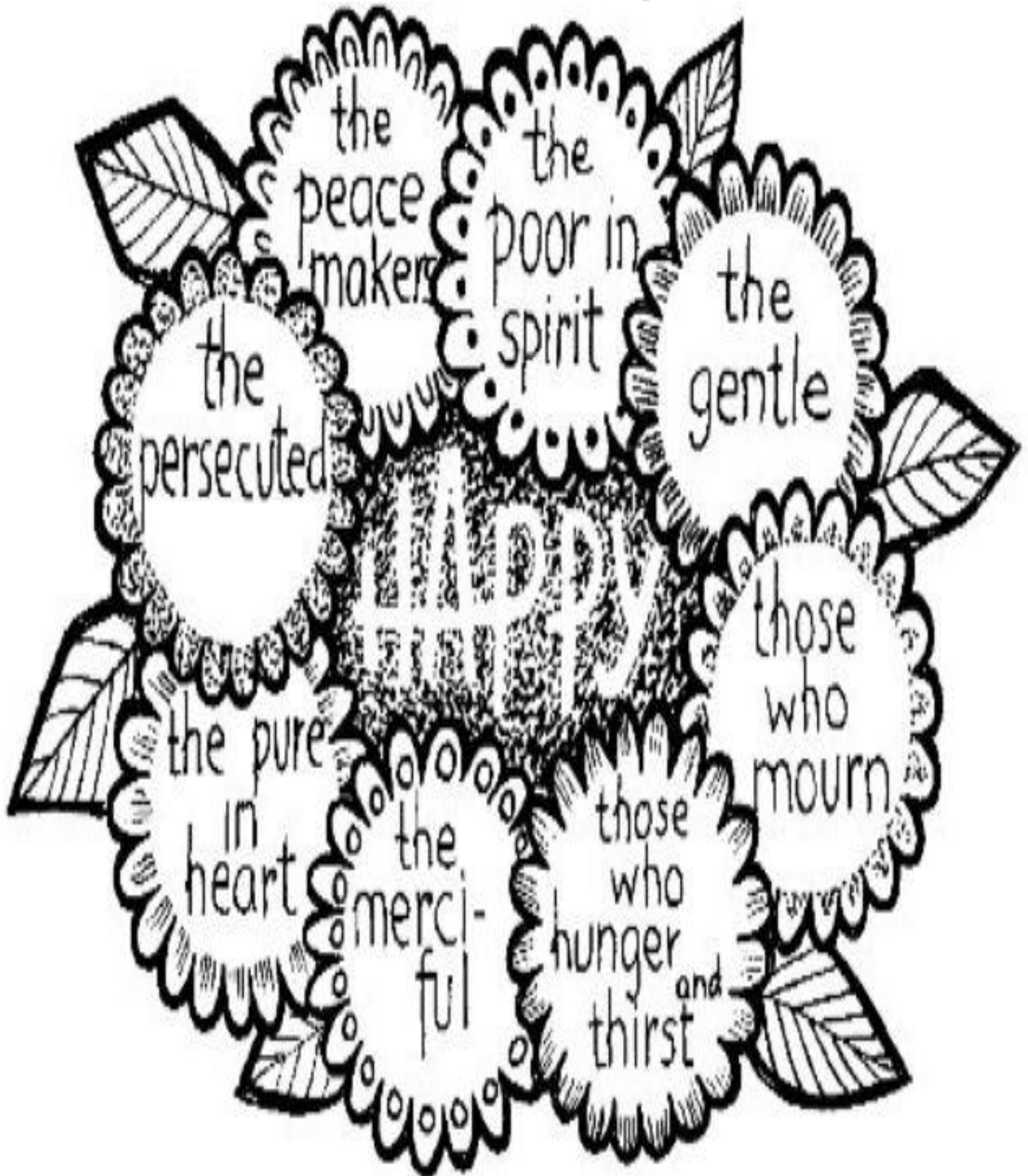


# FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 29, 2023



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Today's **Flowers** are given by Valerie Dietrich and RuthAnn Hansen In loving memory of our Mother, Marian Morris.

Today's **Bulletins** are given by Kay Fabyanic to The Glory of God.

**Adult Bible Study** meets every Wednesday at 7 PM in the Lounge.

**Sunday School** Pre-k-Adult every Sunday at 9:30 AM. Adult class meets in the Lounge, and Junior/Senior High in Fellowship Hall.

**Readers Sign-Up** for those interested in reading the scripture lessons; there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at the rear of the sanctuary next to the **Bulletin/Flower** sign-up sheets. We appreciate and thank you for your help.



After several roof leaks in the sanctuary over the past several years, roof inspections were completed with a recommendation for soffit and fascia repairs on our church building. Numerous bids were obtained and McClellands Contracting & Roofing were chosen and completed the job on January 10th for \$24,499. During the soffit and fascia work, it was noted that we will also need some repairs on the slate roof. If you would like to make a donation to offset the cost of these ongoing repairs you may designate donations to the "roof fund." We thank everyone for their continued generosity.

**TODAY >>>**  
*congregational*  
**MEETING**

**Sunday, January 29th**

**9:30 AM in Fellowship Hall**

**The agenda of this meeting includes:**

- 1) Approval of Minutes from Nov. 27 , 2022  
Congregational Meeting.
- 2) Approval of Treasurer's Report
- 3) Approval of Nominees

**PRELUDE**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

**Cong: Amen.**

Pastor: Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin. Holy One, source of our renewal,

**Cong: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: Thus says our God: “The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare.” God’s mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

**Cong: Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

***Let Justice Flow like Streams.....WOV #763***

1. Let justice flow like streams of sparkling water, pure,  
Enabling growth, refreshing life, abundant, cleansing, sure.
2. Let righteousness roll on as others’ cares we heed,  
An ever flowing stream of faith translated into deed.
3. So may God’s plumb line, straight, define our measure true,  
And justice, right, and peace pervade this world our whole life through.

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**GREETING**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Cong: And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray....

**Cong: Holy God, you confound the world’s wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**HOLY SCRIPTURE**

*Micah 6:1-8*

*Psalm 15*

*1 Corinthians 1:18-31*

**Lessons conclusion response: Thanks be to God.**

*Matthew 5: 1-12*

**Gospel announcement response: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel conclusion response: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

***Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life.....LBW #429***

1. Where cross the crowded ways of life, where sound the cries of race and clan,  
Above the noise of selfish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.
  
3. From tender childhood's helplessness, from human grief and burdened toil,  
From famished souls, from sorrow's stress, your heart has never known recoil.
  
5. O Master, from the mountainside make haste to heal these hearts of pain;  
Among these restless throngs abide; oh, tread the city's streets again;

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**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**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 is 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.**

## **PRAYERS**

Pastor: Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Each petition ends with "Merciful God, "  
**The response is "Receive our prayer"**

Pastor: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

**Cong: Amen.**

## **OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Pastor: Let us Pray....

**All: Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior. Amen.**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## **THE 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; 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.**

## **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Cong: Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Pastor: Holy One,

**All: we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. Amen.**

## **FINAL BLESSING**

Pastor: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod ☩  
bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

**Cong: Amen.**

## **GO FORTH IN SONG**

Pastor: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

**Cong: Thanks be to God.**

## **SENDING HYMN**

***Beauty for brokenness.....W&P #17***

*God Of The Poor*

1. Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair:  
Lord in the suffering this is our prayer.  
Bread for the children, justice, joy, peace;  
Sunrise to sunset your kingdom increase.

*Refrain:*

*God of the poor, friend of the weak,  
Give us compassion we pray;  
Melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain.  
Come, change our love from a spark to a flame.*

3. Refuge from cruel wars, havens from fear,  
Cities for sanctuary, freedoms to share;  
Peace to the killing fields, scorched earth to green,  
Christ for the bitterness, his cross for the pain.

*Refrain*

5. Lighten our darkness, breathe on this flame,  
Until Your justice burns brightly again;  
Until the nations learn of Your ways,  
Seek Your salvation, and bring You their praise.

*Refrain*

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