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OUR WORSHIP TODAY, JANUARY 28th, 2018 - 4th Sunday after Epiphany

GATHERING AND MEDITATION TIME

Pre-Service Music, Welcome, and Announcements

CONFESSIOAL PRAYER

Pastor: We celebrate the season of Epiphany with joy, hope, love, and peace in our hearts. We realize the difficulties that we face, and the poor job we have done with our response Your Word. For that, dear Lord, we make our confession to you this day of Jesus' baptism.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by the things we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

ABSOLUTION

Pastor:

As a result of the love of God, the work of Jesus, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, and by the authority of Jesus Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Go and sin no more, that the rest of your life might be pure and holy and modeled after our Lord Jesus in all we say and all we do. **Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN: #565 On Jordan's Stormy Banks

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison):

Dearest Lord Jesus, help us to love our neighbors as ourselves in all we say and do. We know how difficult this simple sentence is to do in our lives, but we ask your help in loving all of our neighbors. In Jesus loving name we pray. Alleluia and Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 (ESV)

A New Prophet like 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.'

And if you say in your heart, 'How may we know the word that the LORD has not spoken?'— when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the word does not come to pass or come true, that is a word that the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously. You need not be afraid of him.

PSALM: Psalm 111 (ESV) (*Responsively recited whole verse by whole verse – Congregation in **Bold***)

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

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He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy;

they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

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

EPISTLE LESSON: 1st Corinthians 8:1-13 (ESV)

Food Offered to Idols

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.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:(ESV)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 1st Chapter.

Glory to you Oh Lord.

Jesus Heals a Man with an Unclean Spirit

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.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you oh Christ!

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SERMON: *"If Only I Could, Would, or Should!"* Pastor Steve Dygert

SERMON HYMN: #363 It is Well with My Soul

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles Creed (C)

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 into hell. 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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE OFFERING: Offertory – In the Garden - Dean Carson

After the consecration of the Offering, we will sing the Doxology.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise him, all creatures here below, Praise him above, Ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

PRAYERS OF PRAISE: Let us Pray: *(Prayer Response)* Lord in your Mercy: Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER, PREPARATION OF THE TABLE, WORDS OF INSTITUTION, THE DISTRIBUTION

THE COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: #27 How Great Thou Art

THE AARONIC BENEDICTION & THE DISMISSAL

P. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C. Thanks be to God

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We Serve Today, January 21st:

Reader: Peggie Sue Dygert

Offering: Jeff Cisco, Rev. Tony

Communion: Jeanette Barker, Geri McGary, Jeanne Keyser

Greeter: Nancy Nordell

We Serve Next Sunday, February 4th:

Reader: Nancy Nordell

Offering: Bob Wilgus, Frank Pierce

Communion: Bev Cisco, Bubbles Burress, Peggie Dygert Greeter: Jeanne Keyser

WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN! Thank you for joining us as we worship our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! We are happy you are here! As a kindness to one another, **please place your cell phones on muted** for the time we are together in worship. If you are a visitor, let us know you are here!

IN OUR PRAYERS: Please use a prayer request card if you have a specific prayer request this morning. It is our joy and our privilege to share in these petitions to Almighty God. If you have them ready before the service, hand them to Pastor when you have them completed, otherwise give them to the ushers at the time the offering is collected.

RE-CREATION CONCERT: A huge thank-you to everyone who helped make our loving service to our community a great success!

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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: We celebrate our milestones today in the life of our family. Join us for a piece of cake after the service.

FEBRUARY 4TH MUSIC SERVICE: Please fill out the form on the bulletin, tear it off and put it in the collection plate for our special music concert on the first Sunday in February. Let's Celebrate!

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS: We are bringing in new members of our family next week, and we will have coffee fellowship reception after the service. There will be no Bible Study next week.

ASH WEDNESDAY: Please join us for our Imposition of Ashes service on Wednesday, February 14th at 11:15 am after our Bible Study. We will celebrate our Lenten services at 11:15 on Wednesdays until Holy Week, when we will not have Lenten services because of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services.. We will also be having a Christian Seder in commemoration of the Last Supper of Jesus and the Apostles on Maundy Thursday at 6 pm on March 29th.

SANDWICH MINISTRY: Remember that our support of Jesus Loves You Ministries with our sandwich day is this Tuesday the 30th. Our goal is 200 sandwiches for 100 brown-bag lunches for the homeless people in our community. Your sandwiches need to be at the church no later than 8:30 Tuesday morning. Any questions should be addressed to Geri McGary at 941.679.7889. Thank you for your loving support of this ministry!

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February 4th Music Concert

My favorite hymn in our hymnal is:

Please tear-off and place this form in the collection plate today – or give it to one of the ushers after the service.