

Lutheran Church of The Good Shepherd

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany, January 31st, 2021

TODAY'S PRAYERS: Wally & Marjorie Funk, Jack Zacharias, Ruth Machel, Rick Fenske, Julian Woligroski, Del Jones, Kimberly Nachtigall, Jennifer Nault, Aryssa Rowe, Solvia Bradley, Pam Sear, Mary Grace Kunzelman, Bob and Audrey Bodnaruk, Brian Borchartt battling Covid 19, Gerhard and Adi Limpach, Alice Jardine, Phyllis Lockhardt as well as the rest of our family at Good Shepherd, Kenora. We also Pray for the family and friends of Eveyln Manweiler as well as the family and friends of Travis Dooley along with Brittany McDougall, "Travis was her boyfriend" and all the family of Cathy Hall, Brittany's Mom.

Order of Service: Divine Service Setting Four

LSB 203

Hymn of Invocation: Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good

LSB 819

- 1 Sing praise to God, the highest good,
The author of creation,
The God of love who understood
Our need for His salvation.
With healing balm our souls He fills
And ev'ry faithless murmur stills:
To God all praise and glory!
- 2 What God's almighty pow'r has made,
In mercy He is keeping.
By morning glow or evening shade
His eye is never sleeping.
Within the kingdom of His might
All things are just and good and right:
To God all praise and glory!
- 3 We sought the Lord in our distress;
O God, in mercy hear us.
Our Savior saw our helplessness
And came with peace to cheer us.
For this we thank and praise the Lord,
Who is by one and all adored:
To God all praise and glory!
- 4 He never shall forsake His flock,
His chosen generation;
He is their refuge and their rock,
Their peace and their salvation.
As with a mother's tender hand,
He leads His own, His chosen band:
To God all praise and glory!
- 5 All who confess Christ's holy name,
Give God the praise and glory.
Let all who know His pow'r proclaim
Aloud the wondrous story.
Cast ev'ry idol from its throne,
For God is God, and He alone:
To God all praise and glory!

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the Name of the Lord,

C **Who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P 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 yours sins in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Introit

Psalm 32:1–2, 5–7; antiphon: v. 10

Many are the sorrows of the wicked,

but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,

whose sin is covered.

Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,

and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found;

surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach Him.

You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble;

You surround me with shouts of deliverance.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

Kyrie

LSB 204

C Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.

C 1 To God on high be glory
 And peace to all the earth;
 Goodwill from God in heaven
 Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
 We praise and bless You, Father;
 Your holy name, we sing—
 Our thanks for Your great glory,
 Lord God, our heav'nly King.

2 To You, O sole-begotten,
 The Father's Son, we pray;
 O Lamb of God, our Savior,
 You take our sins away.
 Have mercy on us, Jesus;
 Receive our heartfelt cry,
 Where You in pow'r are seated
 At God's right hand on high—

3 For You alone are holy;
 You only are the Lord.
 Forever and forever,
 Be worshiped and adored;
 You with the Holy Spirit
 Alone are Lord Most High,
 In God the Father's glory.
 "Amen!" our glad reply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P 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.

C Amen.

The Old Testament Lesson

Deuteronomy 18:15–20

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— ¹⁶just 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.' ¹⁷And the LORD said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. ¹⁸I 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. ¹⁹And whoever will not listen to My Words that he shall speak in My Name, I Myself will require it of him. ²⁰But

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.’’

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 111; antiphon: v. 3

¹Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

²**Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.**

³Full of splendor and majesty is His work, and His Righteousness endures forever.

⁴**He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.**

⁵He provides food for those who fear Him; He remembers His Covenant forever.

⁶**He has shown His people the power of His works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.**

⁷The works of His hands are Faithful and Just; all His Precepts are trustworthy;

⁸**they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

⁹He sent redemption to his people; He has commanded His Covenant forever. Holy and awesome is His Name!

¹⁰**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!**

The Epistle Lesson

1st Corinthians 8:1–13

¹Concerning food offered to idols: we know that **“all of us possess knowledge.”** This **“knowledge”** puffs up, but love builds up. ²If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³But if anyone loves God, he is known by God. ⁴Therefore, 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.”** ⁵For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many **“gods”** and many **“lords”**—⁶yet 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. ⁷However, 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. ⁸Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For 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? ¹¹And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹²Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse

G **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

G **These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

G **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel

Mark 1:21–28

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²¹They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²²And they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as One Who had Authority, and not as the scribes. ²³And 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.”** ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, **“Be silent, and come out of him!”** ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷And 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.”** ²⁸And at once His fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

The Apostles' Creed

C **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.**

Hymn of the Day: Son of God, Eternal Savior

- 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.
- 2 As You, Lord, have lived for others,
 So may we for others live.
 Freely have Your gifts been granted;
 Freely may Your servants give.
 Yours the gold and Yours the silver,
 Yours the wealth of land and sea;
 We but stewards of Your bounty
 Held in solemn trust will be.
- 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,
 Stem our selfish greed of gain.
- 4 Son of God, eternal Savior,
 Source of life and truth and grace,
 Word made flesh, 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.

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Sermon: Our Prophet and Saviour!**Deuteronomy 18:15-20****Prayer of the Church**

Offering: The Temple Rang with Golden Coins

- 1 The temple rang with golden coins
The rich in bright array
Contributed from gleaming hoards
Their scales could scarcely weigh.
- 2 A widow came with copper coins
And offered them in praise.
They were the last she had to give
Or save for darker days.
- 3 When Jesus saw her costly gift
And knew she had no more,
He praised a love that spared not self
And called her rich, though poor.
- 4 At last He brought His offering
And laid it on a tree;
There gave Himself, His life, His love
For all humanity.
- 5 Lord, help us all, with You, to yield
Whatever love demands
And freely give, as You have giv'n,
With open hearts and hands.

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The 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.**

Closing Collect

☪ Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this Thy Holy Word, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☪ Amen.

Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

P 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.

G **Amen.**

Hymn to Depart: We All Believe in One True God**LSB 953**

- 1 We all believe in One True God,
 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
 Ever-present help in need,
 Praised by all the heav'nly host;
 All He made His love enfolds,
 All creation He upholds.

- 2 We all believe in Jesus Christ,
 Son of God and Mary's Son,
 Who descended from His throne
 And for us salvation won;
 By whose cross and death are we
 Rescued from all misery.

- 3 We all confess the Holy Ghost,
 Who from both in truth proceeds,
 Who sustains and comforts us
 In all trials, fears, and needs.
 Blessèd, Holy Trinity,
 Praise forever be to Thee!

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