

Elstad/Highland Prairie Lutheran Parish
4 Epiphany
January 31.2021

*Please leave your offering in the plates near the sanctuary entrance. If you are worshipping online, please mail your offering to the church treasurer.

Prelude

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

L: In the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

L: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

L: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit. C: Amen.

Opening Hymn "O God Beyond All Praising"

**O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.**

**The flow'r of earthly splendor in time must surely die,
Its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high;
But hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown—
Though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown:
For Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free,
And we through him are given the final victory.**

**Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
That we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.**

Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us
pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of
the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray
to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their
worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

**C: Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into
your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son
as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and
speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will
see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

First Lesson

Deuteronomy 18.15-20

Psalms 111

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 8.1-13

Gospel Acclamation (spoken by all)

**"Alleluia! Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal
life. Alleluia!"**

Gospel

Mark 1.21-28

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"O Christ, the Healer...."

**O Christ, the healer, we have come
To pray for health, to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be restored
When reached by love that never ends?**

**From ev'ry aliment flesh endures
Our bodies clamor to be freed;
Yet in our hearts we would confess
That wholeness is our deepest need.**

**In conflicts that destroy our health
We recognized the world's disease;
Our common life declares our ills.
Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?**

**Grant that we all, made one in faith,
In your community may find
The wholeness that, enriching us,
Shall reach the whole of humankind.**

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church

Peace

Offertory Prayer

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 the 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 all places.....

Sanctus

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might, heav'n
and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Eucharistic Prayer

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen
world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him
should not perish but have eternal life. We give thanks to
you.....

Lord's Prayer (traditional)

Agnus Dei

**C: Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world; have mercy
on us. Lamb of God your take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us. Lamb of God you take away the sin of
the world; grant us peace. Amen.**

Distribution Hymn

“Beautiful Savior”

**Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I’d love thee, truly I’d serve thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

**Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow’rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.**

**Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be thine!**

Votum

Post-Communion Prayer

Announcements

Installation of the Church Council

Benediction

Closing Hymn

“O Savior, Precious Savior”

**O Savior, precious Savior, whom yet unseen we love;
O name of might and favor, all other names above:
We worship thee; we bless thee; to thee alone we sing;
We praise thee and confess thee, our holy Lord and King.**

**O bringer of salvation, who wondrously hast wrought,
Thyself the revelation of love beyond all thought:
We worship thee, we bless thee; to thee alone we sing;
We praise thee and confess thee, our gracious Lord and King.**

**In thee all fullness dwelleth, all grace and pow'r divine;
The glory that excelleth, O Son of God, is thine.
We worship thee, we bless thee, to thee alone we sing;
We praise thee and confess thee, our glorious Lord and King.**

**O grant the consummation of this our song above,
In endless adoration and everlasting love;
Then shall we praise and bless thee where perfect praises ring,
And evermore confess thee, our Savior and our King!**

P: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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Announcements

To all 2021 parish council members. We are grateful for your willingness to serve.

7th and 8th grade confirmation class continues on Wednesday, February 3rd, 6:30 p.m. We will meet in-person at Elstad Church.

The adult Bible study continues next Thursday, February 4th, 10:00 a.m., at Elstad. The texts are: Isaiah 40.21-31; Psalm 147.1-11, 20c; 1 Corinthians 9.16-23; and Mark 1.29-39.

An adult study will be offered on the following Thursday's (10:00 a.m. at Highland Prairie) during Lent: February 18th and 25th, March 4th, 11th, and 18th. We will be studying Robert W. Jensen's little book, A Large Catechism. The cost of the book is \$8.00. If you wish to participate, please let Pr. Luther know soon. He will order a book for you. Make your checks out to Highland Prairie Church. With sufficient interest (minimum of 3 persons), an evening offering is possible, too.

Pr. Mathsen will be taking time off for rest and relaxation from February 6th through the 13th. In case of parish emergency, Pr. Kay Wold and Pr. Elliott Malm (First Lutheran Church, Mabel) may be called to provide pastoral care.