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Howards Grove, Wisconsin



TO MAKE THE SAINTS - "WISE UNTO SALVATION" AND TO "EQUIP FOR SERVING"

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**Welcome to Trinity!**

**January 28, 2024**

**Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany  
Divine Service, Setting 4**

**Worship:**

Sundays at 8:00am and 10:30am

**Sunday School/Bible Class:**

at 9:15am



**Knowledge  
puffs up,  
but love  
builds up.**

1 Corinthians 8:1, NRSV

# + CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

553 O CHRIST, OUR HOPE, OUR HEARTS'  
DESIRE—Please rise for the final verse.



1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' de - sire, Cre -  
2 How vast Your mer - cy to ac - cept The  
3 But now the bonds of death are burst, The  
4 O let Your might - y love pre - vail To



a - tion's might - y Lord, Re - deem - er of the  
bur - den of our sin And bow Your head in  
ran - som has been paid; You now as - cend the  
purge us of our pride That we may stand be -



fall - en world, By ho - ly love out - poured:  
cru - el death To make us clean with - in.  
Fa - ther's throne In robes of light ar - rayed.  
fore Your throne By mer - cy pu - ri - fied.

5 Christ Jesus, be our present joy,

Our future great reward;

Our only glory, may it be

To glory in the Lord!



6 All praise to You, ascended Lord;

All glory ever be

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Through all eternity!

***(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)***

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

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

***(Kneel/Sit)***

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us,  
forgive us our sins, and lead us to  
everlasting life. Amen.

**P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy  
Baptism You declared us to be Your children  
and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in  
which You daily and richly forgive us our sins  
and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in  
our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously  
receive our prayer and praise; through Your  
Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

*(Stand)*

## + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

*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** Blessed is the one whose transgression is  
forgiven,

**C** whose sin is covered.

**P** Blessed 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.

## KYRIE LSB 204



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

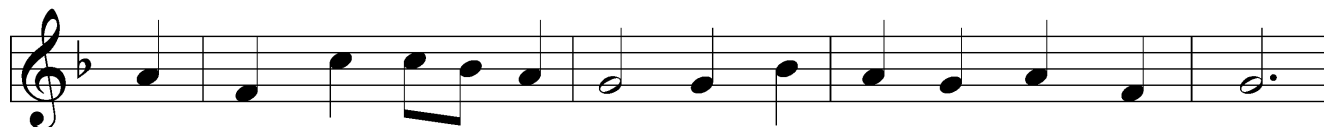
## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS LSB 204



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT 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.**

**(Sit)**

*OLD TESTAMENT READING*

*Deuteronomy 18:15–20*

<sup>15</sup>“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—<sup>16</sup>just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’<sup>17</sup> And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken.<sup>18</sup> I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.<sup>19</sup> And whoever will not listen to my

words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. <sup>20</sup>But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### *EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 8:1–13*

<sup>1</sup>Concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup>If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. <sup>3</sup>But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

<sup>4</sup>Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” <sup>5</sup>For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—<sup>6</sup>yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all



things and through whom we exist.

<sup>7</sup>However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. <sup>8</sup>Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. <sup>9</sup>But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup>For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? <sup>11</sup>And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. <sup>12</sup>Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup>Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

***(Stand)***

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 1:21–28*

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

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

<sup>21</sup>They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching. <sup>22</sup>And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, <sup>24</sup>“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>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be

silent, and come out of him!”<sup>26</sup> And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him.<sup>27</sup> And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.”<sup>28</sup> And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

### *APOSTLES' 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 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.

**(Sit)**

# 532 THE HEAD THAT ONCE WAS CROWNED WITH THORNS



1 The Head that once was crowned with thorns Is  
 2 The high - est place that heav'n af - fords Is  
 3 The Joy of all who dwell a - bove, The  
 4 To them the cross, with all its shame, With



crowned with glo - ry now; A roy - al di - a -  
 His, is His by right, The King of kings and  
 Joy of all be - low To whom He man - i -  
 all its grace, is giv'n; Their name an ev - er -



dem a - dorns The might - y Vic - tor's brow.  
 Lord of lords, And heav'n's e - ter - nal Light;  
 fests His love And grants His name to know.  
 last - ing name, Their joy the joy of heav'n.

5 They suffer with their Lord below,  
 They reign with Him above,  
 Their profit and their joy to know  
 The myst'ry of His love.

6 The cross He bore is life and health,  
 Though shame and death to Him:  
 His people's hope, His people's wealth,  
 Their everlasting theme.

Text: Thomas Kelly, 1769–1855

Tune: Jeremiah Clarke, c. 1674–1707

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## SERMON

**(Stand)**

*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH We respond with Amen.  
Prayer requests: the family of Eugene Bubolz, Michael Winter, Connie Hansen, Todd Bender, Marie Rietbrock, Lori (Kober) Badtke, Jerry Barts, Judd Baumann, Ken Korb, the family of Ron Plocar, and our shut-ins.*

**(Sit)**

*OFFERING—Please rise as the offerings are brought forward to the altar.*

## 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.**

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*BENEDICTION*

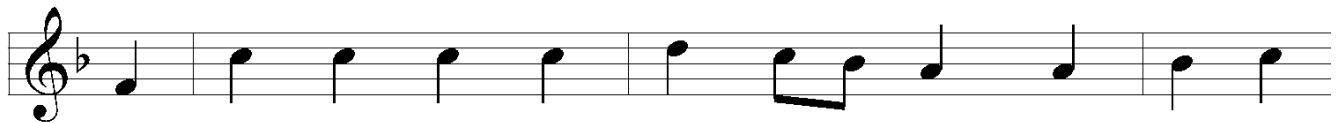
**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

*(Sit)*

*412 THE PEOPLE THAT IN DARKNESS SAT—*

*Please rise for the final verse.*



1 The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat A glo - rious  
 2 To hail Thee, Sun of Righ - teous - ness, The gath - 'ring  
 3 To us a Child of hope is born, To us a  
 4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Ev - er -



light have seen; The light has shined on them who long In  
 na - tions come; They joy as when the reap - ers bear Their  
 Son is giv'n, And on His shoul - der ev - er rests All  
 last - ing Lord, The Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, The



shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.  
 har - vest trea - sures home, Their har - vest trea - sures home.  
 pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.  
 God by all a - dored, The God by all a - dored.

5 His righteous government and pow'r  
Shall over all extend;  
On judgment and on justice based,  
His reign shall have no end,  
His reign shall have no end.

△ 6 Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,  
And make us Thine alone,  
Who with the Father ever art  
And Holy Spirit, one,  
And Holy Spirit, one.

Text: John Morison, 1749–98, alt.

Tune: Nicolaus Herman, c. 1480–1561

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### **Trinity Messenger**

Thank you to Connie Cortright for playing the organ for us today. We greatly appreciate your time and talents!

**We will be having our Voter's Meeting TODAY after the late service. Minutes from the October meeting were emailed out and are also available on the back table in the narthex.**

Thank you note from Ken Korb: “I want to thank the congregation for the cards, thoughts, and prayers from my church family. I was blessed to receive rehabilitation help at Rocky Knoll Health Care Center. I am back at home with family.”

**Birthday Blessings** to: Jill Pelnar, Dylan Elias, Jennifer Erdmann, Emily Allen, John Gessler, Duane Lau, Brandon Zipperer, Toni Post, and Connie Hansen.

**Memorial Hearts:** We found a stash of cross-stitched hearts that have the names of members who have passed away. Please take a look at the table in the narthex and see if any belong to your family.

Sheboygan County Health and Human services sent a letter thanking our congregation for the items that were donated. “Your generous and caring spirit allowed them to provide a magical holiday season for so many in our community. Sharing your kindness and care through purchased gifts, handmade gifts, and spending time planning and organizing is greatly appreciated.” Thank you to Trinity for doing what you do.

**Scrip News** - Things you may not know or understand about the scrip program:



- The denomination of the card is the amount you pay. A \$50 card is worth \$50.
  - You don't have to use all of the card at once. The balance can be used at another time.
  - You won't get scammed using scrip cards online vs using a credit card.
  - If you shop at a certain store, for example Piggly Wiggly, you just buy a card ahead so you always have it available to use.
  - Our church gets a percentage of all the cards sold which has been very helpful in paying for needed items. So far we have profited over \$48,000 and it was all FREE money.
  - You can buy cards with cash or check
- Why not start 2024 by helping your church? Any questions, just ask one of the sellers!

**Altar Guild** is looking for a florist or someone with an interest in floral arrangements to do our flowers at this time. If you'd like to help or you know of someone who's interested, please contact Robie Scharinger at 920-889-3338 or Connie Bitter at 920-226-0803.

**GriefShare New 14- Session Cycle of GriefShare Begins 1/30/24.** Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend: Grief-

Share is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days ahead. We know it hurts, and we want to help. Tuesdays 6-8:00 pm beginning 1/30/24 @ St. Paul LC, Sheboygan Falls, WI, Room #103.

It's time for the **LHS Music Department's annual citrus sale!** All proceeds will benefit a future music tour. Order by January 31. Pick up with payment is Saturday, February 17, 8:30 am - noon at LHS. Oranges: \$48 for 40# full case | \$27 for 20# half case | \$15 for 10# quarter case. Grapefruit: \$48 for 40# full case | \$27 for 20# half case | \$15 for 10# quarter case. 3 easy ways to order: Contact a Lutheran High music student, call the school office at 920-452-3323, or order on line at [lutheranhigh.com](http://lutheranhigh.com). There are also order forms in the narthex that can be turned into LHS in person.

**New Year, New Plan - Doing Godly Things with God's Things** Lutheran High School is hosting two free informational sessions on the topic of Christian gift planning on Monday, January 29th, 9 am and 11 am with Craig Toerpe, LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor, at Sheboygan Lutheran High. Educational only, no financial commitments. Join us for

a light breakfast or lunch as Craig provides information, education, and encouragement surrounding this topic from a Christian perspective. Please RSVP at [lutheranhigh.com/planned](http://lutheranhigh.com/planned) giving or (920) 452-3323.

There was a devastating apartment fire in Kiel on New Year,s Day. Grace Lutheran is hosting a Kiel Fire Victim Chili and Hot Dog Dinner and Bake Sale Fundraiser on Saturday, February 10th from 11am-2pm. in the church fellowship hall at 210 N. Lincoln St. [Hwy 67] in Elkhart Lake. It's all you can eat! Carry-out is available.

<b>Serving 1/28</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>10:30am</b>
Acolytes:	Brody Timm and Owen Timm	Emily Harris
Greeters:	Jack and Sue Kober	Larry and Kris Bender
Video Opera-	Josh Schorer	
Ushers:	Team 5	Team 4
Elders:	Aaron Kuhlow	Dale Hopf
Altar Guild:	Margie Born, Liz Haag, and Anne McCraw	

<b>Serving 2/4</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>10:30am</b>
Acolytes:	Andie Koenig and Macey Schueler	Bryce Peter and Ethan Fenn
Greeters:	Jean Hiebing	Barb Wolfert
Video Opera-	Lance Liermann	
Ushers:	Team 1	Team 6
Elders:	Peter Franz	Mark Plocar
Altar Guild:	Margie Born, Liz Haag, and Anne McCraw	

<b>January 21, 2024 Offering</b>	
General	\$5,424.40
Ron Plocar Memorial—Boiler Replacement Fund	\$2,235.00
Boiler Replacement Fund	\$160.00
Church Improvement	\$200.00
Sunday School	\$2.35

<b><u>Attendance</u></b>
<b><u>January 21, 2024</u></b>
8:00am: 76 10:30am:85
Total: 161
Sunday School: 16

<u>Monday</u> <b>January 29</b>	<u>Tuesday</u> <b>January 30</b>	<u>Wednesday</u> <b>January 31</b>	<u>Thursday</u> <b>February 1</b>
<b>8:30am</b> Preschool <b>1:00pm</b> Quilting	<b>8:30am</b> Preschool	<b>8:30am</b> Preschool <b>4:00pm</b> Confirmation	<b>8:30am</b> Preschool <b>7:15pm</b> Dartball Tigers @ Falcons

<u>Friday</u> <b>February 2</b>	<u>Saturday</u> <b>February 3</b>	<u>Sunday</u> <b>February 4</b>
		<b>8:00am</b> Worship with Communion <b>9:15am</b> Bible Class/ Sunday School <b>10:30am</b> Worship with Communion