

\*Closing Song: "The Trees of the Field"

*You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;  
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;  
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field  
will clap, will clap their hands.*

*And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,  
the trees of the field will clap their hands,  
the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy.*

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# Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

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## Worship Participants

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## Romans 8:18

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.

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## Gathering

Welcome

\*Call to Worship:

All you works of the Lord: **bleſs the Lord.**

Angels and all heavenly hoſts: **bleſs the Lord.**

Sun, moon, and ſtars: **bleſs the Lord.**

Rain and dew, wind and cloud: **bleſs the Lord.**

Fire and ice, ſummer and winter: **bleſs the Lord.**

Night and day, light and darkneſs: **bleſs the Lord.**

Mountains and hills, all that grows in the ground: **bleſs the Lord.**

Rivers and ſeas, all that has life in the water: **bleſs the Lord.**

Birds of the air, wild beaſts, and tame animals: **bleſs the Lord.**

People on earth, you ſervants of the Lord: **bleſs the Lord.**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, **for his mercy endures forever.**

\*Opening Prayer

\*Song of Praise: “Let All Things Now Living”

LUYH 5

\*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

\*Song: “Creation Sings the Father’s Song”

**1. Creation ſings the Father’s ſong; He calls the ſun to wake the dawn  
and run the courſe of day till evening falls in crimson rays.**

**His fingerprints in flakes of ſnow, His breath upon this ſpinning globe,  
He charts the eagle’s flight; commands the newborn baby’s cry.**

*Chorus:*

**Hallelujah! Let all creation ſtand and ſing, “Hallelujah!”**

**Fill the earth with ſongs of worſhip; tell the wonders of creation’s King.**

**2. Creation gazed upon His face; the ageleſs One in time’s embrace  
unveiled the Father’s plan of reconciling God and man.**

**A ſecond Adam walked the earth,**

**whoſe blameleſs life would break the curſe,**

**whoſe death would ſet us free to live with Him eternally. (to chorus)**

**3. Creation longs for His return, when Chriſt ſhall reign upon the earth;  
the bitter wars that rage are birth pains of a coming age.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory forever. Amen.**

The Invitation

*We invite you to come down the center aisle to the communion table at the front of the sanctuary. You may partake at the table or take it back to your seats to partake there.*

*Gluten-free bread is available on the table.*

Communion Songs: “How Great Thou Art”  
“The First Place”

LUYH 553

LUYH 15

\*The Thanksgiving: Psalm 103:1-4

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**Praise the Lord, O my ſoul;**

**all my inmoſt being, praise his holy name.**

**Praise the Lord, O my ſoul**

**and forget not all his benefits—**

**who forgives all your ſins and heals all your diſeaſes,**

**who redeems your life from the pit**

**and crowns you with love and compaſſion.**

## Sending

Words of Sending: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 26

What do you believe when you ſay,

“I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth”?

**That the eternal Father of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt,**

**who out of nothing created heaven and earth**

**and everything in them,**

**who ſtill upholds and rules them**

**by his eternal counſel and providence,**

**is my God and Father becauſe of Chriſt the Son.**

**I truſt God ſo much that I do not doubt**

**he will provide whatever I need for body and ſoul,**

**and will turn to my good**

**whatever adverſity he ſends upon me in this ſad world.**

**God is able to do this becauſe he is almighty God**

**and deſires to do this becauſe he is a faithful Father.**

\*Benediction

## Word

Children In Worship Dismissal: “This Little Light of Mine” LUYH 930:1  
*Children ages 3 years old through kindergarten are invited to a time of worship designed especially for young children and can gather in the fellowship hall with the helpers. Our young guests are welcome to participate in this service.*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:17-21 p.1757

Message: “Liberation of Creation; Glory!” Pastor Joel Kok

\*Song of Response: “O God Beyond All Praising” LUYH 557

## Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

Song: “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” LUYH 538:1

The Institution: 1 Corinthians 11

Memorial Acclamation

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

**Dying he destroyed our death.**

**Rising he restored our life.**

**Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Prayer of Consecration, concluding with the Lord’s Prayer

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.**

***When He renews the land and sky, all heaven will sing and earth reply with one resplendent theme: the glory of our God and King! (to chorus)***

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## Renewal

Call to Confession (based on Matthew 22:37-40) p.1536

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Thanksgiving: “We Will Remember”

***Chorus: We will remember. We will remember.***

***We will remember the works of your hands.***

***We will stop and give you praise,***

***for great is your faithfulness.***

***1. You're our creator, our life sustainer,  
 deliverer, our comfort, our joy.***

***Throughout the ages, you've been our shelter,  
 our peace in the midst of the storm.***

***2. With signs and wonders you've shown your power;  
 with precious blood you showed us your grace.***

***You've been our helper, our liberator,  
 the giver of life with no end. (to chorus)***

***3. When we walk through life's darkest valleys,  
 we will look back at all you have done;  
 and we will shout our God is good,  
 and He is the faithful one. (to chorus)***

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Prayers for the Church and World