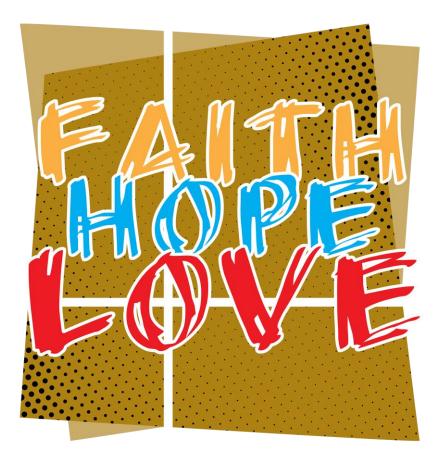
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FOURTH SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY Saturday, January 29, 2022, 6:00 p.m. Sunday, January 30, 2022, 8:30 a.m.

### As We Gather

At the beginning of the Church Year, many sang the hymn "Love Came Down at Christmas." Indeed, the Bible says, "God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son" (John 3:16). It is only on Good Friday, however, that we discover the depth and power of God's love in the cross of the Lord's death. And so it was that ever since the beginning of His earthly ministry, after His Baptism, we are given clear hints about the true nature of God's love. Initially people marveled at Jesus' preaching and miraculous healings. Yet not only did the crowds guickly reject our Lord, but Satan also was actively opposing Him from the beginning. The love of God is the power of God to defeat Satan and free the world from the grip of sin and death. The standard of love is the cross of Christ. In today's Epistle, Paul describes love in and through Christ. Substitute "Christ" for "love" and you get, "Christ is patient and kind; Christ does not envy or boast; ... Christ rejoices with the truth." This love of Christ is given to us and through us. "Faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these" is the cross of Christ!

#### PRFPARATION

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Opening Hymn		You Are the Way; through You Alone	LSB #526
Invo	cation		
P	In the name of the Fa Amen.	ther and of the $+$ Son and of the Holy Spirit.	
Oper	ning Sentences		John 1:10–12
P			
P C	He came to His own, <b>and His own people</b>	did not receive Him.	
P		eive Him, who believed in His name, <b>become children of God.</b>	
Confession and Absolution		John 1:14	
P	God has come to us	to make us His own children. Let us confess our sin	s of unbelief that

He may give us faith to receive Him and His love. • O God, we confess that we have ignored Your voice and Spirit by choosing to go our own way. Without You, we are lost and confused and without hope. Without You, we do not know love. Come now to us and forgive our waywardness and weakness. Give

us Your gifts of faith, hope, and love. Receive us again into the family of Your redeemed. Amen.

P The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the +I+ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

WORD

## Introit

Psalm 10:16–18; antiphon: v. 12

- P Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up your hand;
- **G** forget not the afflicted.
- P The LORD is king forever and ever;
- **G** the nations perish from his land.
- P O LORD, you hear the desire of the afflicted;
- **G** you will strengthen their heart;
- P you will incline your ear to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed,
- **G** so that man who is of the earth may strike terror no more.
- 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 Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up your hand;
- **G** forget not the afflicted.

# Prayer of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

### The call of Jeremiah

<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."

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

# Epistle

1 Corinthians 12:31b—13:13 (ESV) p. 959

## The more excellent way of love

<sup>31</sup> But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And 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.

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

# Holy Gospel

Luke 4:31–44 (ESV) p. 860

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

# Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>31</sup> And he 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** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

# **Apostles' Creed**

 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 thence 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.

### **Children's Message**

Sermon Hymn	Son of God, Eternal Savior	LSB #842
Sermon	It's Not Enough	Luke 4:31-44

### Offering

### **Prayer of the Church**

Let us go to God in prayer for ourselves, for God's people around the world, and for all people in their various circumstances.

#### Brief silence

- (Each petition will close with; Lord in Your mercy... and the congregation replies: Hear our prayer. Prayer requests are listed in the *Tidings*)
- 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.

#### Lord's Prayer

 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

**Closing Hymn** 

How Wide the Love of Christ

LSB #535

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