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And SPREAD the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people.*

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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

9:00 AM

AS WE GATHER— *There have always been many names and descriptions associated with Jesus Christ, and rightly so. As foretold in Isaiah, He would be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Disciples would call Him Rabbi, Teacher, and Lord. In our creedal confession, we acknowledge He is both true man and true God. All of these are right and proper, yet amid the many names and descriptions found in Scripture and the Confessions, we focus today on the fact that Jesus is both Prophet and Savior. The prophet Moses pointed to the greater Prophet, Jesus, the fulfillment of prophecies as the saving Word made flesh, who came as our Savior.*

PRESERVICE MUSIC

"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"

Handbells

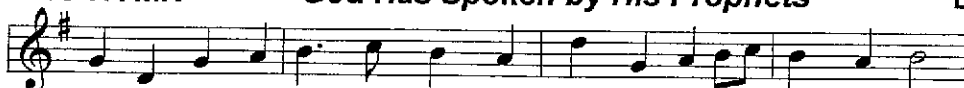
WELCOME

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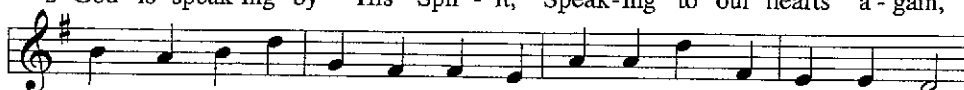
♯**OPENING HYMN**

God Has Spoken by His Prophets

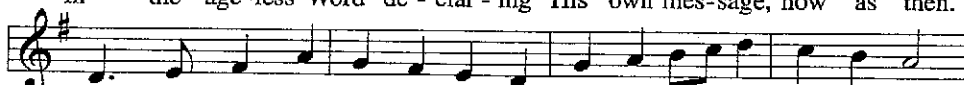
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1 God has spo - ken by His proph - ets, Spo - ken His un - chang - ing Word;
2 God has spo - ken by Christ Je - sus, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Son,
3 God is speak - ing by His Spir - it, Speak - ing to our hearts a - gain,



Each from age to age pro - claim - ing God, the one, the right - eous Lord.
Bright - ness of the Fa - ther's glo - ry, With the Fa - ther ev - er one;
In the age - less Word de - clar - ing His own mes - sage, now as then.



In the world's de - spir and tur - moil, One firm an - chor holds us fast:
Spo - ken by the Word In - car - nate, God of God, be - fore time was;
Through the rise and fall of na - tions One sure faith yet stand - ing fast;

(continued)



God is king, His throne e - ter - nal; God the first, and God the last.
Light of Light, to earth de-scend-ing, He re-veals our God to us.
God a-bides, His Word un-chang-ing; God the first, and God the last.

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INVOCATION

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- C** **Amen.**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Psalm 32:1-2, 5-7, 10

- P** *Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.*
- C** **Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**
- P** *As Moses speaks to the people through God, we confess those times we do not listen to Your words and close our hearts to You.*
- C** **Forgive us, Lord.**
- P** *As Paul warns, we confess those times when our freedom in Christ causes one who is weak in faith to stumble.*
- C** **Forgive us, Lord.**
- P** *As Jesus, the long-awaited Prophet and Savior, taught with and showed His authority and power, we confess those times when we allow the forces of evil to make us forget the deliverance and love of God we have in Christ.*
- C** **Forgive us, Lord.**
- P** *With David the psalmist, using the words he wrote in Psalm 32, we humbly come before the Lord.*

[Silence for reflection]

- P** *I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity;*
- C** **I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**
- P** *Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.*
- C** **You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with shouts of deliverance.**
- P** *Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. To those who believe in His name He gives the power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.*
- C** **Amen.**

INTROIT

Psalm 32:1–2, 5–7; antiphon: v. 10

P *Many are the sorrows of the wicked,*

C **but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.**

P *Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,*

C **whose sin is covered.**

P *Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,*

C **and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

P *I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;*

C **I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P *Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;*

C **surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.**

P *You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;*

C **you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

All: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P *Many are the sorrows of the wicked,*

C **but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.**

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

P *The Lord be with you.*

C **And also with you.**

P *Let us pray.*

All: **Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.**

† OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 18:15–20

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

P *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 8:1–13

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

P *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

♫ ALLELUIA VERSE

Mark 1:22a

All: **Alleluia, alleluia. They were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one who had authority. Alleluia, alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:21–28

P *The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.*

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

P *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

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



Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet And a light un-to my path.



1 When I feel a - fraid, think I've lost my way,
2 I will not for - get Your love for me, and yet My



Still You're there right be - side me. And
heart for - ev - er is wan - der - ing.



noth - ing will I fear as long as You are near.
Je - sus, be my guide and hold me to Your side; And



Please be near me to the end. _____
I will love You to the end. _____

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SERMON

"TO HIM YOU SHALL LISTEN"

Deut. 18:15-20

- I. With all the different voices on television and the internet, it is difficult to know who we can trust.
- II. Moses says today that God will raise up a prophet like him. *"It is to him you shall listen."*

APOSTLE'S CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the Church of God and for all people according to their needs. Gracious Lord, we give You thanks for the gift of the Holy Scriptures, both Law and Gospel, in which we see our sin and see Your love in our Savior. As Christ is true Prophet and Savior of this world, give us faith to continue to hear His voice and find comfort in His work of salvation. Bless the proclamation of the Word, and raise faithful servants who will share Your commands and the forgiveness that comes through Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P *Ever-giving Lord, grant continued faith by Your Holy Spirit through the hearing of Your Word that we be fed and nourished. Produce in us good fruit for the sake of selves and others, that we not cause others to stumble but to walk firmly in Your ways. Lord, in Your mercy,*

C hear our prayer.

P *All-powerful Lord, at whose Word and authority even unclean and evil spirits submit and obey, hinder the work of Satan in our lives that Your kingdom and victory be known to all. Give Your peace and presence to those who suffer any affliction, [including . . .]. Enable us to be a blessing to those in their time of need. Lord, in Your mercy,*

C hear our prayer.

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

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P *O Lord Jesus Christ, 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

P *Many are the sorrows of the wicked,*

C **but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.**

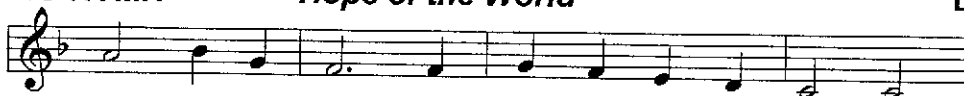
P *The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace.*

C Amen.

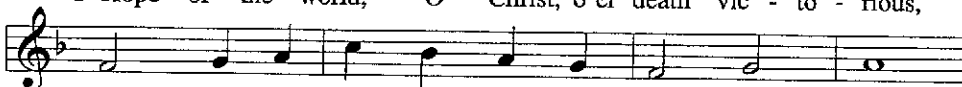
CLOSING HYMN

Hope of the World

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1 Hope of the world, Thou Christ of great com - pas - sion;
2 Hope of the world, God's gift from high - est heav - en,
3 Hope of the world, a - foot on dust - y high - ways,
4 Hope of the world, who by Thy cross didst save us
5 Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death vic - to - rious,



Speak to our fear - ful hearts by con - flict
Bring - ing to hun - gry souls the bread of life,
Show - ing to wan - d'ring souls the path of light,
From death and dark de - spair, from sin and guilt,
Who by this sign didst con - quer grief and pain,

(continued)



Save us, Thy peo - ple, from con - sum - ing pas - sion,
 Still let Thy Spir - it un - to us be giv - en
 Walk Thou be - side us lest the tempt - ing by - ways
 We ren - der back the love Thy mer - cy gave us;
 We would be faith - ful to Thy Gos - pel glo - rious.



Who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.
 To heal earth's wounds and end our bit - ter strife.
 Lure us a - way from Thee to end - less night.
 Take Thou our lives and use them as Thou wilt.
 Thou art our Lord! Thou dost for - ev - er reign!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

“Exaltation”

by Reginald Martin

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### WE WISH TO THANK the following for their participation in our worship service this morning:

Altar Guild ..... Elsie Leiker & Marisa Showalter  
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 Counter ..... Carl Kurth  
 Organist / Music Director..... Beth Buss  
 Special Music..... Handbells; Beth Buss, Director  
 Sanitation CEO (Clean Every Object) ..... Al Axford  
 Service Web Recorder ..... Robert Showalter  
 Service Live Streaming..... Stuart Ruwet  
 Usher ..... Phil Vandre

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