

FULL VERSION
February 1, 2026
10:30 a.m.

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About the Cover:

Looking up to a man hanging on a cross is considered foolishness to many people in this world. God's Word teaches us that, by faith, we see in Christ's work on the cross the power of God, which brings us forgiveness and salvation. Because of the powerful work of Christ on the cross, we see that "the foolishness of God is wiser than men" (*1 Corinthians 1:25*). Forgiveness is only found in Jesus, God's Son, who died on the cross to forgive our sins.

The word of the cross is the power of God



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THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

The Theme for Worship: This morning we'll hear Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians describe wisdom. He'll also describe the "foolishness" of God as greater than the wisdom of men. We'll explore what Wisdom is and how it is revealed in Christ crucified.

♪ Pre-Service Music

Spiritwind

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

Sharing of the Peace

♪ Opening Song: "As We Gather"

As we gather, may Your Spirit work within us.

As we gather, may we glorify Your name.

Knowing well that as our hearts begin to worship.

We'll be blessed because we came.

We'll be blessed because we came.

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The Invocation

P We begin in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life [†] of the world to come. Amen.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

C 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.

Service of the Word

Old Testament

Micah 6:1–8

¹Hear what the LORD says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ²Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³“O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴For 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. ⁵O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the 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? ⁷Will 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?” ⁸He has told you, O man, 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?

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

¹⁸The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. ²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Lutheran Schools Week Video Presentation

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1–12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 5th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And he opened his mouth 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 shall be comforted. ⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. ⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

♪ Sermon Song: “Spirit Song”

1. O let the Son of God enfold you with His Spirit and His love,
Let Him fill your life and satisfy your soul.
O let Him have the things that hold you and His Spirit, like a dove,
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.
*Chorus: Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.*
2. O come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy,
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name.
O give Him all your tears and sadness, give Him all your years of pain,
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. *Chorus*

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Sermon: “Wisdom”

Rev. Marty Marks

Confession and Absolution

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

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

The Offering *The plates are brought forward*

(An offering plate is available in the narthex; plates will not be passed during the worship service. Immanuel has the ability to accept offerings through online giving. Families can easily give one-time or set up as recurring gifts. Simply make a secure donation via electronic check by visiting www.ImmanuelDeKalb.com. If you choose to set up a recurring gift, you will be prompted by email to create your own online donor account to manage your gifts.)

♪ The Offertory: “I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”

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- 1 I am Jesus' little lamb,
Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me,
Knows my need and well provides me,
Loves me ev'ry day the same,
Even calls me by my name.

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Announcements

The Intercessory Prayers

The Leader says prayers for specific and general concerns of God's people, following each petition with "Lord in your mercy" to which the congregation responds with "Hear our prayer."

The Lord's Prayer

C 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

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

(The Lord's Supper is celebrated in this service in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If you share this confession, we invite you to commune with us. If you have doubts or questions concerning this confession of our faith community, we ask that you withhold participation until receiving clarification or instruction from our pastor. The pastor will also offer a blessing to any unconfirmed children who desire it.)

P The Sacrament of Holy Communion delivers to us the forgiveness of sins earned for us by the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross. His real Body and Blood come to us in, with and under the bread and wine. Not only are our sins forgiven through this meal, our faith is strengthened, and the Holy Spirit guides us to be better and more effective servants to God. To help prepare our hearts and minds as we receive these gifts, please join me in praying:

P & **C** Father I trust in Your Son, Jesus, as my Savior. As I prepare to receive His real Body and Blood into me, please make my heart inclined to receive it in a way pleasing to You. Create a true sense of repentance in my heart and a sincere desire to follow You after it is received. Please empower me to serve You better in a sense of unity with You and with others. Amen.

The Words of Institution

P Our Lord Jesus Christ on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said, "Take, eat, this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me. In the same way, also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it all of you; this is My blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me.

P Come, the table is prepared, and the Lord awaits.

C We come in the name of Jesus.

The Sacrament is Distributed for Us to Receive

♪Distribution Songs:

♪ “Blessed Be Your Name”

1. Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name
2. Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus: Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say

Chorus: Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name Jesus
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

3. Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name
4. Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus: Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say

Chorus: Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name Jesus
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name
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♪ “Consuming Fire”

1. There must be more than this
O breath of God come breathe within
There must be more than this
Spirit of God we wait for You
Fill us anew we pray
Fill us anew we pray

*Chorus: Consuming fire fan into flame
A passion for Your name
Spirit of God fall in this place
Lord have Your way
Lord have Your way with us*

2. Come like a rushing wind
Clothe us with power from on high
Now set the captives free
Leave us abandoned to Your praise
Lord let Your glory fall
Lord let Your glory fall

*Chorus: Consuming fire fan into flame
A passion for Your name
Spirit of God fall in this place
Lord have Your way
Lord have Your way with us
Lord have Your way
Lord have Your way with us*

♪ “Almighty”

*Chorus: Almighty, most holy God, Faithful through the ages;
Almighty, most holy Lord, glorious Almighty God.*

1. The beasts of the field, the birds of the air, are silent to call out Your name.
The earth has no voice, and I have no choice, but to magnify God unashamed.
Let the rocks be kept silent for one more day;
Let the world sing out, let the people say. *Chorus*
2. Well, time marches on, with the innocence gone, and a darkness has covered the earth;
But his Spirit dwells, He speaks “it is well” and hopeless still offered new birth.
He will break the leash of death, it will have no sting;
Let the pris’ner go free, join the dance and sing. *Chorus*

Benediction

Silent Prayer

Postlude

PARTICIPANTS February 1, 2026 Altar Guild: Jackie Hanson		
	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Musicians	C-J Motisi, <i>Adult Choir Leader & Pianist</i>	Angela Pringnitz- <i>Spiritwind</i>
Pastor	Rev. Marty Marks	Rev. Marty Marks
Acolyte	Alexis Cruz	Rosie Landshaft
Lay Reader	Katie Martinez	Jessica Molitor
Radio Narrator	Tammy Tiggelaar	---
Videographer/Sound	Ted Stone	Doug Nelson
Slides	Doug Nelson	Mia Yelich
Ushers	Ken Boldt, Jackson Harms & Russ Peterson	Jen Allen, Dan Lohmeier & Will Michels
Communion Assist.	Dennis Martinez & Tom Sawyer	Brian Pringnitz & Dan Lohmeier

THE WORSHIP SERVICE IS BROADCAST EACH SUNDAY AT 10:30 A.M. ON WLBK 1360.

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