

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 27 & 28, 2018

5:00 p.m. & 8:30 a.m.

AS WE GATHER

When the Israelites were about to enter the Promised Land and Moses was about to die, he announced that the Lord had promised another prophet to follow him. While the people saw Joshua as that prophet, centuries later, Jesus was the complete fulfillment of the prophecy. When He spoke, all creation—including unclean spirits—obeyed, to the amazement of the people in today's Holy Gospel. Unfortunately, as Paul reminds us in the Epistle, we do not always hear a clear command from our Lord as we deal with one another. But Jesus' sacrifice for us frees us to put our neighbor's needs above our own.

PRELUDE

"O Savior of Our Fallen Race"

setting by Kevin Hildebrand

The congregation turns and faces the cross as the procession approaches the altar reminding us that Christ leads us into the presence of God.

✦ PREPARATION ✦

Please stand

ENTRANCE HYMN

403 O Savior of Our Fallen Race



1 O Sav - ior of our fall - en race, O Bright - ness
 3 Re - mem - ber, Lord of life and grace, How once, to
 4 To - day, as year by year its light Bathes all the
 5 For from the Fa - ther's throne You came, His ban - ished



of the Fa - ther's face, O Son who shared
 save our fall - en race, You put our hu -
 world in ra - diance bright, One pre - cious truth
 chil - dren to re - claim; And earth and sea



the Fa - ther's might Be - fore the world knew
 man ves - ture on And came to us as
 out - shines the sun: Sal - va - tion comes from
 and sky re - vere The love of Him who



day or night, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Mar - y's son. Al - le - lu - ia!
 You a - lone. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sent You here. Al - le - lu - ia!

**7 O Christ, Redeemer virgin-born, Let songs of praise Your name adorn,
 Whom with the Father we adore And Holy Spirit evermore. Alleluia!**

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INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Leader: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

Leader: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a (called and ordained) servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

528 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

**Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of His grace!**

**See all your sins on Jesus laid; The Lamb of God was slain.
His soul was once an off'ring made For ev'ry soul of man.**

**To God all glory, praise, and love Be now and ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above, The Church in earth and heav'n.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

People: **Lord of all, in wisdom You order all things mightily and tenderly. Your Word brings order out of chaos, light out of darkness, and life out of death. Move us to submit to Your rule, so that by Your grace, we may become instruments of order, light, and life, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

WELCOME

✠ WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 18:15–20

(God promises a prophet to follow Moses.)

¹⁵ The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to him. ¹⁶ For 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."

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

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY

“Psalm 111: Praise the Lord!”

Hal Hopson

Refrain

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Hal - le -
*Sing it o-ver.
lu - jah! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord! Hal - le - lu - jah! Praise the Lord!

Soloist: *Great are Your works, O Lord; those who explain them find Your delight. Glorious and majestic are Your deeds; Your goodness and mercy will last forever. **Refrain***

Soloist: *You sustain those who are faithful; You always remember Your covenant promises. You have shown Your people what Your strength can do; You have given us the heritage of the nations. **Refrain***

Soloist: *You have sent redemption to Your people; You have established Your covenant forever. The fear of You, O Lord, is the beginning of wisdom; wise are those who live by it. **Refrain***

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EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 8:1–13

(Paul warns against hurting the faith of a weak brother.)

¹ Now about food sacrificed to idols: We know that we all possess knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ² The man who thinks he knows something does not yet know as he ought to know. ³ But the man who loves God is known by God.

⁴ So then, about eating food sacrificed to idols: We know that an idol is nothing at all in the world and that there is no God but one. ⁵ For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords"), ⁶ yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live.

⁷ But not everyone knows this. Some people are still so accustomed to idols that when they eat such food they think of it as having been sacrificed to an idol, and since their conscience is weak, it is defiled. ⁸ But food does not bring us near to God; we are no worse if we do not eat, and no better if we do.

⁹ Be careful, however, that the exercise of your freedom does not become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰ For if anyone with a weak conscience sees you who have this knowledge eating in an idol's temple, won't he be emboldened to eat what has been sacrificed to idols? ¹¹ So this weak brother, for whom Christ died, is destroyed by your knowledge. ¹² When you sin against your brothers in this way and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. ¹³ Therefore, if what I eat causes my brother to fall into sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause him to fall.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

8:30 "Grant Peace, We Pray"

F. Mendelssohn/C. Schalk

Please stand

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:21–28

(People are amazed at Jesus' authority over unclean spirits.)

²¹ They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. ²² The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. ²³ Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an evil 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!" ²⁶ The evil spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

²⁷ The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching--and with authority! He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey him."

²⁸ News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE WORD

842 Son of God, Eternal Savior

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Please stand

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

"Voluntary in D^b Major"

Gerald Finzi

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Leader: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

+ + + Special Intercessions + + +

Each concluding: **Leader:** Lord, in Your mercy, **People:** hear our prayer.

Leader: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

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.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please turn towards the cross as it is carried out of the church, and remain facing it until the hymn is completed. This symbolizes our following Christ into the world as we leave.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

533 Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure

POSTLUDE

“Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure Eternal” setting by Gunther M. Göttsche

Life Thought from Lutherans For Life

We testify to each life's preciousness with Christ's authority and effectiveness (Mark 1:22). He has redeemed even sinners by dying for all. He has defeated the devil himself by rising again. We need not retreat in the face of utter evils or hostile accusations. The Word of Life reclaims souls, changes hearts, and saves lives. Almighty Savior, work Your confidence and concern in us and through us. Amen.

The month of January is when we focus on and celebrate the sanctity of human life.

Prepare for next weekend's worship by reading:
Isaiah 40:21-31; 1 Corinthians 9:16-27; Mark 1:29-39

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Serving at Chapel

Preacher:	Orval Mueller
Liturgists:	5:00 p.m. Clifford Bischoff
	8:30 a.m. Theodore Laesch
	11:00 a.m. Jake Bellinghausen
Lectors:	8:30 a.m. Bill Westbrook
	11:00 a.m. Ken Kreitner
Acolytes:	5:00 p.m. Jared Cleveland
	8:30 a.m. Nate Laesch
	11:00 a.m. Alex Uttley
Choirs:	8:30 a.m. Choral Singers
	11:00 a.m. Children's Choir & Joyful Noise
Instrumentalists:	Lynda Christian, oboe Craig Schlichtmann, clarinet Matt McEuen & Ellory Glenn, guitars Glenn Lackey, percussion
Directors:	Ryan Meyer, Jen Schmidt, & Carolyn Rusnak
Organist:	Ryan Meyer
Accompanists:	Ryan Meyer & Carolyn Rusnak
Radio Announcer:	Mike Powell
Elder of the Week:	Ellory Glenn