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**Fourth Sunday After Epiphany**  
**January 29, 2023**

GREETER	Barb Ward
READER/ASSISTING MINISTER	Mary Jo Knudsen
USHERS	Cherf Family
ORGANIST/PIANIST	Marit Medefind

**This Week**

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>10 AM</b> Worship Service
	<b>11:15 AM</b> Annual Congregational Meeting
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>9 AM</b> Centering Prayer
	<b>10 AM</b> Bible Study
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>9 AM</b> Church Clean-Up

**Attendance for last week 31  
and 5 via Zoom**

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Greeting & Kyrie - ELW 147  
Gathering Song **O God of Mercy, O God of Light -  
ELW 714 (Verses 1, 2, 3 & 6)**  
Canticle of Praise - ELW 149  
Prayer of the Day  
First Reading  
Psalm  
Epistle Reading  
Special Music  
Gospel Announcement, Acclamation - ELW 151  
Gospel  
Message  
Hymn of the Day **Rise Up, O Saints of God - ELW  
669 (Verses 1-4)**  
Apostles' Creed - ELW 105  
Prayers of Intercession  
Offering and Prayer  
Great Thanksgiving - ELW 152 - Pastor Preface -  
Our Response - ELW 153  
Lord's Prayer - ELW 154  
Words of Institution  
Confession Song - ELW 154  
We Eat and Drink  
Prayer After Communion  
Blessing  
Sending Song **The Church's One Foundation -  
ELW 654 (Verses 1, 3 & 5)**  
Announcements -- Dismissal

## FOR THE GATHERED

Today, Jesus gives the famous –  
“Sermon on the Mount.”

Somewhere in these 12 verses,  
everyone finds themselves –  
the poor, meek, merciful, hungry, pure,  
sad, thirsty, peaceful, and persecuted.

Even in the most extreme circumstances,  
God is there.  
In laughter, or when all seems lost –  
God is there.

### Upcoming Events – Mark your Calendar

**February 5** Worship Service & Bible Study  
**February 8** Centering Prayer  
Bible Study

### Prayers for healing:

Robert Kateley; Dave Bettis; Eric Smith; Lynette  
Figueroa's nephew & mother; Gleneda Muralt's niece,  
Shereida; Lynette Figueroa; Nan Dailey; Kimberly  
Castillo's daughter Jillian and mother-in-law Lupe;  
Pam Andersen; Pastor John Russell-Curry and his  
family; Warren Westerberg; Jan & Joe Collins; Dottie  
Andersen; Sylvia Poupard; Jeane & David Hetland;  
Karen Darby; Penny Waha; Annie Sofranek; Susanne  
Smith; David Cherf; and people who are ill around the  
world.

We lift prayers for our Benevolence of the  
Month, **Scholarship Fund**, for our Sierra Pacific  
Synod Interim Bishop, **Rev. Claire Burkat**, for the  
people of **Ukraine and Russia**, and for the  
people impacted by the flooding in California.