

Sunday Worship Bulletin

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

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WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS, OUR LORD

We pray that our worship this day will be an inspiration to every one of us.

If you are a visitor or the guest of someone, please sign our Guest Book at the round table in the Foyer. Requests for prayers in this morning's service may be made by writing them on the Prayer Request form in the entryway of the church.

A Nursery for infants and toddlers is available in Room 4 on this level.

Jesus said: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you are also to love another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:34-35

The Order of Morning Worship – Setting Four

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.

✠ ORGAN PRELUDE

✠ OPENING HYMN No. **533**: *“Jesus Has come and Brings Pleasure”*

Confession and Absolution

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Service of the Word

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Introit (*Sung by Choir*)

Kyrie

Gloria in Excelsis

Salutation

✠ PRAYER of the DAY

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.

(Be Seated)

✠ OLD TESTAMENT: Deuteronomy 18:15–20 (*God promises a prophet to follow Moses.*)

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

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Gradual Sung by Choir)

✠ EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 8:1–13 *(Paul warns against hurting the faith of a weak brother.)*

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

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.” For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—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.

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

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand and Sing the Alleluia p. 205)

✠ HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:21–28 *(People are amazed at Jesus' authority over unclean spirits.)*

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

C (Sung): Glory to You, O Lord.

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

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C (Sung): Praise to You, O Christ.

✠ STATEMENT of FAITH: 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.

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.

(Be Seated)

✠ HYMN of the DAY No. **541**: *"Away from Us! The Demon Cried"*

✠ SERMON: *"Jesus Is Change"* Mark 1:21-28

Offering

We respond to God's love with our OFFERINGS

CHOIR ANTHEM: ‘

✠ OFFERING HYMN NO. **805**: *"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"*

✠ PRAYER of the CHURCH

P: Let us pray for all people in their various needs, for the Church wherever it is planted, and for ourselves, gathered in worship. Lord of the Church, whose Word is power at work for all who call out to You in faith, guide and protect clergy and lay leaders here and around the world. Give them compassionate hearts, clear minds, appropriate words, and the wisdom to use them so that the Church grows stronger in faith and closer to You and one another in love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Heavenly Father, giver of life and health and peace, open our hearts and minds to share Your bounty with one another, among our neighbors, and through the agencies of the Church and government, with any people in need. Raise up leaders in our nation and around the world so that poverty and hunger will be lessened and health and human dignity increased. Protect and guide all who order society across the globe, and give patience and resolve to forces deployed for peace across national borders. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O Holy Spirit, who bestows precious gifts throughout the Church, open the eyes of Your people to see avenues of peace and reconciliation, paths of concord and joy. We remember our brothers and sisters who call out to You for healing of all sorts. Use the talents You have placed in counselors, health-care workers, medical personnel, first responders, and all who are called to work as Your instruments of care. Grant peace, health, and comfort according to Your gracious plans. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Although we in no way deserve Your gracious hearing of these our petitions, Lord, grant them for the sake of the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus, who has promised that what we ask in His name will be heard at Your throne of grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns in communion and love with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Service of the Sacrament (p. 208)

At the time of DISTRIBUTION, all those wishing to receive Holy Communion will come forward as the ushers direct. The bread/Body of the Lord will be served in your hand. If you wish to receive the Lord's blood from an individual glass rather than from the common cup, indicate so when Pastor comes to you and he will hand you a glass from which you then drink and place back in the tray carried by the acolyte. If you are not a member of this congregation or a sister congregation within the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, it is suggested that you speak to the Pastor before partaking of Holy Communion.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS No. **622**: "Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared"

***At the end of the Distribution we stand and continue with
the NUNC DIMITTIS on p. 211***

✠ CLOSING HYMN No. **401**: "From God the Father, Virgin Born"

✠ SILENT PRAYER

✠ POSTLUDE: "

SERVING US AS WE WORSHIP TODAY:

Worship Leaders – Paul Brose & Bill Schneeloch

Acolyte – Alex Provost

Lay Reader – Susan Owen

Music Director – Jeff Windoloski

Altar Care – Jane McClure

THIS WEEK at ST. JOHN'S:

Wednesday, January 31	5:00 p.m.	Youth Confirmation
	7:00 p.m.	Mid-Week Worship
Thursday, February 1	6:30 p.m.	Hand Chime Choir
	7:15 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, February 3	10:00 a.m.	Chrismon Activity
Sunday, February 4	8:30 a.m.	Sunday School and Adult Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Communion Worship Service

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS are needed each Sunday. Please sign up on the sheet located in the foyer to host a coffee hour after church. This activity is wonderful way to share in fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Please see Linda Slozak or Erika Slozak if you have any questions.

DOUBLE TRUMPET, ORGAN AND VOCAL CONCERT

PRESENTED BY THE 'SOLI DEO GLORIA' CONCERT SERIES



Join us for the first concert in our second season of the 'Soli Deo Gloria' Concert Series! This concert will feature professional trumpet soloists Brooks & Jeff Holmes, vocalist Dawning Holmes and organist Jeff Windoloski. Selections will be presented for trumpet and organ, voice and piano, and a combination of the three. We hope to see you there!

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