

# A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

January 28, 2007

The Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

\*All Who are able may stand.

**Bold type spoken by the congregation**

## GATHERING. . .

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

The Call To Worship

God is a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, our savior.

**The Lord is our hope and our trust.**

God's power and righteousness reach the high  
heavens and span the earth.

**The Lord does great things; who is like God?**

The Prayer of Adoration

\*The Hymn 483

*"Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"*

\*The Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, in Jesus Christ you have shown us a more excellent way, a way of love that is greater than all other ways. We confess that we have neglected love. We have failed to receive it, and we have failed to extend it. We tie it up with conditions. We make it conform to our terms. We cannot accept that it is boundless. Forgive our timid responses to your great gift. In your mercy, hear our prayer. . .**

(time for silent confession). . .

\*The Choral Response

\*The Assurance of Pardon

\*The Gloria Patri

p. 579 in the Hymnal

\*The Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you!**  
(Please exchange this ancient greeting with worshippers seated near you.  
Please stand to greet one another in the name of Christ.)

## TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: *Jeremiah 1:4-10*

p. 854 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 71:1-6*

p. 654 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

*"To Everything There is a Season"*

Alfred V. Fedak

The Epistle Lesson: *1 Corinthians 13:1-13*

p. 212 in the pew Bible

Moment With the Children

\*The Hymn 335 (8:30 am)                      *“Though I May Speak”*

The *Sacrament of Baptism* (11:00 am)

\*The *Apostles’ Creed*

p. 14 in the Hymnal

The Baptism

The Welcome

**With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ’s church  
to share with us in His ministry for we are all one in Christ.**

\*The Hymn 498                      *“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”*

The Gospel Lesson: *Luke 4:21-30*

p. 75 in the pew Bible

The Sermon

*“Over the Edge”*  
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

AND TO MAKE PROPER RESPONSE. . .

\*The *Apostles’ Creed* (8:30 am)

p. 14 in the Hymnal

The Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord’s Prayer

p. 16 in the Hymnal

The Service of Offering

The Offertory

\*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

**O God of faith, we put our trust in You. Source of hope, we are confident You shall never forsake us. Giver of love in ways too countless to be numbered, we return but a portion of what we have received from You. Use our gifts so that others may be assured of new life and enriched by the gift of Your Holy Spirit. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

GO IN GOD’S NAME.

\*The Hymn 298                      *“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”*

\*The Charge and Benediction

\*The Postlude