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CELEBRATE! WORSHIP

9:30 a.m., Sunday, Feb. 1, 2004
FOURTH SUNDAY IN EPIPHANY

**OUR SAVIOR'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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GATHERING SONG - "I Believe In That Love," Larry Olson

**I believe in a love that is born in the song of a baby's cry.
I believe in a love that lives on and on even when we die.
I believe in a love that reaches out, embracing all our pain and doubt.**

**Chorus: I believe in that love. I believe. I believe in that love.
I believe in that love. I believe. I believe in that love.**

**I believe in a love that is felt in the touch of a helping hand.
I believe in a love that sees differences and seeks to understand.
I believe in a love that has no bounds, no class or race to hold it down. (Chorus)**

**I believe in a love that is here at the heart of a mystery.
I believe in a love that forgives, forgets, heals and sets us free.
I believe in a love that loses self for the sake of life for someone else. (Chorus)**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P We gather in the strong name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Through water and the Spirit, God gives us new life. Let us confess our sin and hear God's word of forgiveness.

C Loving and faithful God, we confess that we have not lived as your children. We have closed our hearts to your light and life. We have resisted your call to follow. We have failed to practice love and to reflect the light of Christ in our dealings with other people. Forgive us for the sake of Christ, heal us with your abundant grace, and help us to walk every step every day as children of light. Amen.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ came among us to proclaim liberty to the captives, to let the oppressed go free. Today the promise is fulfilled: God forgives you all your sins, makes you a new person, and gives you a fresh start. May the Holy Spirit strengthen you to follow Christ in newness of life.

C Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

- P God is the light and life of all people, the one who loves all and who gives those made new in Christ the gift of love.
- C God is our light and our life. Let us worship God with our words and song, and, as we leave this place, with our words and deeds of love. Amen.**

Stand

SONG OF PRAISE - "Halle, Halle, Halle," Carribean traditional, arr. Mark Sedio

Choir sings first, congregations sings along second and third time.

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.**
- P Let us pray.
- C Gracious and strong God, you know that we cannot withstand the dangers which surround us. Strengthen us in body and spirit so that, with your help, we may be able to overcome the weakness that our sin has brought upon us, love you above anything else, and love others as ourself; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Be seated

THE FIRST READING - Jeremiah 1:4-10 (*page 609 in the pew Bible*)

- L The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.**

THE SECOND READING - 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (*page 934 in the pew Bible*)

- L The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL SONG - "Lord Have Mercy," Steve Merkel

Verse 1: **Jesus, I've forgotten the words that you have spoken,
Promises that burned within my heart have now grown dim.
With a doubting heart I follow the paths of early wisdom,
Forgive me for my unbelief, renew the fire again.**

Chorus: **Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on me.
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on me.**

Verse 2 : **I have longed to know you and all your tender mercies,
Like a river of forgiveness ever flowing without end.
So I bow my heart before you in the goodness of your presence,
Your grace forever shining like a beacon in the night.** (Chorus, solo, chorus)

Stand

GOSPEL - Luke 4:21-30 (*page 835 in the pew Bible*)

Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.' All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?' He said to them, 'Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Doctor, cure yourself!" And you will say, "Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum." ' And he said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up for three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.' When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way. The Gospel of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Be seated

SERMON - "The Greatest of These," Pastor Les Svendsen

SONG OF THE DAY - "Lord, You Have My Heart," Martin Smith

As the first verse is repeated, children are invited to come to the front.

Part 1: **Lord, you have my heart and I will search for yours.**

Jesus, take my life and lead me on.

Lord, you have my heart and I will search for yours.

Let me be to you a sacrifice.

Part 2: **And I will praise you, Lord, and I will sing of love come down.**

And as you show your face, we'll see your glory here.

(Repeat 1 and 2, instrumental solo)

Part 2: **And I will praise you, Lord, and I will sing of love come down.**

And as you show your face, we'll see your glory here, we'll see your glory here.

KID TALK

Stand

APOSTLES' CREED

C 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.

THE PEACE

Kids The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Greet each other with Christ's words, "Peace be with you."

As the peace is being shared, children in grades 1-6 will go to Sunday School.

Be seated

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATION TO PR. NADINE LEHR AND RESPONSE

OFFERING - "Shower the People," James Taylor

Congregation sings chorus.

Show the people you love with love,

Show them the way you feel.

Things are gonna work out fine if you only will.

Show the people you love with love,

Show them the way you feel.

Things are gonna be much better if you only will.

Stand

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes, "Lord, in your mercy." The congregation responds with "Hear our Prayer:"

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P May Christ, whose epiphany revealed God's glory for all to see, deepen your faith, make your hearts glad, and inspire you to love one another. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Stand

SENDING SONG - "Shout to the Lord," Darlene Zschech

**Verse: My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you;
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength;
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship you.**

**Chorus: Shout to the Lord, all the earth; Let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands; Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you. (Repeat verse and Chorus)**

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Pastor Les Svendsen

Presider: Pastor Tim Lemme

Reader: Arlene Lefler

Choir: Jubilate Choir, directed by Martha Rossing, accompanied by Deanna Wehrspann

Celebrate Band Members: Dave Hofstad, Dennis Gale, Steve Kuper, Mark Law, Jodie Nielsen, Beth Boyens, and Kris Wollman

Sound and Stage Manager: Myron Dunn

Sound Assistant: Dan Baedke

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