



They were astonished
at His teaching

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**Fourth Sunday After Epiphany
January 31, 2021**

Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen

P: 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.

(Pause for self-examination)

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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 neighbor 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

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given us a Son to die for us and, for his sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Opening Hymn

“Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Insert

Apostolic Greeting & Kyrie.

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

P: 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.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray

to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise

“This is the Feast”



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



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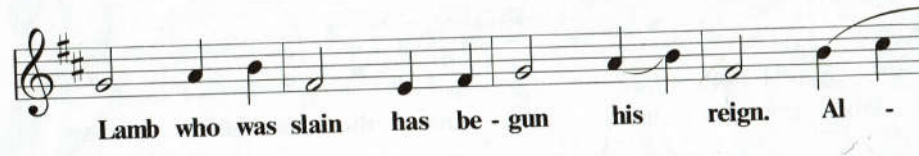
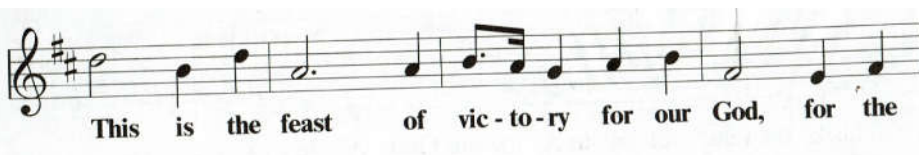
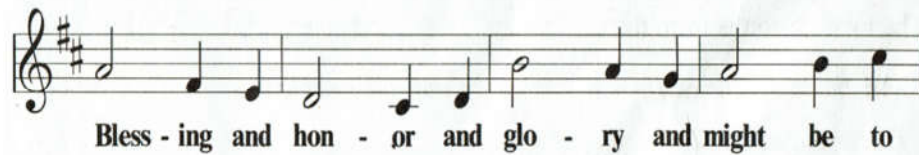
hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



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lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

O God, you know the perilous choices we are prone to make that fall short of your desire for human faithfulness and obedience. Without you, our fragile nature cannot survive. Support us with your Word of truth, that we may grow in faith in the midst of our trials. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

First Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalm 111

¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,*
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

²**Great are the deeds of the Lord!***

They are studied by all who delight in them.

³His work is full of majesty and splendor,*
and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴**He makes his marvelous works to be remembered;***
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

⁵He gives food to those who fear him;*
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

⁶**He has shown his people the power of his works***
in giving them the lands of the nations.

⁷The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice;*
all his commandments are sure.

⁸**They stand fast forever and ever,***
because they are done in truth and equity.

⁹He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant forever;*
holy and awesome is his Name.

¹⁰**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;***
those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures for-
ever.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Gospel Acclamation—*Alleluia Lord*

P: Please rise for the reading of the Gospel.

C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark 1:21-28

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel is read..

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Sermon Song

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Insert

Nicene Creed

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of
the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten,
not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For
us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy
Spirit, he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our
sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On**

the third day he rose again in accordance with Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and Son, he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and life of the world to come. Amen

Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

We continue to pray for the following:

Chuck Cederman	Harold Haseley	Lester Walck	Carol Harbart
Britt Gamache	Mark Lendway	Ralph DeVantier	Don Haseley
Lori Haseley (St. James)		Harry Dickenson	

Serving in the Military

Nate Allen	James Garavaglia	Jillian Kelkenberg	Phillip Messina
Seth Spitler	Ben Thorstad	Justin DeVantier	Jeremy Ditto
N.F. Air Base			

Those in Nursing Homes and Shut-Ins

Edna Walck	Paul Greinert	Nora Hingle	Janice Wick	Marge Kordzikowski
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Special Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

P: We pray as Jesus taught us, Our Father,

C: 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

Lamb of God

C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Distribution of Holy Communion

All who are baptized and believe that Jesus is present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine are invited to receive Holy Communion.

Post Communion Canticle

C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell everyone what he has done. Let everyone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Post Communion Prayer

P: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen

Closing Hymn

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

Insert

Postlude

**GO IN PEACE, SERVE THE LORD
THANKS BE TO GOD**

WELCOME to St. Peter’s Evangelical Lutheran Church. We are glad to have you join us to worship today. We invite you to join us each Sunday at 8:30 or 11:00 a.m. If you would like to request a meeting or arrange a visit from Pastor Tom, please call the office at 731-4433 or his cell phone at 990-6244.

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

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:1–13

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

⁴Therefore, 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." ⁵For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords"—⁶yet 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.

⁷However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former associa-

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

Holy Gospel: Mark 1:21–28

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



About the Cover: Jesus taught with authority. The leadership did not know what to do because they had never heard anyone teach like this before. "He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him" (Mark 1:27). In a world filled with inert opinions about spiritual matters, we need the teaching with authority from Jesus. His teaching—and His alone—brings victory and eternal life. He commands our destiny by His cross and resurrection.