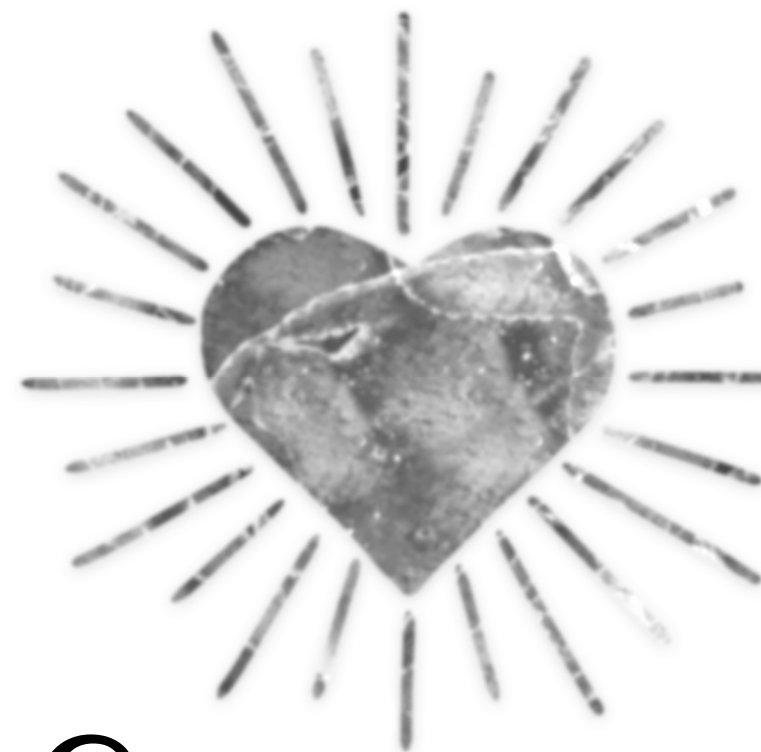
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