

GATHERING

PRELUDE

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Anyone who claims to know something may not yet have the necessary knowledge;
but anyone who loves God is known by God.

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.

Let us worship God.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of compassion, you have shown us in Christ that your love is never-ending. Enable us to love you with all our hearts and to love one another as Christ loved us. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

WELCOME

*HYMN #455

All Creatures of Our God and King

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 (p. 174 Old Testament)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 111

Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the deeds of the Lord! They are studied by all who delight in them.

Full of majesty and splendor is the work of the Lord, whose righteousness endures forever.

Gracious and full of compassion is the Lord, whose marvelous works are to be remembered.

The Lord gives food to the God-fearing, ever mindful of the covenant.

The has shown the chosen people works of power in giving them the lands of the nations.

The hands of the Lord work faithfulness and justice; all the commandments of the Lord are sure.

They stand fast forever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.

The Lord sent redemption to the chosen people, commanding the covenant forever; holy and awesome is the name of the Lord.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; those who act accordingly have a good understanding; the praise of the Lord endures forever.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 1:21-28 (p. 34 New Testament)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

SERMON

*HYMN #380

O Christ, the Healer

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (see insert)

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Create In Me a Clean Heart, O God

C.F. Meuller

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly host,
Creator, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER

(see insert)

SENDING

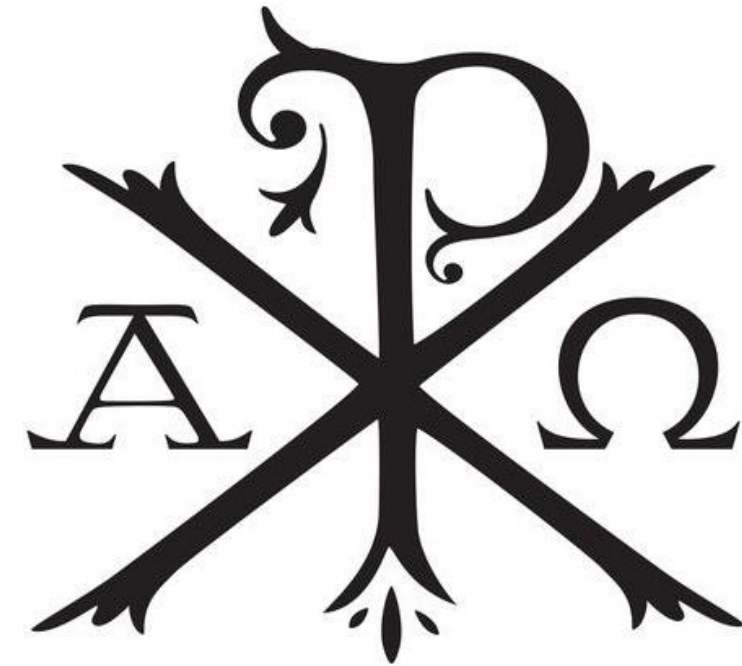
*HYMN #462

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

RATISBON

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



**ORDER OF WORSHIP
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

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