

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany
Sunday, January 31, 2021 – Traditional Service

THE PEOPLE
WERE AMAZED
AT HIS TEACHING,
BECAUSE HE
TAUGHT THEM
AS ONE WHO
HAD **AUTHORITY.**

MARK 1:22, NIV

WELCOME TO ALL

Welcome to worship at Trinity Lutheran Church! We are glad you are here. Even though we are spread out and wearing masks, we are delighted to gather as one people in the name of the risen Lord Jesus, in whose power over disease and death we take hope. Please use this bulletin to participate in the liturgy and take it with you when the service is ended. Don't forget to register each week on our website or by calling the office (717-263-8156) for the service that you wish to attend, so that we can maintain appropriate physical distancing in our sanctuary. If you are a guest or visitor worshipping with us and did not know to register for today's service, no problem; we have kept open some extra seating just in case. Simply plan to register for the service next week – and we do invite you to worship with us again!

Bathrooms are located down the hall from the side entrance to the sanctuary. Our nursery is not yet open, but the space is available for special use by individual families. If you visit the nursery to settle a child or change a diaper, please let one of the pastors or ushers know so that we can be sure to sanitize the room before the next service.

Ushers will dismiss worshippers at the end of the service row by row. Please wait to be dismissed, and conduct conversations and fellowship in the fresh, open air outside. We trust that as we take such precautions together, we follow our Lord's command to love our neighbor, and we help to ensure that we will be able to continue to gather for worship during the pandemic. Thank you for working with us toward that end!

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*In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses,
who will speak for God;*

in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works.

*For the church these are ways of pointing to the
unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words.*

*We encounter that authority in God's word,
around which we gather,*

the word that prevails over any lesser spirit

that would claim power over us,

freeing us to follow Jesus.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation responds in bold print.

Please respect the silence of those around you preparing for worship.

PRELUDE

"Dearest Jesus, At Your Word"

Richard Purvis

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose voice is upon the waters,
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,
whose goodness cascades over all creation.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of goodness and lovingkindness,
you search us and know us.
You are acquainted with all our ways.
We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—
our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.
We turn inward, failing to follow
your outward way of love.
We distrust those who are not like us.
We exploit the earth and its resources
and fail to consider generations to come.
Forgive us, gracious God,
for all we have done and left undone.
Even before the words are on our tongues,
you know them;
receive them in your divine mercy.
Amen.

How vast is God's grace!
Through the power and promise of † Christ Jesus,
our sins are washed away
and we are claimed as God's own beloved.
Indeed, we are forgiven.
In the wake of God's forgiveness,
we are called to be the beloved community
living out Christ's justice
and the Spirit's reconciling peace.
Amen.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**Compassionate God,
you gather the whole universe
into your radiant presence
and continually reveal your Son as our Savior.
Bring wholeness to all that is broken
and speak truth to us in our confusion,
that all creation will see and know your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

Please be seated.



WORD

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

[Moses said:] ¹⁵The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: “If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.” ¹⁷Then the Lord replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”

L: Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God!



... I will put my words in the
MOUTH OF THE **PROPHET,**
who shall speak to them
everything that I command.

Deuteronomy 18:18, NRSV

We will speak the Psalm responsively.

¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

²**Great are your works, O Lord,
pondered by all who delight in them.**

³Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,
and your righteousness endures forever.

⁴**You cause your wonders to be remembered;
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

⁵You give food to those who fear you,
remembering forever your covenant.

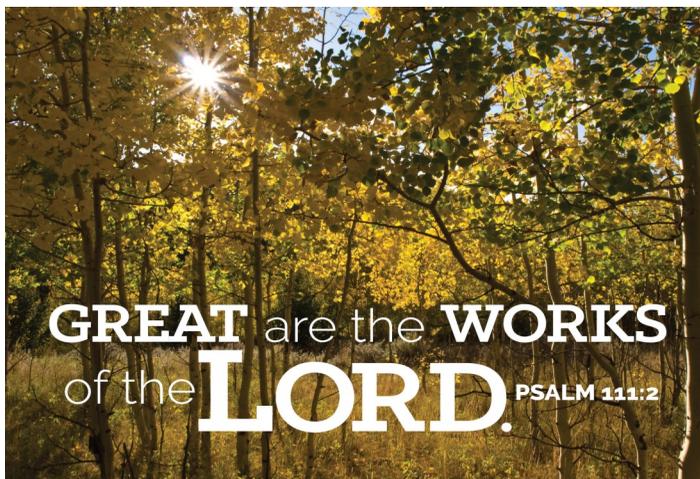
⁶**You have shown your people the power of your works
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

⁷The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;
all of your precepts are sure.

⁸**They stand fast forever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.**

⁹You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever;
holy and awesome is your name.

¹⁰**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding.
God's praise endures forever.**



SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

¹Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him.

⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact 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.

⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸“Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

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Thanks be to God!



THERE IS BUT ONE
LORD
Jesus Christ...

HYMN OF REFLECTION

"We Are Called"

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1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to
fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.



Refrain

We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL

Mark 1:21-28

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught.²² They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.²³ Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit,²⁴ 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.”²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!”²⁶ And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him.²⁷ They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.”²⁸ At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

“What the Demons See”

Pastor Aaron

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Believe”

arr. Robert D. Vandall

Sarah & Jane Sutton; Pianist

Please stand as you are able.

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

For the movement of God's Spirit: a renewed sense of God's redeeming work and the joy of salvation; for courage to face difficult days and wisdom to see past them; for the power of God to make all things new,

let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For all God's works in creation: messenger RNA and the intelligence to use it as a tool for vaccination; immune cells, antibodies, and proteins; carbon, hydrogen, oxygen and plants that supply them; water and soil, forests and farms, and for those tasked with protecting natural resources,

let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For government and leaders: elected officials with humility to scrutinize their own opinions; public servants ready to balance mercy with accountability; cities and nations struggling with a healthcare crisis and financial shortfalls; for all responsible for the well-being of civil society,

let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit: those who are sick and hospitalized, those struggling with mental illness, those who are hungry or homeless, and all in any need, especially, Scott, Jim, Dottie, Shirley, Christine, Kayla, Larry, Mary, Sherry, Linda, Tim, Cameron, Ron, Cheryl, Gillon, Jim, Becky, Bernice, Ayano, Marlene, Bertie, Bob, Heidi, Marsha & her family, Kathy, Mike, Jen, Erick, Kelly, Colleen, Robert, Wanda, Velva, Clarajane, Peggy, Greg, Andrew, and William; for caregivers, hospice workers, and home health aides,

let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the concerns of this congregation: those who travel, those gathered here and those absent from worship, those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries; for all whom God calls his own, especially, Phillip & Colleen Lobaugh; Alvino Long, Sr.; Marlin & Karen Maclay; Jason, Danielle, Jaxon, & Alexis Martin; Tamara Massingale; Gloria & Richard McCauley; Huber & Sandra McCleary; Michael McCleary; Joyce, Joseph, & Tammy McDonald; and John & Anna McKenrick, Jeremy Nixon, and Mia Long,

let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the covenant God made with us in the waters of baptism, in thanksgiving for the baptized who have died in the Lord and faith in God's continuing gift of life,

let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

P: Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.

SENDING

THE BENEDICTION

God the creator strengthen you;
Jesus the beloved fill you;
and the Holy Spirit the comforter + keep you in peace.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

POSTLUDE

"Thine is the Glory"

Handel

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS		
Senior Pastor	<i>Pastor Aaron</i>	
Associate Pastor	<i>Pastor Arlyn</i>	
Organist	<i>Bob Eyer</i>	
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Lector	<i>Erich Vogel</i>	<i>Lou Lerda</i>
Ushers	<i>Don Grier</i> <i>Paul Kolva</i>	<i>Sue Derk</i> <i>Don Lensbower</i>
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*The children's bulletins are given to the glory of God,
and in honor of Trinity's children,
by Barb Montgomery.*

*Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in honor of Bill Fochtman's 80th birthday,
by the Fochtman family.*



LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE:
Sunday, January 24, 2021

In-Person	57
Online Worship Service Views:	318

STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET

*"But take care that this liberty of yours does not
somehow become a stumbling block to the weak."* - 1 Corinthians 8:9
Christians enjoy great freedom, but we are also responsible to and for one another.
Just as new runners start out gently, so new Christ followers may need our careful
and loving guidance as we all train in the faith.

Budgeted amount needed: \$8,072.12 01/24/2021 Offering: \$2,662.00
Thank You!



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Vision

"Growing in God"

Mission Statement

*"Seed - Planting and Growing in our Faith
Sow - Sharing the word of God with our community
Steward - Giving to all the love of God
Service - Showing the love of God with our community"*