

Epiphany | Fourth Sunday

8:30 am & 10:45 am January 28, 2024

New to COS?

If this is your first time at COS, please sign our guestbook:



Kids Church

Rooms 100-104 after the children's message until the end of the 10:45 am service. Preschool-4th grade.

Nursery

Room 101. Drop off either before the start of 10:45 am worship or after the children's message. Children are welcome to stay in the service too.

Hearing Assistance

The sanctuary is equipped with Williams Hearing Assist technology. Personal receivers are at the AV console.

Hymn 624:1-4 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**.

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Hymn Response 624:5

Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath,
come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen
sound from his people again;
gladly forever adore him!

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, look with mercy on our weaknesses, and in all our dangers and needs stretch out the right hand of your majesty to help and defend us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him. ¹⁶For this is what you asked of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, "Let us not hear the voice of the LORD our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die."

¹⁷The LORD said to me: "What they say is good. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him. ¹⁹I myself will call to account anyone who does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name. ²⁰But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, is to be put to death."

Second Reading

Hebrews 3:1-6

Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest. ²He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house. ³Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself. ⁴For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. ⁵"Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house," bearing witness to what would be spoken by God in the future. ⁶But Christ is faithful as the Son over God's house. And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory.

Stand



Mark 1:22



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Gospel Mark 1:21–28

²¹They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. ²²The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. ²³Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, ²⁴"What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"

²⁵"Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!" ²⁶The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

²⁷The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him." ²⁸News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

The children in the 10:45 am service are invited to the chancel steps for a message.

Hymn 744 Rise, Shine You People

Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Offerings may be given via the QR code (cosrock.org/donate) or the plates at the entrance to the sanctuary.

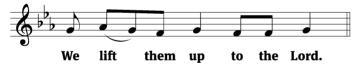


Stand

The Lord be with you.



Lift up your hearts.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



Proper Preface

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy Ho ly, ho ly, ho - lv Lord God of heav - en-ly hosts: heav'n and earth are full of vour glo - rv. Ho-san - na, ho in the high -Bless-ed is he, - na, ho-san-na est. bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace.

Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est.

As we remember his death and resurrection, we thank you for gathering us together to receive his body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

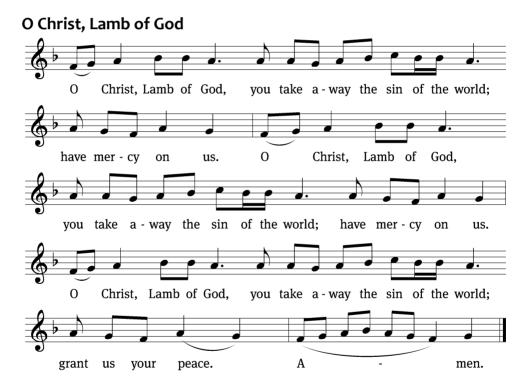
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my T body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my T blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.**



Be seated

While the Sacrament is being distributed, the organ will occasionally cue the seated congregation to sing verses of the following hymn.

Hymn 663 Soul Adorn Yourself with Gladness

Distribution

Reception of the Sacrament at COS is reserved for those who share our confession of the doctrines of Holy Scripture. We ask those who do not hold membership in this or another WELS congregation to give us the chance to teach those doctrines to you via our New Life in Christ Course prior to communing. Speak with one of our pastors for more or about the enrolling in the next course.

Center purple cups of each tray are reserved for those who have requested alcohol free wine for medical reasons.

Stand

Thanksgiving

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

Proclamation

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Post-Communion Prayer

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ${\mathbb T}$ give you peace.

Amen.

Hymn 386:1,3,5 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Announcements

Quarterly Meeting

11:45 am Sunday, January 28

There will be a brief quarterly meeting after the late service today. The agenda consists of usual business: membership actions, reports.

Adult Forum Topic

9:45 am Sundays

There are several key chapters in the Bible. One of them is Hebrews 11, the "Heroes of Faith" chapter. We continue our discussion with Abraham this Sunday.

Men's Class

8:00 am Mondays

Preview and discuss the scheduled Scriptures for the coming weekend over a cyp of coffee and a bite to eat with your brothers in the faith.

Youth Group Game Night

5:00-7:00 pm Sunday, January 28

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to a game night in the youth center with dinner provided. Sign up at cosrock.org/youth.

Ladies Bible Study

6:30 pm Mondays

Ladies are invited to attend a Bible study focusing on the great women of the New Testament. Join us this week as we discuss the Women Whom Jesus Helped.

Preschool 4's Classroom Assistant Position

Would you like to work part-time (mornings, M-F) at COS Preschool beginning in the Fall? Contact Linda Gauger (lindagauger@live.com, 616.866.0611) for more info.

Preschool Enrollment for 2024/25

Enrollment for school year has begun! Classes are filling up quickly. For more information visit cosrock.org/preschool or contact Linda Gauger (lindagauger@live.com, 616.866.0611).

Offering Statements

If you would like your 2023 offering statement for tax purposes or for your own records, you can access it via the COS member access portal. You can also email Heather Hahm (cosrock_staffminister@hotmail.com) in the office and she will send you a copy.

Announcements

Free

The church has various items it no longer uses and would like to offer for free to COS members. If you are interested in any of the items on the list below, contact Heather Hahm at cosrock_staffminister@hotmail.com.

8 Round Folding Tables 1 Stool Height Office Chair

4 Christmas tree boxes 1 Wood & Upholstered Chair, forest green

1 Dinning Room Table 4 Bulletin boards (4x8ft)

MLC Choir Housing Sign Up

Wednesday, March 6

The 6o-voice strong Martin Luther College Choir will sing at COS during our Lenten Vespers on Wednesday, March 6. We are excited to host these future pastors, teachers, and staff ministers of our Synod.



Unlike any other guest choir we've hosted, the MLC choir will need to be housed overnight. You are invited to take a pair of students home with you after church on Wednesday, March 6. Bringing them back to COS by 8:00 am Thursday, March 7 so that they can depart for the next stop on their tour. You may host more than one pair. Individual beds are always appreciated, but not required. Scan the QR code to volunteer to host students in your home or visit cosrock.org/host.

Holiday Assistance Fund Update

While the congregation's Assistance Fund can receive designated gifts throughout the year, during the prior two months COS members contributed \$3,342.50 to it. In December we distributed \$5,915.85 of assistance to various member and non-member households, including a \$3,000 gift to North Kent Connect. The current balance of the Assistance Fund is \$5,562, which will be drawn on as need arises throughout the year at the Board of Elders' direction.

Member Access Portal

COS members, have you updated your member access portal information lately? Now is a great time to upload a new photo and make sure all your information is correct. You can access your account at cosrock.org/member. If you have not logged in previously and need an invitation to set up your account, please contact Heather Hahm (cosrock_staffminister@hotmail.com). The member access portal is also the place where you can print off your yearly giving statement for tax purposes.

Announcements

Prayer Pals Brunch

9:30 am Saturday, February 10

All COS women are invited to the next Prayer Pal Brunch on February 10. Current participants will find out who had been praying for them during the last few months, newcomers will learn about how Prayer Pals works. The morning is a fun time to get to know other members of the group. Food will be provided, all you need to do is bring yourself!

Lent

February 14-March 30

The important seasons of Lent is fast approaching. As always, COS adds a series of special 6:30 pm midweek services to the worship schedule called Lenten Vespers. They are "in addition to" the regular weekend services, with their own themes and mood. The first one is Ash Wednesday with its focus on mortality. There is the optional imposition of ashes prior to the start of worship, special music, Holy Communion. Four of the remaining five Wednesdays of Lent will delve into the theme "Baptized into His Death." Luther's Small Catechism and members of the 8th Grade Confirmation Class will assist us. These services will be about forty minutes in length. The middle Wednesday service on March 6 will be led by the Martin Luther College Choir. It will last over an hour.

You are encouraged to block out these Wednesday evenings for focusing on your Savior in worship and fellowship (see below).

Lenten Suppers

5:30 - 6:20 pm Wednesdays, Feb 14-March 20

Prior to each of the Lenten Vespers is a Lenten Supper,. While not having to make supper on a night you are also coming to church is a convenience, the real purpose of the Lenten Suppers is fellowship. Eat when you arrive. Eat with your COS sisters and brothers. Different menu each week. Different church groups cooking each week. Free. Freewill donations accepted to defray cost.

Feb 14 - Pancake Supper (Proceeds go to COS Youth Group's summer CO trip)

Feb 21- Jambalaya (Men's Breakfast Study)

Feb 28 - Tacos (Evangelism Committee)

Mar 6 - Lasagna (MLC Choir)

Mar 13 - Brats & Burgers (Church Council)

Mar 20 - Soup & Sandwich (Choir)

this week @ COS

birthdays & anniversaries

Larry Maple

Jim Glanzman

Waylon Porter

Crystal Brower

Dan Lewkowski

Danielle Lindloff

Justin Frickson

Sunday, January 28

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School/Little Lambs/

Adult Forum

10:45 am Worship

Ouarterly Meeting 11:45 am

Youth Group Game Night 5:00 pm

Monday, January 29

8:00 am Men's Breakfast Bible Study

9:00 am Preschool 4's 9:15 am Preschool 3's Ladies Bible Study 6:30 pm

Tuesday, January 30

9:00 am Preschool 4's 9:15 am Preschool 3's

Wednesday, January 31 DeAnne Sherd

9:00 am Preschool 4's Preschool 3's 9:15 am 5:30 pm Pizza Supper Catechism Classes 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm

Thursday, February 1 9:00 am Preschool 4's

Preschool 3's 9:15 am 6:30 pm Worship

Friday, February 2 Preschool 4's g:ooam

Toddler Time 9:15 am

Saturday, February 3 Jacob Lamborne Dale Shaft

Sunday, February 4

8:30 am Worship

Sunday School/Little Lambs/ 9:45 am

Adult Forum

Worship 10:45 am

* meets offsite



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Sermon

Pastor Tim Gauger

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Altar Guild

Jill Weber

Rebekah Becker

Rosemary Winicki Laurie Marquis

Snow Patrol

Paul Becker

Thys VanderWall

8:30 am

Streaming

Chaz Varady

Dalton Lewkowski

Acolyte

Bo Glanzman Lector

Mark DeWitt

Communion

Mark DeWitt Rick Brancato

Usher

Gerald Hammerschmidt Ben Mayse

Coffee Set Up

Cleve Kasper Kathy Kasper

10:45 am

Acolyte

Landon Moore

Lector

Tim Dahlke

Communion

Brad Clark Tim Dahlke

Usher

Dan Moore

Coffee Clean Up

Judi Castle Bill Castle