

Christ Lutheran

January 31, 2021



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Song/Hymn

"Lord I Lift Your Name On High" (Praise Team)
"Awake, My Soul, And with Sun" LSB 868 (Online)

Invocation, Confession, & Absolution

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Gloria Patri

LSB 186 (in person only)

**C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Kyrie

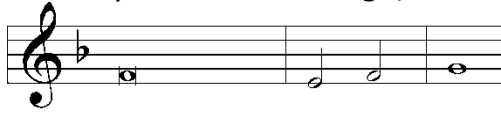
LSB 186 (in person only)

**C Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Song of Praise

"Gloria in Excelsis" LSB 187 (in person only)

P Glory be to God on High,



P Glory be to God on high:

C and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee.

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Old Testament Lesson

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.'

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



The Epistle Lesson

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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Children's Chat

The Holy Gospel

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.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

The Affirmation of Faith

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.**

Message Song/Hymn

"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" CH 429
"Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good" LSB 819 (Online)

Message

"Actions Speak Louder Than Words"

We Go to God in Prayer

- P** Lord, in Your mercy:
- C** Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C** **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.**

The Lord's Supper

Preface

LSB 194

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And with thy spirit.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.
- C** **It is meet and right so to do.**
- P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary... evermore praising You and saying:

The Sanctus

LSB 195

- C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

The Words of Institution

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** The gifts of God for you, God's people.
- C** **Amen.**

We Ask God's Blessings on This Holy Meal

- P** The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look to You, O Lord, and You give them their food in due season.
- C** **We praise You, Father, and ask Your blessings on this meal, for You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. Amen.**

Distribution Songs

"Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness" LSB 563

"Cornerstone" (Praise Team)

"Change My Heart Oh God" (Praise Team)

The Post Communion Prayer

P Lord God, our Heavenly Father:

C Thank you for this holy meal. Live in us, Lord Jesus, that we may always live in You. Amen.

Sending

P Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping

C that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

P Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.

C My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:

P a light to reveal You to the nations

C and the glory of Your people Israel.

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

C as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping

C that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you.

C Amen.

Closing Song/Hymn

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" (Praise Team)

"God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven" LSB 877 (Online)

Postlude

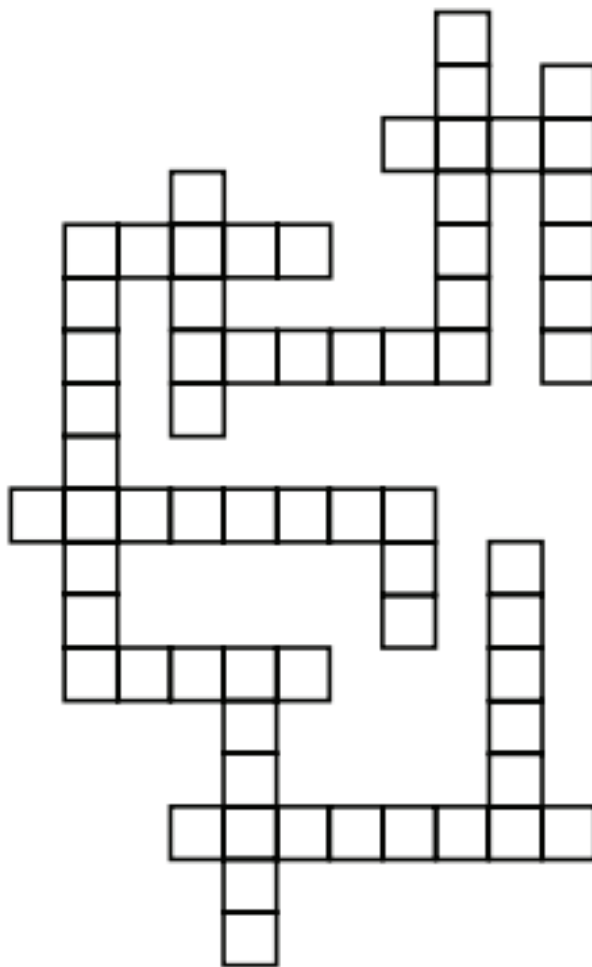
The service is over...the worship begins! Romans 12:1

What was the most important thing I learned today?

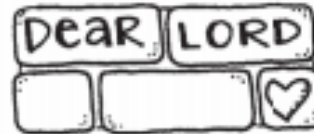


Who can I share Jesus with this week?

Fill-in Word puzzle



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| KNOWLEDGE | FATHER | EXIST |
| BROTHERS | CHRIST | LOVE |
| TEACHING | SPIRIT | GOD |
| PROPHET | KNOWN | |
| HEAVEN | VOICE | |



The Hymnal Project

"In early 2017, a group of artists, arrangers, and liturgists, led by Peter Prochnow, were commissioned through the Michigan District, LCMS to create several new hymn arrangements, based on the original music, intended to facilitate enhanced worship in a multitude of modern musical contexts.

The spirit of the project is simple: Hymns are arranged with various instrumentations and made available free of charge, in the form of a lead sheet and reference recording, so whether you learn by reading or by hearing, you can easily implement these arrangements and modify for your context without cost.

We are grateful for the generosity of the donors, Carl and Patsy Fabry, in partnership with the Michigan District, LCMS."

The hymn videos used during worship can be found here:

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