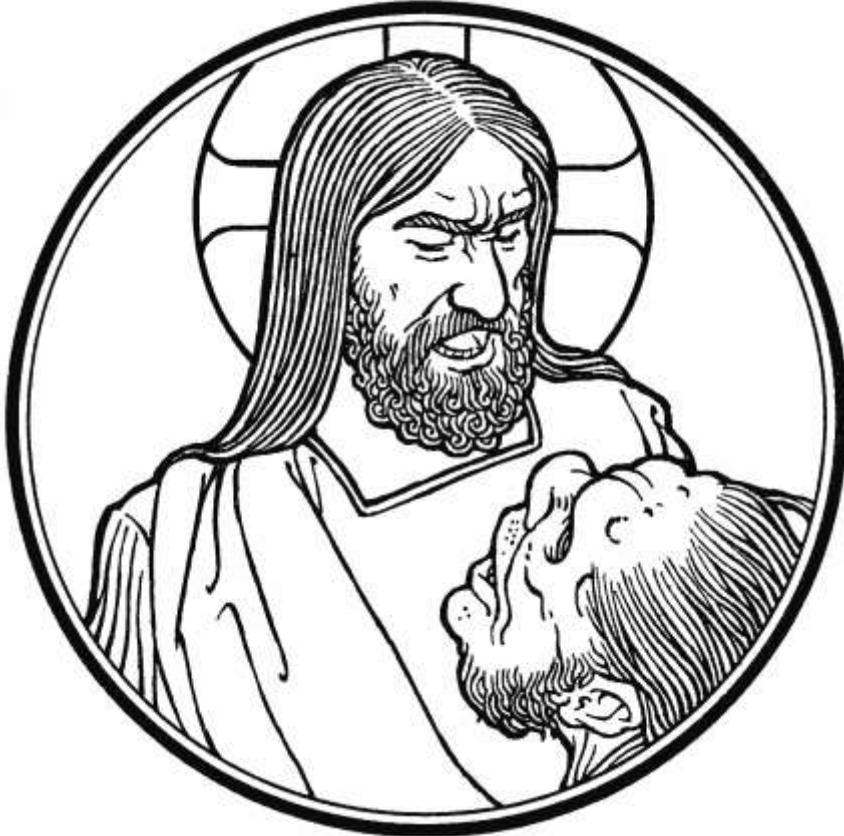


# GLORY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Welcome all** in the name of Jesus, especially those who are worshiping for the first time with us. Please sign our guest book (make sure to indicate if you would like the Pastor to visit) and accept our invitation to worship with us again.

**Who should commune at the Altar of Glory of Christ Lutheran Church?** According to the Scriptures and the Confessional statements of the church only those should commune who "have been examined and absolved" by the pastor. If you wish to commune at Glory of Christ for the first time, please talk to the Pastor before doing so. Holy Communion is the most intimate expression of Christian fellowship and it is important to the members of Glory of Christ Lutheran Church that all who commune have a common understanding and commitment to the Gospel teachings of the Bible.

**Following along with the Service:** At Glory of Christ the pastor typically makes announcements after the service. So the service just starts at the appropriate time without a specific welcome. (The welcome actually occurs in the service itself when the pastor says, "The Lord be with you" and the congregation responds.) To follow the service, you should turn to the page indicated at the top of your bulletin insert. This week the page is 184. Usually we simply work through the service interrupting the process for the singing of hymns, certain prayers and the scripture readings. The prayers are usually printed in the service folder as are the Scripture readings. Hymns are found in the latter half of the Service book. If you are having trouble following the service you can ask someone nearby and they will help you. You can also comfort yourself with the knowledge that almost everyone has a little trouble following the service the first time through. It gets easier.

## Worship Notes

### The Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

#### Mark 1:21-28

#### "Authority"

Twice the crowds marvel at Jesus' authority: the first as he teaches them and the second as he drives out an unclean spirit. But these are not two different authorities. Jesus came to unseat the powers of darkness that rule our present age. When Jesus healed the paralytics and forgave the sinners and raised the dead and cast out demons, these were all part of the whole cloth of his reign. Jesus' authority is not merely to *declare* us free from the powers of sin and death, but to actually *free* us, driving back the evil that infects this fallen world. Jesus does not come only with a promise of salvation. But He comes with *authority* to bring that promise to fulfillment.



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## COLLECT

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.

**C Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 18:15–20

<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.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL - Ps. 117:1-2a; 96:8



**Praise the LORD, all | nations!\***

**Extol him, all | peoples!**

**For great is his steadfast | love toward us,\***

**and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.**

**Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;\***

**bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!**

## **EPISTLE** 1 Corinthians 8:1–13

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup>If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. <sup>3</sup>But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

<sup>4</sup>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.” <sup>5</sup>For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—<sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. <sup>9</sup>But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup>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? <sup>11</sup>And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. <sup>12</sup>Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup>Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

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## **HOLY GOSPEL** Mark 1:21–28

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

**C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] 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.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## **CREED**

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**SERMON HYMN #849** – *"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"*

## **SERMON**

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## The Distribution Hymns:

**Hymn #754** – *“Entrust Your Days and Burdens”*

**Hymn #620** – *“Jesus Comes Today with Healing”*

**Hymn #664** – *“Fight the Good Fight”*

## Individual Prayer for after Communion:

*(It is suggested that you pray this in your pew after returning from the altar.)*

O grant, most blessed Lord,  
That earth and hell combined  
May not about this sacrament  
Raise doubt within my mind.

Oh, may I never fail  
To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood,  
O God, my peace and light.

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**CLOSING HYMN #528** – *“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*

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## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Altar Flower Chart:** The cost of the Altar flowers is \$40 per Sunday and you will be able to take your flowers home with you after the service in a box located ***near the organ speaker to the right of the Altar.*** To have your payment for flowers applied correctly, please use one of the *Designated Offering* envelopes found in your box of envelopes or label the outside of one of your regular envelopes with the words ‘Altar flowers’. *If you take the black liners home, please be sure to bring them back to church by the following Wednesday.* Janice Hartness is our flower coordinator. If you have any special requests, please contact her at 763-355-5427 by the Wednesday prior. **The Flower chart for 2018 is in the back of the Sanctuary.**

**Tim and Peggy Lavanger** gave Altar Flowers this week in loving memory of Al and Shirley Lavanger.

**Sunday Schedule: Divine Service 9:00 AM;** followed by Bible Class at 10:30.

**Saturday Evening Divine Services 5:00 PM**

***Wednesday morning Bible Study and Prayer services have begun again at Corner Stone Commons at 9:30; followed by Bible Study at 10:00.***

**Volunteers Needed for Setting Up the church Post-Construction:** Construction on the church is tentatively scheduled to be completed by end of January. There will be a lot of work to do to unload the storage pods and to set up all the new rooms. Signup sheets for volunteers are on the back table of the Sanctuary. **Two dates have been chosen – Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> will primarily be just getting everything out of the pods. Saturday February 10<sup>th</sup> will be organizing the various rooms.** Please consider helping with this fun and exciting new chapter for our church!

**Northwest Suburban Circuit Congregation Prayers** – Each week we will be praying for a congregation in the circuit and for others who have or have had a connection with them. This week, we are asking for prayers for Concordia Theological Seminary – Fort Wayne, IN and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO.

**Offering Envelopes** – Your 2018 Offering Envelopes are in the back of the Sanctuary. If you do not see a box assigned to you, please let Brenda know.

**2017 Tithing statements have been run and are available along with the Time and Talent Sheets. They are located on the tables in the back of the Sanctuary. Thank You!**

**Compassion Circle:** Some people have asked what we do. Our group is the main community outreach for the church. Along with making quilts, we have contributed to Women's shelters, food banks, disaster relief, LCMS schools and missions, and taking care of our own members with emergency assistance, shut-in visits and funerals. As we start a New Year, please consider volunteering with your time and talent sheets for help with funerals. We are in urgent need for help to prep, serve, and clean up. Even an hour of your time will help. We also would welcome volunteers to donate food (a salad or bars) which can be delivered a day ahead if it is more convenient. These are only a few of our compassionate efforts, but we hope it may inspire you to join us or volunteer. Any comments or questions are gladly welcomed to Louise Werts or Zelda Malo. Hope to hear from you or see you at our next meeting!

**Quilters:** Zion Lutheran Church has invited us to join them again this year tying quilts for "The Orphan Grain Train", on **Wednesday, the 7th of February** starting at 9:00 am. Lunch will be provided. Come in have some fun with our Christian sisters. If anyone would like to car pool let us know. Call Eunice at 763-493-5333 or meet us there.

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Hopkins, MN

**Mom's Group** will meet on Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, at the home of Danielle Woodgate; 18230 - 34<sup>th</sup> Ave N Plymouth: 6:00-8:00 PM

**Update on Construction/Restrooms:** We now have 2 separate restrooms for men and women! The prior women's restroom is now the men's restroom and new women's restroom, located just outside the Sanctuary on the Hand Bell Choir side, is operational! So.....no more switching of signs! Demo on the prior women's restroom will begin soon. But.....there is another new restroom that will be operational for the men and it is located at the end of hall down by where the prior men's restroom was. This is a single stool restroom, but will have to do until the construction on the new men's restroom is completed. Thank you everyone for your patience and understanding during this entire project! We are getting so close to completion!

**Dedication of the new Church Building:** On Sunday, **February 25<sup>th</sup>**, we will have our dedication service for the new church building. It will immediately follow the Divine Service. Afterwards, we will have a celebratory luncheon in our new Fellowship Hall! More details to come but save this date to your calendars!

**Update on LCMS Mexico Mission:** Both of our missionaries are based out of Mexico City, and as part of our work, we will be sponsoring a short-term work trip there over Memorial Day weekend this year. Although not all the details have been worked out yet, some of our activities will include doing some general repair and maintenance of one of the church buildings, working with the local musicians, and simply providing Christian encouragement to our brothers and sisters who are there.

**Prayer List:** As a reminder, if you have a friend or loved one that you ask to be on the prayer list, their name will remain for one month and then removed, unless otherwise notified. Thank You!

