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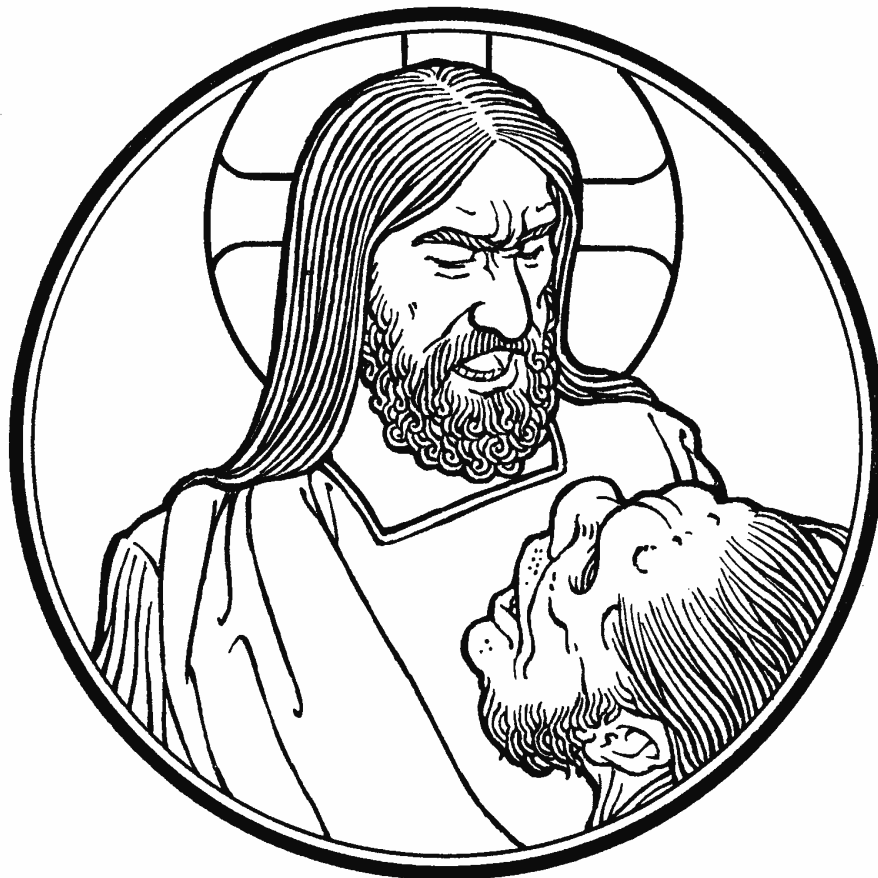
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4th Sunday after the Epiphany



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

Mark 1:22a

✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

Welcome to worship in the season of Epiphany. “Epiphany” means “appearance”. In this season, we rejoice that God has appeared to us and made Himself known to us in the appearance of His Son, Jesus of Nazareth. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion in which we joyfully receive Christ's Body and Blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament, we also give public witness that we are in complete agreement with the denomination's doctrinal teachings at whose altar we commune. Therefore, we ask that only communicant members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod commune with us. All guests are asked to talk to Rev. Heller before coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament.

DIVINE SERVICE **Setting One**

Hymn of Invocation # 394

Confession & Absolution p. 151

Introit

Many are the sorrows of the wicked,

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

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,

whose sin is covered.

Blessed 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 p. 152

“Glory to God” p. 154

Salutation & Collect p. 156

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.

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

"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.'"

Gradual

Praise the Lord, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us,

and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;

bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

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.

"Alleluia"

p. 156

Holy Gospel: St. Mark 1:21-28

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.

Nicene Creed p. 158
Hymn of the Day # 849
Sermon: *"Even the unclean spirits obey Him"*
Offering
"What Shall I Render" p. 159
Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament p. 160
Distribution Hymns: # 620 (st. 1-4), 528
"Thank the Lord" p. 164
Post-Communion Collect p. 166
Benediction p. 166
Closing Hymn # 842

**WE GO FROM THIS PLACE OF WORSHIP WHERE WE ARE ABOUT
EQUIPPING DISCIPLES TO MAKE DISCIPLES FOR JESUS**



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for He taught them as one who had authority,
and not as the scribes."*

Mark 1:22

Authority is a word we are sometimes afraid of and don't like to hear. But that's just our sinful flesh talking. Jesus' authority is something we need. We need him to show us what to believe and how to live, for Jesus' authority is always connected to his love.

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Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark Your Calendar...our annual Voters Meeting will be next Sunday, February 4, following worship. Unapproved minutes of the November 12, 2023, meeting are on the table in the social hall.



Ingathering: "Souper Bowl" The January Human Care ingathering is "Souper Bowl". We are collecting soup and crackers for Women's Action & Resource Center.



The February calendar, birthday and anniversary list and the November Council Minutes are on the table in the social hall.

2023 Contribution Statements have been emailed or are in your mailbox this morning. Please let Sandy know if any additions or corrections need to be made.

In our thoughts and prayers,



† Kent Larson, Edwin Miller, Link Reinhiller, & Hannah Schantz;
† Steve & Nona Blaisdell, on the death of their sister-in-law;
† B. Todd & Kristi Stevens & family, on the death of Kristi's mother.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday *8:00 am Worship @ Glen Ullin*
 9:15 am Sunday School
 10:00 am Divine Service
 11:00 am Bible Class

Wednesday 4:00 pm Catechism

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