

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, January 28, 2018



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The Mission of Christ Lutheran Church is to help all people know
Jesus as their Savior and grow in relationship with Him.

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HYMN "God Has Spoken by His Prophets" Tune *LSB 578*

1 **God has spoken by His prophets,
 Spoken His unchanging Word;
 Each from age to age proclaiming
 God, the one, the righteous Lord.
 In the world's despair and turmoil,
 One firm anchor holds us fast:
 God is king, His throne eternal;
 God the first, and God the last.**

2 **God has spoken by Christ Jesus,
 Christ, the everlasting Son,
 Brightness of the Father's glory,
 With the Father ever one;
 Spoken by the Word Incarnate,
 God of God, before time was;
 Light of Light, to earth descending,
 He reveals our God to us.**

3 **God is speaking by His Spirit,
 Speaking to our hearts again,
 In the ageless Word declaring
 His own message, now as then.
 Through the rise and fall of nations
 One sure faith yet standing fast;
 God abides, His Word unchanging;
 God the first, and God the last.**

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INTROIT

Ps. 32:1–2, 5–7; antiphon: Ps. 32:10

P: Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

C: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

P: Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

C: 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.

P: 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.

C: You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with shouts of deliverance.

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: Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

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OLD TESTAMENT READING *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 – ¹⁶ 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.' ¹⁷ And the LORD said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. ¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ And whoever will not listen to My words that he shall speak in My name, I Myself will require it of him. ²⁰ 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.'

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

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

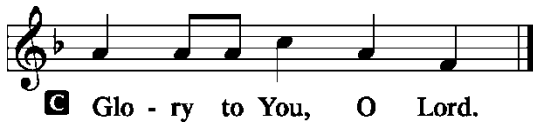
P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and RESPONSES

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 1st chapter.



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:21-28

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

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



HYMN “Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good” *LSB 819*

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

WE WORSHIP THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS

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If you are a confirmed member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, we invite you to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of an LCMS congregation and would like to come forward with your family and friends during the distribution, please place your hands over your heart and you will receive a blessing.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” LSB 528

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE “Thank the Lord” page 164

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT & BENEDICTION page 166

HYMN “Abide, O Dearest Jesus” LSB 919 vs. 1-4

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THIS WEEK AT CLC — (1/28/18 – 2/4/18)

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am; Education Hour, 10:30am

Wednesday: Bible Class, 8:30am; 1st year Confirmation, 5:00pm; 2nd year Confirmation, 6:00pm

Thursday: Worship/HC, 6:30pm

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am; Education Hour, 10:30am

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE (Week ending January 21, 2018)

General & Building Funds: \$10,436.25; Blessings: \$17.00; Road Sign: \$110.00; Altar Guild: \$25.00; Pro-life Ad: \$84.00

Attendance: Thursday: 19; Sunday: 119

CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUESTS AND VISITORS: We are glad you are here! We invite you to join us for fellowship and Bible class following the service.

Bathrooms are located upstairs on each end of the fellowship/Bible study area.

CLC BLOOD DRIVE will be taking place this Tuesday, January 30th from 3:30 - 6:15pm in the lower level of the church. Walk-ins are always welcome. Save a life, donate blood!

The Ladies Guild is missing a metal liner for one of the big roasters. If someone has borrowed it, please return it as soon as possible. Thank you.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to assist with counting the offerings on Sundays. If you are interested please contact Mike Koch or Pastor Wetmore.

Christ Lutheran is again participating in **OPERATION BABY BOTTLE**. You can pick up a baby bottle today and fill it with cash, coins, or a check. **Please return the baby bottles by next Sunday, February 4.** Your donation will continue to help Hope Life Center as they work with unwed mothers. If you have any questions, please see Sandi Michaelis.

LADIES' GUILD WILL MEET on Tuesday, February 6th at 6:30pm. Carol Gavitt will present a painting class and we will do an art project to take home. Cost of materials is \$5.00 per person. Please RSVP to Shirley Krueger at 715-574-6477 before February 1st.

WEATHER CANCELLATIONS FOR CHURCH SERVICES /

ACTIVITIES: Please check Channel 9 TV's website, the CLC website or Facebook page, or call the church at 715-848-2040 and press option "6".

SERVANT OPPORTUNITIES – Ushers, Greeters, Treat Providers, Coffee Servers, Altar Guild Members. Visit Christ Lutheran Church's website, clc-wausau.org, to sign up. A link to SignUpGenius is on the home page and will take you directly to the sign up locations. You can also access the website via the laptop computer located by the Evangelism bulletin board, or let Pastor Wetmore or Peg Piepenburg know that you're interested and we'll get you signed up!

THANK YOU to Elaine Hess, Bud Redeen, and Linda Benda for all the phone calls, time, and energy spent on creating the Fellowship Treat, Usher, and Greeter schedules throughout the years. Their dedication is greatly appreciated!

“LIFE QUOTES” from Lutherans for Life

“Our throw-away culture values ability and perfection. Those values increasingly and unfairly characterize the preborn diagnosed with disability as not even worthy to be born. But God’s Word is clear in King David’s Psalm 139:13-14 (NIV): ‘For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.’” *Mona Fuerstenau, director of Lutheran Ministry Partnerships, Bethesda Lutheran Communities – (www.lutheransforlife.org)*