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Epiphany 4

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you...

...Do not be afraid of their faces, For I am with you to deliver you," says the LORD.

Jeremiah 1:5,8

✠ Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 78 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) ✠

Greeting and prayer: (Pastor)

Children's Song: "This is the Day"

This is the day that the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Order of Worship

Adapted from LSB Setting 4 – p. 203ff

Invocation

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore we stand in awe of You.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Gloria in Excelsis *Latin for "Glory to God in the highest."*

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C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation ("Greeting") and Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P We pray:

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our weakness we cannot stand upright. Give strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations. We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-21; 26-31a (EHV)

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so also is Christ. ¹³ For by one Spirit we all were baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free people, and we were all caused to drink one Spirit. ¹⁴ Furthermore, the body is not one member, but many. ¹⁵ If the foot says, "Because I am not a hand, I am not part of the body," it does not on that account cease to be part of the body. ¹⁶ If the ear says, "Because I am not an eye, I am not part of the body," it does not on that account cease to be part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But now God has arranged the members in the body, each and every one of them, as he desired. ¹⁹ If they were all one member, where would the body be? ²⁰ But as it is, there are many members, yet one body.

²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need for you," or again the head to the feet, "I have no need for you."...

²⁶ So if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it, or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.

²⁷ You are the body of Christ, and individually you are members of it. ²⁸ And God appointed in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then miracles, healing gifts, helpful acts, leadership abilities, kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all miracle workers? ³⁰ Do all have healing gifts? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ But eagerly seek the greater gifts.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 4:31-37 (EHV)

P The Gospel reading is from Luke 4:31-37.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹ He went down to Capernaum, a town of Galilee, and was teaching them on the Sabbath. ³² They were amazed by his teaching, because his message had authority. ³³ In the synagogue there was a man who was possessed by the unclean spirit of a demon. He cried out with a loud voice, ³⁴ "Leave us alone! What do you have to do with us, Jesus the Nazarene? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God!"

³⁵ Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" The demon threw him down in front of them and came out of him without harming him.

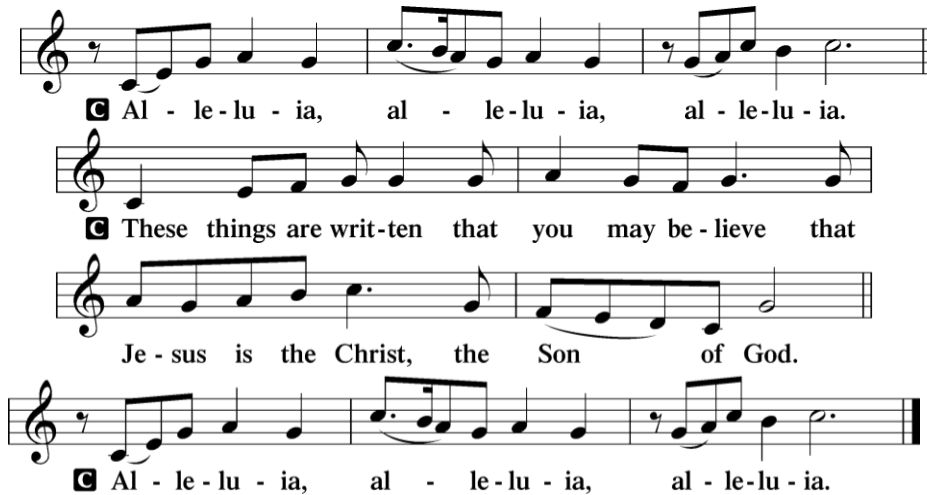
³⁶ They were all filled with awe and began to say to one another, "What is this message? With authority and power he commands unclean spirits, and they come out!" ³⁷ News about him spread to every place in the surrounding area.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Alleluia and Verse

When God speaks to us in His Word it is natural for us to respond. We sing "Allelujah!"—meaning, "Praise the Lord!"



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Nicene Creed *We boldly confess what we believe.*

LSB 206

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day: 541 (tune of hymn 348 LSB) *Away From Us the Demon Cried*

1 *"Away from us!" the demon cried When Christ, the Lord, drew near.*

"Our dark, disordered world is lost When You, the Light, appear!"

2 *But Jesus spoke with God's own pow'r; "Come forth!" was His command;*

For evil cannot bear the Light Nor sin the Truth withstand.

3 *O risen Christ, God's living Word, To us, we pray, draw near.*

Come, speak the truth that cleanses sin With love that conquers fear.

4 *Drive out the doubt that cripples faith; Expel our pride and greed*

That we, from pow'rs that threaten us, May, by Your grace, be freed.

5 *Then help us, Lord, to greet each day With hearts and wills made new*

And, when You call us forth to serve, To rise and follow You.

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Sermon Text: Jeremiah 1:4-10 (NKJV)

⁴ Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying: ⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations." ⁶ Then said I: "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I cannot speak, for I am a youth." ⁷ But the LORD said to me: "Do not say, 'I am a youth,' For you shall go to all to whom I send you, And whatever I command you, you shall speak. ⁸ Do not be afraid of their faces, For I am with you to deliver you," says the LORD. ⁹ Then the LORD put forth His hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me: "Behold, I have put My words in your mouth. ¹⁰ See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, To root out and to pull down, To destroy and to throw down, To build and to plant."

Sermon Theme: I Can't...God Can!

- † What are some of your **"I Can't's!"** when it comes to God calling us to serve, or to walk according to His Word in your Christian life?

- † How do God's words to Jeremiah, especially in **v. 5** and **v. 8** of our text also encourage and strengthen us?

Application: Can you think of some other sections of God's Word that remind us **"God Can"** even when we **"can't"**? (see **Phlippians 4:13; 2 Corinthians 12:9-10**)

Offertory

LSB 956

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it

from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of Thy sal-va-tion;
and up-hold me with Thy free spir-it. A-men.

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Sermon Hymn: "If God Himself Be For Me" LSB 724 v. 1, 2, 5, 8, 10 (tune of hymn 442 LSB)

- 1 If God Himself be for me, I may a host defy;
For when I pray, before me My foes, confounded, fly.
If Christ, my head and master, Befriend me from above,
What foe or what disaster Can drive me from His love?***
- 2 I build on this foundation, That Jesus and His blood
Alone are my salvation, My true, eternal good.
Without Him all that pleases Is valueless on earth;
The gifts I have from Jesus Alone have priceless worth.***
- 5 For no one can condemn me Or set my hope aside;
Now hell no more can claim me: Its fury I deride.
No sentence now reproves me, No guilt destroys my peace;
For Christ, my Savior, loves me And shields me with His grace.***
- 8 No danger, thirst, or hunger, No pain or poverty,
No earthly tyrant's anger Shall ever vanquish me.
Though earth should break asunder, My fortress You shall be;
No fire or sword or thunder Shall sever You from me.***
- 10 My heart with joy is springing; I am no longer sad.
My soul is filled with singing; Your sunshine makes me glad.
The sun that cheers my spirit Is Jesus Christ, my King;
The heav'n I shall inherit Makes me rejoice and sing.***

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Offering *We offer our gifts to the Lord, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him.*

Prayer of the Church *We bring our prayers to God.*

Service of the Sacrament

*Now we approach the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in which Jesus comes to bless us with His very body and blood.
We move toward the Sacrament with prayers of thanksgiving and songs of adoration.*

Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up 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 truly fitting, right, and spiritually beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lived among us as a human being and revealed His glory as Your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus *Latin: "Holy."*

LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.

Sing ho - san - na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;

Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** We give You thanks, O Lord our God, for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ and His cross. Give us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. In His name we pray, as we now join in the prayer that He taught us:

Lord's Prayer

LSB 209

- 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 Words of Institution

The words spoken by Jesus the night He instituted the Lord's Supper, by which our Lord assured to His Church the real presence of His body and blood in the Sacrament.

Pax Domini ("The Peace of the Lord")

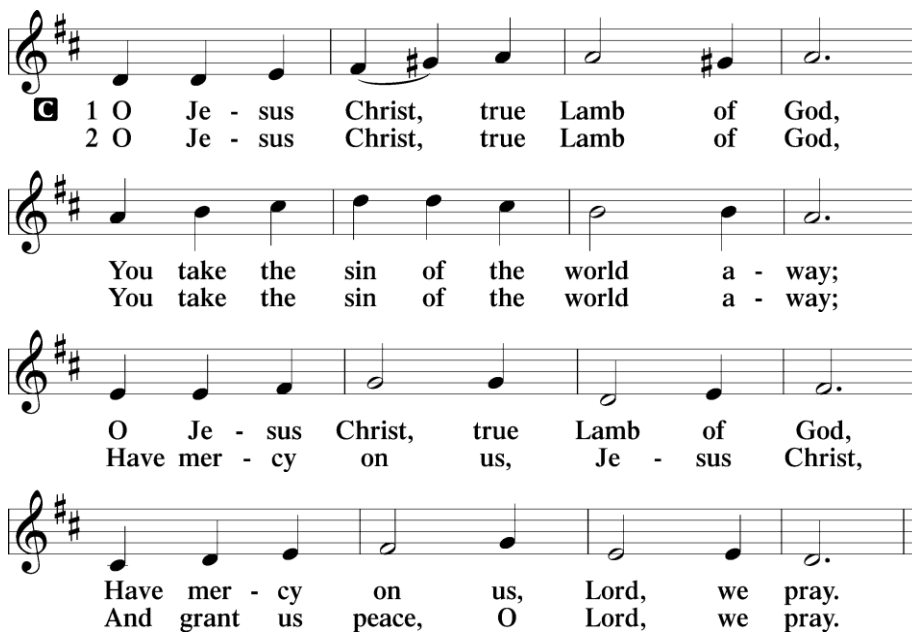
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- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

Latin: "Lamb of God." Jesus is the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29)



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

The Distribution

- † For the distribution we will start with those who would like to partake of the Lord's Supper from the pew. After that, those who would like to come up to the altar steps will partake as directed by our ushers.

Note to our Guests: We are so glad you are worshiping with us this morning. The Word of God treats the Lord's Supper with great care. The Word of God considers the Lord's Supper to be a wonderful Means of Grace – a way in which Christ forgives and blesses. It is also considered an opportunity for congregations to express unity and oneness (1 Corinthians 10:16-17) – that is, to say to the world "This is what we believe!" But God's Word also warns against taking the Sacrament to our judgment (1 Corinthians 11:27-30). For these reasons our congregation asks that you fully understand our teachings before partaking. We respectfully ask that those who have joined this congregation through public confession of faith, or who are members of another congregation of the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC) approach the altar at the usher's direction. By following this practice we do not make any judgment on your faith. Rather we do this out of love for you, as a public confession of our unity, and out of obedience to and love for God's Word. Speak to our pastor anytime and he will be glad to provide the information you would need – and want. We look forward to communing together, Lord willing, in the future.

Communion Hymns: 628 LSB; 629 LSB; 630 LSB

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

Latin: "Now Dismiss." Simeon's words after seeing the Christ Child. (Luke 2:29-32)

C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Benediction *The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).*

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Announcements



Welcome! We welcome all our visitors this morning.
Please sign our guest book and come worship with us again soon.

Today: **Choir Practice – 8am**
2/2/25 **Worship w/ Communion – 9am**
Sunday School & Bible Class (Video: "Is Genesis History?" – part 3) – **10:15am**

This Week: Tuesday – **Board of Property – 6pm**
Board of Education – 6:30pm
Wednesday – **Wednesday Bible Class – 6:30pm** (Zoom & In-Person)
Church Cleaning: Team #3 (2/1-2/7); Team #4 (2/8-2/14)

Next Sunday: *Baptism Sunday*
2/9/24 **Choir – 8am**
Worship – 9am
Sunday School & Bible Class – 10:15am

In Your Mailbox – Messiah Calendar - *February*



Reminder: Our members are encouraged to keep the last two pews reserved for families with small children. Thank you!

Sunday Bible Class – Creation-themed Video & Discussion – Sun. 1/19-Sun. 2/2 – In our Bible Class today we will be watching and discussing part 3 of the video "Is Genesis History?" Please join us!

Care Packages for ILC Students - Sign up sheet On Cupboard Door in Church Hallway – If you'd like to donate some treats and/or gift cards to our three high school students at Immanuel Lutheran High School in Eau Claire, please see the sign-up sheet in the entryway.
Sunday, Feb. 9th is the deadline. Please see the sign-up sheet for more information.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study @ 6:30pm – Please make plans to join us either in-person or online via Zoom for our Wednesday Evening Bible Class. We will be studying selected Psalms. To join online please click on Pastor Luke’s Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8729663333>

2025 Directory Updates – We will be printing an updated church directory for 2025 soon. Please check the printed directory on the bulletin board in the church entryway and make sure that your family and contact information (phone, email, address) is correct. If it is correct, please put a ✓ (checkmark) by your family’s entry. Please write in any changes, corrections, and additions, or email them to our church secretary, Brittany Albrecht (secretary@messiahhc.org). We hope to have the new directories printed by the end of February. Thank you!



CLC Call News – Pastor Paul Krause of Trinity Lutheran Church and School, Watertown, SD and Zion Lutheran Church, Hidewood Township, SD has **returned** the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School, Mountain View, CA. <> Sam Naumann of Eau Claire, WI has **returned** the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.<> Teacher Claire Abbas of Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN has **returned** the call to Trinity Lutheran School, Watertown, SD. <> Teacher Mikkela Schmitt of St. Stephen Lutheran School has **received** the call to Trinity Lutheran School, Watertown, SD.

Pastoral “Get to Know Each Other” Visits / Pastor Luke’s Contact Info – I am continuing to make “face to face” visits with our members. These include a short devotion and some time to get to know each other. Wherever is most convenient and comfortable for you will work just fine for me (my office, your home, a coffee shop, etc.). Feel free to contact me via email, text, or phone call if you know of a day and time that will work for you. If I don’t hear from you, rest assured, I will be contacting you! I look forward to meeting you all and getting to know each other better soon! In Christ, Pastor Luke

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Bible Readings:

2/2	Gen. 25:19-26:11 Psalm 32 Matt. 16:1-20
2/3	Gen. 26:12-35 Psalm 33 Matt. 16:21-28
2/4	Gen. 27:1-40 Psalm 34 Matt.17:1-21
2/5	Gen. 27:41-28:9 Psalm 35 Matt. 17:22-18:6
2/6	Gen. 28:10-29:14a Psalm 36 Matt.18:7-20
2/7	Gen. 29:14b-35 Psalm 37 Matt. 18:21-35
2/8	Gen. 30:1-24 Psalm 38 Matt. 19:1-15



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February Ushers

Ted Quade
John Marita
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February Slideshow

Caleb Gerbitz

Cleaning Team 2/8-2/14

Team 4
J/B Albrecht
P. Gurath
A/M Garvens
Marita
Quade
P. Reim

Fruits of Faith

Last Week:

To Date:

Budgetary Offerings:

\$6,451.03

\$225,421.80

Budgetary Needs:

\$8,571.29

\$257,138.70

Over (Under) Budget:

(\$2,120.26)

(\$31,716.90)

MDF:

\$90.00

\$1,200.00

ILCSAF:

\$100.00

\$980.00

Attendance Last Sun. (1/26): 136

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