



2nd Sunday of Christmas  
January 4, 2025 — 8:30 am Service  
Order of Worship  
FM Frequency 99.3  
Text: 419-482-8227

Passing of the Peace

L. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**A. And also with you.**

Invocation

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**A: Amen.**

Prayer of the Week

Heavenly Father, thank You for sending us the Holy Spirit. Let the Holy Spirit empower us in our daily lives. Help us to use that power to spread Your Word to every nation. That through what we do and what we say others will understand Your good news. Amen.

Hymn: ***Holy Spirit, Truth Diving***

Holy Spirit, truth divine  
Dawn upon this soul of mine  
Word of God and inward light  
Wake my spirit, clear my sight

Holy Spirit, love divine  
Glow within this heart of mine  
Kindle ev'ry high desire  
Purge me with your holy fire

Holy Spirit, pow'r divine

Fortify this will of mine  
By your will I strongly live  
Bravely bear, and nobly strive

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#### Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the Inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly  
love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**A: Amen.**

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

**A: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives  
you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children  
of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**A. Amen.**

#### Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with  
you all.

**A: And also with you.**

#### Kyrie

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**A: Lord, have mercy**

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**A: Lord, have mercy**

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**A: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**A: Lord, have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**A: Amen.**

#### This Is The Feast

L: This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia.

**A: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power  
and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of  
victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of**

**victory of our god, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Scripture Ezekiel 36:22-27; 37:26

*"Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. I will make a covenant of peace with them. It shall be an everlasting covenant with them."*

Acts 1:3-8

*"He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, 'you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.' So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?' He said to them, 'It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.'"*

John 3:2-7

*"This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.' Jesus answered him, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, You must be born again.'"*

Scripture Closing

L. This is the Word of the Lord.

**A. Thanks be to God!**

Sermon — *"The Church Unleashed"* Pastor David Kaiser

Apostle's Creed

**ALL: 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.**

Hymn: ***Spirit Of God Descend Upon My Heart***

Spirit of God descend upon my heart  
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move  
Stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart  
And make me love you as I ought to love

I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies  
No sudden rending of the veil of clay  
No angel visitant, no op'ning skies  
But take the dimness of my soul away

Have you not bid me love you, God and King  
All, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind  
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling  
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find

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Words Of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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 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.**

Lamb Of God

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

Communion

Post Communion Blessing

L: *(Please stand and join with those close to you. . .)* May the body and the blood of our Lord Jesus, now in you, strengthen you in body and preserve you in faith to life everlasting.

**A: Amen.**

L: O give thanks to the Lord for he is good,

**A: and his mercy endures forever. Amen.**

Corporate Prayer

We pray together prayers of:

Adoration

Confession

Thanksgiving

Supplication

Benediction

L: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

**A: Amen.**

Go In Peace

L: Go in peace, Read the word, Study the word, Serve the Lord.

**A: Thanks be to God!**

Closing Hymn: ***I Love To Tell The Story***

I love to tell the story  
Of unseen things above  
Of Jesus and his glory  
Of Jesus and his love  
I love to tell the story  
Because I know it's true  
It satisfies my longings  
As nothing else would do

I love to tell the story  
I'll sing this theme in glory  
And tell the old, old story  
Of Jesus and his love

I love to tell the story  
How pleasant to repeat  
What seems, each time I tell it  
More wonderfully sweet  
I love to tell the story  
For some have never heard  
The message of salvation  
From God's own holy Word

I love to tell the story  
I'll sing this theme in glory  
And tell the old, old story  
Of Jesus and his love

I love to tell the story  
For those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting  
To hear it like the rest  
And when, in scenes of glory  
I sing the new, new song  
I'll sing the old, old story  
That I have loved so long

I love to tell the story  
I'll sing this theme in glory  
And tell the old, old story  
Of Jesus and his love

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*"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8*

## **Sermon Notes**

### **The Church Unleashed**

⇒ What is the Kingdom of God?

⇒ What is the Holy Spirit?

⇒ What is the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?

## **Those To Pray For**

**HOSPITALIZED:**

**IN HOSPICE CARE:**

**CONTINUE TO KEEP IN PRAYER:** Tom Walker, Edna Hollar, Joy Hodak, Charles Simpson, Carolyn Schell, Elizabeth Ford, Scribner Family, Joyce Wheeler, Diane Debien, Don Krause, Fred Dais, Patty Komisar, Judy Clymer, Lynda Dunn, Pam Walker, Nancy Belt, Lonna Young, Andrea Penzinski, George Hochmuth, Bob Clymer, St. Paul's homebound

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES:** Brian Lange, Abe Diaz, Nicholas Brice, Jacob Brice, Trey Olman