

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**  
**Deuteronomy 18:15-20 (ESV)**

<sup>15</sup> “The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— <sup>16</sup> just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ <sup>17</sup> And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. <sup>18</sup> I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. <sup>19</sup> And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. <sup>20</sup> But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’

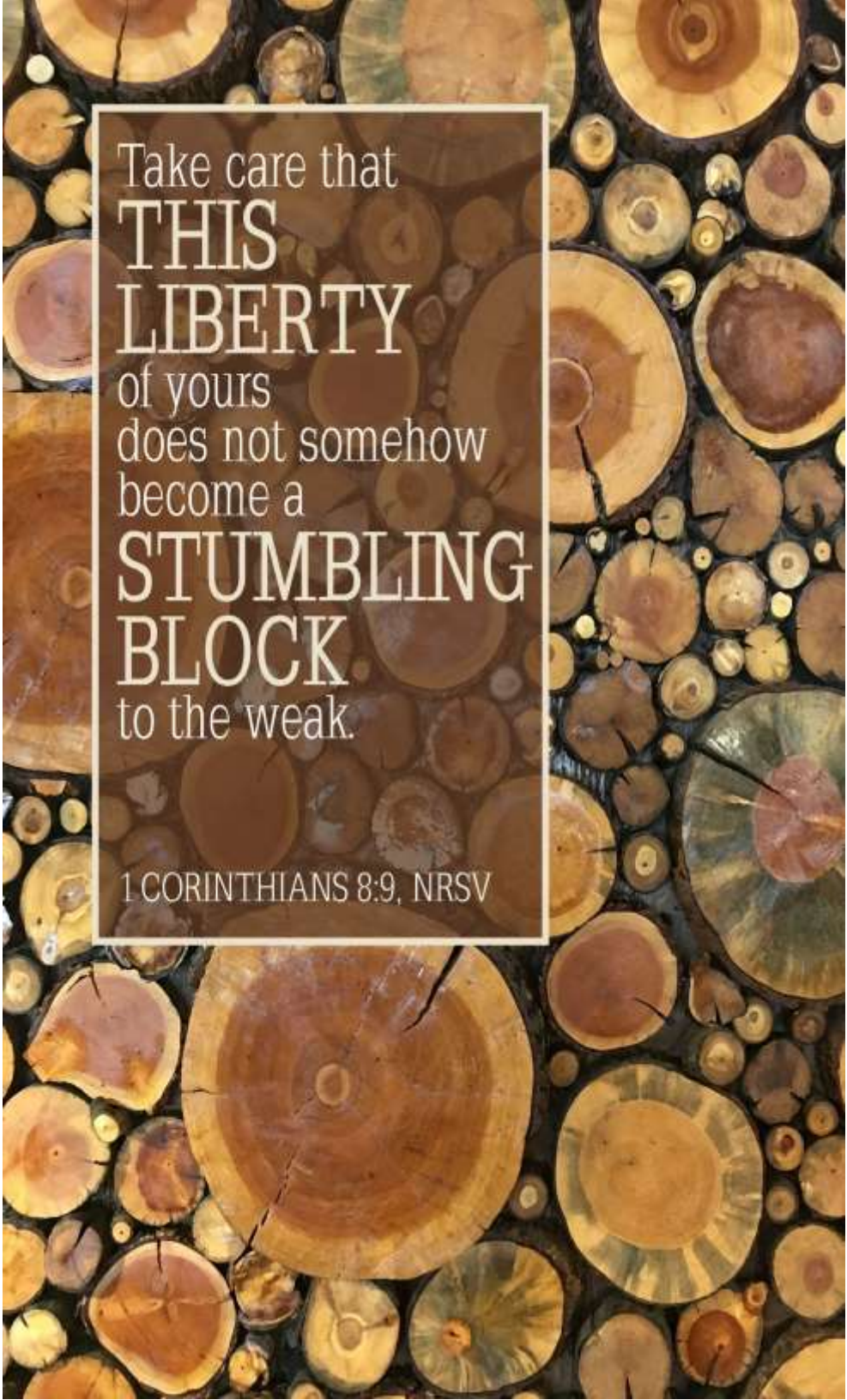
**Ephesians 2:19-21**

<sup>19</sup> So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup> built on the foundation of

the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, <sup>21</sup> in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.

**Mark 1:21-28 (ESV)**

<sup>21</sup> And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. <sup>22</sup> And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup> And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, <sup>24</sup> “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” <sup>25</sup> But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” <sup>26</sup> And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup> And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” <sup>28</sup> And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.



Take care that  
**THIS  
LIBERTY**  
of yours  
does not somehow  
become a  
**STUMBLING  
BLOCK**  
to the weak.

1 CORINTHIANS 8:9, NRSV

January 28, 2024  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
Zion Lutheran Church  
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✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

**As We Gather** ~ Our Lord Jesus Christ, True God in the Flesh, Cleanses Our Consciences from Sin. As He promised, the Lord our God has raised up “a prophet” like Moses, namely Jesus, our brother in the flesh. “To him you shall listen,” because the Word of the Lord is “in his mouth” (Deut. 18:15–18). Indeed, He is more than a prophet and more than a scribe of the Scriptures; He is the incarnate Word, and He speaks “a new teaching with authority” (Mark 1:22, 27). He enters “the synagogue” of His Church and provides true Sabbath rest, using His authority to silence and cast out “even the unclean spirits” (Mark 1:21–27). By His Word of the cross, He removes the accusations of the Law and of the devil, and He cleanses our consciences before God the Father, “from whom are all things and for whom we exist.” Hence, we are now set free from bondage and commended to God by the one Lord, Jesus Christ, “through whom are all things and through whom we exist” (1 Cor. 8:6). Therefore, use your freedom to care for your brothers and sisters, neither causing them to stumble nor wounding their consciences (1 Cor. 8:9–12), but cleansing and strengthening them with the Gospel. We celebrate Lutheran Schools today as we remember how important it is to “raise up a child in the way they should go, so that when they are older they will not turn from it”.

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<b>Pastor</b>	Larry Warsinski
<b>Organist</b>	Tami Mosher
<b>A/V</b>	Sierra Yell
<b>Elder/Reader</b>	Dick Bluemer
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Suzanne Schultz & Diane Schultz
<b>Ushers</b>	Paul Bohn and Roger Kade

**Our Measure of Love and Gifts**

**Attendance last week** – 55 ~ Needed for *The Lord’s Work at Zion* \$3934 ~ Received for *the Lord’s Work* \$34,458 includes \$1250 Parsonage rent; Capital Projects \$40; God’s Helping Hands \$105.

**Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday:** January 31-Rusty Laurenz, Mike Walton; February 1- Ryan Eggebrecht, Pam McNett; February 2- Dale Diebel, Larry Feusse; February 3- Jessica Walton.

**Today’s Memory Verse** ~ For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel, “In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.”



**Jeanne Kade**, faithful member of Zion died January 25, 2024 and will be given Christian burial on Tuesday. Jeanne is survived by her children Gary (Lisa) Kade and Julie Kenny; her grandchildren, Nicholas Mulvaney, Ryan Kade (fiancé, Caitlyn Siler), Jacob Mulvaney, Morgan Mulvaney, and Austin Kade; her siblings, Margaret Hagerl, Larry (Shirley) Jarabeck, Karen (Randy) Wurtzel, Sharon (Mike) Ilher, and Alice (Pat) Wurtzel; her sister-in-law, Doris Kade, and many nieces and nephews. Along with her husband, Marvin Kade, and parents, Jeanne was welcomed home to heaven by her siblings, Bob (Jackie) Jarabeck, Mary (Darrell) Willson, and Donna Beador. ***And I heard a voice from heaven saying, 'Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. Blessed indeed,' says the Spirit, 'that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!'" (Revelation 14:13 ESV).***

**Reminder to Thrivent Members** ~ Thrivent Choice Dollars for 2023 will expire March 31, 2024. Direct your dollars by phone (1-800-847-4836) or online at [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](https://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) and follow the prompts. You will need your Thrivent membership number and S.S. number. Any undesignated funds will remain with the company.

The wonderful thing about praying is that you leave a world of not being able to do something and enter God’s realm, where everything is possible. He specializes in the impossible. Nothing is too great for his almighty power. Nothing is too small for his love.

—Corrie ten Boom