

WELCOME

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 31, 2021



“JESUS’ AUTHORITY AND POWER”

AS WE GATHER

In today’s Gospel from Mark 1, we are reminded of Jesus’ divine authority in His teaching to the people and also in His power over evil spirits. This power and authority was foretold by prophets such as Moses, pointing to the One who would fulfill all things as the long-awaited perfect prophet and Savior. In that power and authority, Christ has won our victory through His death and rising, and we are blessed with freedom in that faith to be used to His glory in service to others.

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN “Today Your Mercy Calls Us” *(LSB 915)*

**1 Today Your mercy calls us
To wash away our sin.
However great our trespass,
Whatever we have been,
However long from mercy
Our hearts have turned away,
Your precious blood can wash us
And make us clean today.**

**2 Today Your gate is open,
And all who enter in
Shall find a Father's welcome
And pardon for their sin.
The past shall be forgotten,
A present joy be giv'n,
A future grace be promised,
A glorious crown in heav'n.**

**3 Today our Father calls us;
The Holy Spirit waits;
His blessed angels gather
Around the heav'nly gates.
No question will be asked us
How often we have come;
Although we oft have wandered,
It is our Father's home.**

**4 O all-embracing Mercy,
O ever-open Door,
What should we do without You
When heart and eye run o'er?
When all things seem against us,
To drive us to despair,
We know one gate is open,
One ear will hear our prayer.**

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: 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.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Pastor: 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.**

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. To those who believe in His name He gives the power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

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☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE “Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise” (LSB 946)

**Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise;
Of heav’nly joy and earthly peace we sing.
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,
Lord God, almighty Father, heav’nly King.**

**Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,
At God’s right hand in majesty most high:
Who with the Spirit worshiped and adored,
With all the heav’nly host we glorify.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Deuteronomy 18:15–20* (A new prophet like Moses)

¹⁵ “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—
¹⁶ 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.’ ¹⁷ And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. ¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. ²⁰ 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.’

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 8:1–13* (*In our freedom, not causing others to stumble*)

8 Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up.
² If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³ But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

⁴ Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.”
⁵ For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—⁶ yet for us

there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷ However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸ Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹ But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰ For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? ¹¹ And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹² Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³ Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE *Mark 1:22a (spoken together)*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

They were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one who had authority.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 1:21–28 (Jesus teaches with authority and shows His power over unclean spirits.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.
People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²¹ And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²² And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³ And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴ “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.” ²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, **“Be silent, and come out of him!”** ²⁶ And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷ 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.” ²⁸ And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY “Son of God, Eternal Savior”
(LSB 842, Sts. 1,3,4)

**1 Son of God, eternal Savior,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
hallows all our human race.
You, our Head, who, throned in glory,
for your own will ever plead,
Fill us with your love and pity;
heal our wrongs, and help our need.**

**3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
King of love, and Prince of peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion,
bid its cruel discords cease;
by Your patient years of toiling,
by Your silent hours of pain,
quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
shame our selfish greed of gain.**

**4 Son of God, eternal Savior,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Son of Man, whose birth among us
hallows all our human race,
By Your praying, by Your willing,
that Your people should be one,
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition:
here on earth Your will be done.**

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald

CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was

buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalms 136*

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and proper that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. He is the

long-awaited Prophet and Savior, the Holy One who has destroyed the power of the devil and gives forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation by His sacrifice on the cross. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

(Tune: LSB 507)

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Day and night we join to praise
Your love and majesty.
You alone are holy, worthy, and righteous.
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
We rejoice to join the hymns
Of earth and sky and sea.
Generations praise You, with saints and angels.
Holy and bless'd through all eternity.**

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THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: **“Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”**

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: **“Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”**

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

(LSB 633, Sts. 1 & 2)

**At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from His pierced side. Alleluia!**

**Praise we Him, whose love divine
Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the Feast—
Christ the victim, Christ the Priest. Alleluia!**

+DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION+

By communing, a person says publicly that they -

- are baptized and confirmed*
- believe Christ's words*
- repent of their sins*
- fully agree with all that the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod teaches.*

How to receive –

- anyone may come to the altar but keep hands folded if not receiving Communion*
- the center of the tray has a cup with just a drop of wine for those who must minimize alcohol*
- smile, exude your joy, but keep a reverent demeanor as others commune*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN “How Great Thou Art” (LSB 801)

**1 O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;**

**Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee;
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee;
How great thou art! How great thou art!**

**2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; [Refrain]**

**3 And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin; [Refrain]**

**4 When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" [Refrain]**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

(Tune: LSB 633)

**For this feast our thanks we give;
Through its gifts we ever live,
Thanks and praise forever sing
Till we hear the heavens ring, "Alleluia!"**

**Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!**

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. With grateful hearts we give thanks, heavenly Father, that You have strengthened us by Your Means of Grace. Grant that our faith in Jesus, Prophet and Savior, Lord of Light and hope in our trials, would increase and our courage would

grow to serve You and others in Your name through all circumstances; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: 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. *Numbers 6:24–26*

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “Abide, O Dearest Jesus” (*LSB 919*
Sts. 1,2,5,6)

**1 Abide, O dearest Jesus, Among us with Your grace
That Satan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.**

**2 Abide, O dear Redeemer, Among us with Your Word,
And thus now and hereafter True peace and joy afford.**

**5 Abide with Your protection Among us, Lord, our strength,
Lest world and Satan fell us And overcome at length.**

**6 Abide, O faithful Savior, Among us with Your love;
Grant steadfastness and help us To reach our home above.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- **Preacher:** Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald
 - **Liturgist:** Rev. Maurice Lind
 - **Organist:** George Kelm
 - **Reader:** Brian Larie
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 (oswald1@charter.net) with your prayer requests. We are
 not collecting prayer request cards.**
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- **A FAITH THAT STANDS UP TO CHALLENGES:**
Wed, Feb 3, 6:30-7:20 (In the Fellowship Hall)
**“Bible Prophecies Fulfilled: Scripture’s Truthfulness
 Demonstrated” - Mike Gomski**
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- **Wed, Feb 10, 6:30-7:20 (In the Sanctuary)**
**“A Musical Foray into Our Experiences with Christ” -
 Pastor Oswald and George Kelm**
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- **“Creation in the Digital Age” will be presented by Duane
 Caldwell next Monday, February 8, at 7:00 PM, at
 Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 1501 Deep Lake Road,
 Antioch. See midwestcreationfellowship.org for more
 information.**

BIRTHDAYS

2/2 Nadine Kelm
2/4 Lynn Mueller
2/6 Carol Johnson

Opportunities to Serve the Lord This Week
2/1/21 – 2/7/21

Wednesday: 8:00am: Men’s Breakfast
4:30pm: Confirmation Class
6:30pm: Bible Study

Saturday: 9:30am: Worship Service

Sunday: 8:15am: Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am: Worship Service
10:15 am: Bible Study
Children’s Sunday School