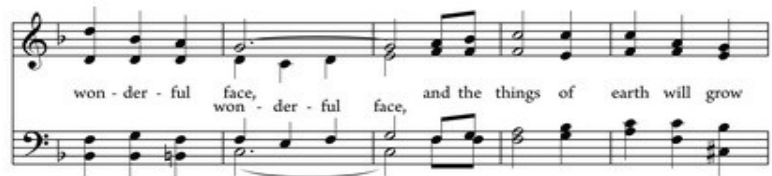


Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

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St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Wilton, WI

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

February 1, 2026

10:15 AM

**Inviting People to Journey with Christ's
Family In Spreading God's Love and Mercy**

Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.

**(Indicates the people should stand as they are able.)*

**Welcome and Announcements*

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Hymn "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" 2X Back Cover

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
the Word who spoke life into being,
the Wind stirring the waters. **Amen.**

THOSE SERVING IN FEBRUARY

ALTAR:

Barb & John Ornes

READERS:

1st Miranda Arndt
8th Karen Arzt
15th Dakotah Adams
22nd Lori Arndt

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Are you interested in helping with the celebration we are having in November? If so, please plan to attend a meeting on February 15 after service. We'll get our cake & ice cream and work on committee structure, etc.
- Due to conflicts on both February 8 and 15, the monthly council meeting will be held on February 22.

**you call us to life in community,
 but we have served our own interests
 at the expense of our neighbors.
 We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.
 We say the right words,
 but our hearts are far from you.
 Turn us to seek your face.
 Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,
 that we may do justice, love mercy,
 and walk humbly with you, our God.
 Amen.**

The former things have passed away,
 and new things God now declares:
 Like a spring of water that never fails,
 God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,
 and forgives your sin in ✝ Jesus' name.
 May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,
 and bless you with the gift of peace.
Amen.

God's grace upon grace flows over you.
 ✝ Christ's presence redeems the whole creation.
 Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad!
Amen.

Hymn "Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart" ELW#873

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

DISMISSAL

Glory to God in the highest!
And peace to God's people on earth!
 Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace.
Thanks be to God.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Gloria Meltesen, Linda, Jeremy Munson, Kristy Gwin
 Solovey, Gordy O'Rourke, Marilyn O'Rourke, Larry Arndt,
 Nick Evans, Collin Niedfeldt, Mark Drews, Carol Lydon
 Fronk, Nikki Fronk Lewis, Ben Bender, Jeff Bruce, Brian,
 Alice Leis, Jim Summerfield, Darlene Diekrager, Jack Arndt,
 Diane Hornburger, Mike Escutia, Dan Paulson,
 Marie Jacobson

MILITARY

Jacob Picha, Dylan Dougherty, Danelle Dougherty, Allen
 Roscovious, Robert Cale, Matthew Dutton

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ministers: All God's People; Synod Authorized Minister:
 Karen Sparling; Organist: Nalani Bever; Reader: Miranda
 Arndt; Altar: Barb & John Ornes; Acolytes: Confirmation
 Students

CALENDAR

Today	Bowling Party	Noon—3:00 pm
Sun., Feb 8	Sunday School	9:00 am
	Worship	10:15 am
Sun., Feb 15	Sunday School	9:00 am
	Worship	10:15 am

**Sunday School Sing, Noisy Offering,
 Birthday/Anniversary Gathering After Service**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Come to the table; taste and see.

Everyone who believes in Jesus is welcome at Christ's table.

Distribution

"Lamb of God"

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*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Radiant God,
**we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
In the sacrament of his body and blood
you have drawn us to your heart.
Send us from this table with delight,
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*BLESSING

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

Thanks be to God.

Amen

Hymn

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Insert

*Kyrie

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*Glory to God

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*Prayer of the Day

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.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

With the mountains and the foundations of the earth as the jury, God brings a lawsuit against Israel. God has "weariied" Israel with a long history of saving acts. God does not want or expect lavish sacrifices to attempt to earn divine favor. Rather God empowers the people to do justice, to love loyalty to God, and to walk shrewdly in God's service.

A Reading from Micah 6:1-8

¹ Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

² Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD,

and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the LORD has a case against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

³ “O my people, what have I done to you?
 In what have I wearied you? Answer me!
⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
 and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
 and I sent before you Moses,
 Aaron, and Miriam.
⁵ O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab
 devised,
 what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
 and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
 that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”
⁶ “With what shall I come before the LORD
 and bow myself before God on high?
 Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
 with calves a year old?
⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
 with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
 Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
 the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”
⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
 and what does the LORD require of you
 but to do justice and to love kindness
 and to walk humbly with your God?

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 15

¹ LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?
 Who may abide upon your holy hill?
² **Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
 who speak the truth from their heart;**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to our Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
 that we should at all times and in all places.....

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy”**

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Words of Institution

LORD’S PRAYER

Gathered into one, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.

**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** (Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**)

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

OFFERING

Offertory Hymn "As with Gladness Men of Old"
ELW#302 , Verse 4

OFFERING PRAYER

God of majesty,
**no eye has seen, no ear has heard
what you have prepared for those who love you,
yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.
Use what we have gathered
to feed us with the reign of God come near,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen**

- ³ they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.
⁴ **In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD.
They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**
⁵ They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

SECOND READING

According to the world's standards of power and might, the message of the cross seems stupid and offensive. Yet this word reveals the paradoxical way God has chosen to work power and salvation through weakness, rejection, and suffering. Hence the message of the cross becomes true wisdom and power for believers.

A reading from 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

- ¹⁸ The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written,
"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."
²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, ²⁴

but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶ Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, ²⁹ so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**

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***GOSPEL READING**

Jesus opens the Sermon on the Mount by naming those who are blessed in the reign of God.

The holy gospel according to Matthew 5:1-12

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Karen Sparling

Synod Authorized Minister

Hymn "O Master, Let Me Walk with You" ELW#818

***APOSTLE'S CREED**

**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.**