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# Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



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#### Here is the link to the live stream

#### + CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +



(Stand)

(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)

- In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Kneel/Stand)

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the 

  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

(Stand)

#### + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

#### + RECEPTION OF MEMBERS BY TRANSFER OR PROFESSION OF FAITH +

- P Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.
- P Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?
- R Yes, I do.
- P Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?
- **R** Yes, I renounce them.
- P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit?
- Yes, I believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

- Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God and the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from them and confessed in the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?
- R I do.
- P Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?
- R I do, by the grace of God.
- P Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?
- R I do, by the grace of God.
- P Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?
- R I do, by the grace of God.
- P Do you desire to become a member of this congregation?
- $\mathbb{R}$  I do.
- Will you support the work our gracious Lord has given this congregation with your prayers and the gifts God has given you?
- R I will, with the help of God.
- P Upon this your confession of faith, I acknowledge publicly that you are <u>[a member/members]</u> of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and of this congregation. Receive the Lord's Supper and participate with us in all the blessings of salvation that our Lord has given to His Church, in the name of the Father and of the 

  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

(Stand)

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that by Your Word and Spirit they may continue steadfast in the one true faith in the fellowship of this congregation as together we await the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(The pastor may extend the right hand of fellowship, greeting each by name. The rite concludes with the following blessing:)

- **P** The grace of our 

  → Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
- C Amen.

(The new members return to their places.)

KYRIE LSB 168

- **A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C Amen.

THIS IS THE FEAST LSB 171

- A This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.
- Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

  Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

  Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia, alleluia.

#### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- P Let us pray.
- Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Sit)

#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

<sup>15</sup>"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— <sup>16</sup>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.' <sup>17</sup>And the LORD said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. <sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. <sup>20</sup>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."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.



<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my | whole heart,\*

in the company of the upright, in the congre- | gation.

<sup>2</sup>Great are the works | of the LORD,\*

studied by all who de- | light in them.

<sup>3</sup>Full of splendor and majesty | is his work,\* and his righteousness endures for- | ever.

<sup>4</sup>He has caused his wondrous works to be re- | membered;\*

the LORD is gracious and | merciful.

<sup>5</sup>He provides food for those who | fear him;\*

he remembers his covenant for- | ever.

<sup>6</sup>He has shown his people the power | of his works,\*

in giving them the inheritance of the | nations.

<sup>7</sup>The works of his hands are faith- | ful and just;\*

all his precepts are | trustworthy;

8they are established forever and | ever,\*

to be performed with faithfulness and up- | rightness.

<sup>9</sup>He sent redemption to his people;

he has commanded his covenant for- | ever.\*

Holy and awesome is his name!

<sup>10</sup>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;

all those who practice it have a good under- | standing.\*

His praise endures for- | ever!

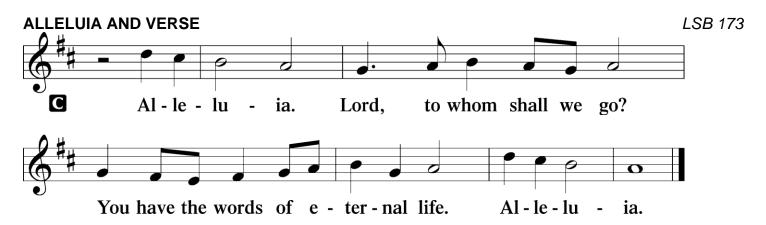
EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 8:1–13

<sup>1</sup>Concerning food offered to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." This "knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup>If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. <sup>3</sup>But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

<sup>4</sup>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." <sup>5</sup>For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords"— <sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. <sup>9</sup>But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup>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? <sup>11</sup>And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. <sup>12</sup>Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup>Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.



HOLY GOSPEL Mark 1:21–28

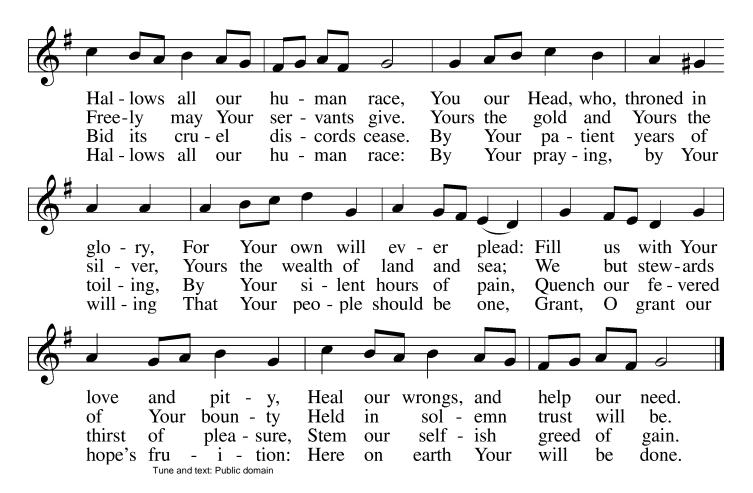
- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.
- G Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>21</sup>They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching. <sup>22</sup>And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, <sup>24</sup>"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." <sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>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." <sup>28</sup>And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

(Sit)





#### **SERMON**

(Stand)

#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

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.

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the Church of God and for all people according to their needs.

Gracious Lord, we give You thanks for the gift of the Holy Scriptures, both Law and Gospel, in which we see our sin and see Your love in our Savior. As Christ is true Prophet and Savior of this world, give us faith to continue to hear His voice and find comfort in His work of salvation. Bless the proclamation of the Word, and raise faithful servants who will share Your commands and the forgiveness that comes through Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

- hear our prayer.
- Ever-giving Lord, grant continued faith by Your Holy Spirit through the hearing of Your Word that we be fed and nourished. Produce in us good fruit for the sake of selves and others, that we not cause others to stumble but to walk firmly in Your ways. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- All-powerful Lord, at whose Word and authority even unclean and evil spirits submit and obey, hinder the work of Satan in our lives that Your kingdom and victory be known to all. Give Your peace and presence to those who suffer any affliction, [including . . .]. Enable us to be a blessing to those in their time of need. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

Additional petitions may follow.

- Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

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.

(Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).)

#### BENEDICTION

- Many are the sorrows of the wicked.
- but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.
- The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.
- C Amen.

#### **583 GOD HAS SPOKEN BY HIS PROPHETS**



- God has spo-ken by His proph-ets, Spo - ken His un - chang-ing Word;
- God has spo-ken by Christ Je - sus, Christ, the ev-er - last - ing Son,
- 3 God is speak-ing by His Spir - it, Speak-ing to our hearts



Each from age to pro-claim-ing God, the one, the righ-teous Lord. age Bright-ness of the Fa-ther's glo - ry, With the Fa - ther ev - er one; the age-less Word de - clar - ing His own mes-sage, now then.



the world's de-spair and tur-moil, One firm an - chor holds us fast: In the Word In - car-nate, God of God, be - fore time was; ken by Through the rise and fall of na-tions One sure faith yet stand-ing fast;



is king, His throne e - ter - nal; God the first, and God God the last. de-scend-ing, He re-veals our Light of Light, to God to earth bides, His Word un-chang-ing; God the first, and God the last.

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### **Prayers**

#### **Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving**

Prayers of thanks for **Joey Shao**, and **Adelaide Kilbarger** who are celebrating their birthdays this week.

#### **Prayers of Comfort and Healing**

For all who suffer from **anxiety and depression**.

For all who suffer from Covid 19.

For **Wilma Selers**, Bob Thornton's sister, who tested positive for Covid-19

Prayers for comfort and understanding for all those who are battling cancer.

Healing for **JoAnne** as she is recovering from surgery.

Healing for **Don** who has brain Cancer.

Comfort for **the family of Charles**, a relative of Jeff Tietjen, as they mourn his death.

For **Arlene Sitze** as she is awaiting surgery.

For Cathy Jenks and her family as the mourn the death of her husband Jerry.

#### **Other Prayers**

Safety for all who are traveling.

All who serve in our **armed forces** and their **families**.

For the students, teachers and families as they return to in person learning a few days each week.

Can we pray for you? Share your prayer requests by email at office@concordiapullman.org or fill out one of the white cards in the pews and place it in the offering plate.