



They were astonished at
His teaching

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

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Sunday, January 31, 2021

9:00 a.m.

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*Welcome: We are happy that you have joined us for worship.
May your worship of the living Lord enrich your faith and fill
your life with the lively hope and lasting joy.*

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“Jesus’ Authority and Power”
Creative Worship

As We Gather

In today’s Gospel from Mark 1, we are reminded of Jesus’ divine authority in His teaching to the people and also in His power over evil spirits. This power and authority was foretold by prophets such as Moses, pointing to the One who would fulfill all things as the long-awaited perfect prophet and Savior. In that power and authority, Christ has won our victory through His death and rising, and we are blessed with freedom in that faith to be used to His glory in service to others.

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: "Rise, Shine, You People" LSB #825 vs 1-4

PREPARATION

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution Psalm 32:1–2, 5–7,10

P Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
C **Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

P As Moses speaks to the people through God, we confess those times we do not listen to Your words and close our hearts to You.
C **Forgive us, Lord.**

P As Paul warns, we confess those times when our freedom in Christ causes one who is weak in faith to stumble.
C **Forgive us, Lord.**

P As Jesus, the long-awaited Prophet and Savior, taught with and showed His authority and power, we confess those times when we allow the forces of evil to make us forget the deliverance and love of God we have in Christ.
C **Forgive us, Lord.**

P With David the psalmist, we humbly come before the Lord.

Silence for reflection

P I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity;
C **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 Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. To those who believe in His name He gives the power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
C **Amen.**

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

WORD

Introit Psalm 1:1-5; Antiphon, Ps 1:6

P The Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
C **but the way of the wicked will perish.**

P Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked
C **or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.**

P But his delight is in the law of the Lord,
C **and on his law he meditates day and night.**

P He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither.
C **Whatever he does prospers.**

P Not so the wicked!
C **They are like chaff that the wind blows away.**

P Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement,
C **nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.**

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P The Lord watches over the way of the righteous,

C **but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Kyrie *LSB 186*

C **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Hymn of Praise: "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" *LSB #394 vs 1-5*

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

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

C **Amen.**

Be Seated

Old Testament Reading *Deuteronomy 18:15–20*

(Here Moses clearly is describing his own end and he yields his mastery to the Prophet who is yet to come)

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.’”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8*

P Praise the LORD, all nations!

C **Extol him, all peoples!**

P For great is his steadfast love toward us,

C **and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**

P Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

C **bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

Epistle *1 Corinthians 8:1–13*

(Paul addresses the church at Corinth on whether they should eat food sacrificed to idols)

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 association 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse for Epiphany 4 *Luke 4:18a*

C **Alleluia. Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel *Mark 1:21–28*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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, consulting 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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

C **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.

Children's Message: “Cleaning Up Our Messes”

Hymn of the Day: "Son of God, Eternal Savior" LSB #842 vs 1-4

Sermon Message: “They Were Astonished At His Teaching”

Hymn: "Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" LSB #528 vs 1-4

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Benediction *Psalms 32:10*

P Many are the sorrows of the wicked,

C **but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.**

P 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.**

Closing Hymn: "Praise the One Who Breaks The Darkness" LSB #849 vs 1-3

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February Sunday Worship: For the month of February we will have the Sunday service at 8:30 a.m. followed by Sunday school and Bible Class/Young Adult Class.

Offering: Beginning February 7, we will be adding back into our worship services the bringing of our offerings to the altar. We ask that you please put your offerings into the plate located at the back of the church before worship so when we bring the offerings up to the altar after the message, it can be included.

Midweek Worship Service will be on Wednesday, February 3 at 6:30 p.m. with Holy Communion.

Jr. High Food.Fun.Faith is scheduled for Wednesday the 3rd right after confirmation class.

Return To The Lord is our theme for Lent this year. Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, February 17th. Services for Lent will be held at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday evenings starting on the 17th.

Power of Love series for parents will continue this morning during the Sunday school. Vicar Jeff Hagen is leading this study and it is held in the fireside room. Join in for a short video, coffee, snacks and discussion that help build relationships that work with your children!

Youth Envelope Fundraiser: The youth are raising money to go to the next National Youth Gathering which will be held in Houston, Texas in July, 2022. Their envelope fundraiser is located in the hallway.

Take My Moments and My Days

Sunday, January 31: 9:00 a.m. Worship, 10:15 a.m. Sunday School/Bible Class

Wednesday, February 3: 3:45 p.m. Confirmation Class followed by Jr. High Food.Fun.Faith, 6:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, February 7: 8:30 a.m. Communion Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School/Bible Class/Parent Class



In Our Prayers: Vivian Richards, Lorraine Gagnon, Crue Crosby, Matt Schweer, Janet & Dick Lepird, Dan Hanson

Coping With Cancer: Brandon Krumwiede, Diane Beseke, Shirley Skogerboe, Serena Johnson, Marlene Kuntz, Tom Wescott, Bob Blazejak, Andrea Mileham, Cindi Crissinger, Lori Koerselman, Julie Krogman, Donna Nawrocki, Paul Overgaard, Elsie Swanson, Shelly Callahan, Gary Maday, Ginny Anderson, Larry Norem, Lacy McNicol, Roger Spiegel, Cyndi Johnson, Gloria Maschoff, Robert Ziemer, Kay Groth, Perry Caven, Harv Baird

Care List: Lois Anderson, Karen Brotsma, Dennis Cook, Connie Markquart, Norma Brotsma, Joanne Sathoff, Kurt Jans, Bruce Behne, Steve Luhmann, LaVerna Diekmann, Carroll Behne, Verna Bliesmer, Les Anderson, Glenna Shanley, Terri Schultz, Butch Pierson, Joyce Hansen Picken, Linda Chase, Adam Janssen, Helen Roebbeke, Bob Hoffmeyer, Marcella Brotsma, Bob Brotsma, and those we name in our hearts. *(Please help us keep this care list updated. We would like to know if families would like us to continue to have them on our care list, contact Pastor or the church office.)*

Members Celebrating Birthdays This Week Sadie Schermerhorn, Jack Ziemer, Emily Hansen, Alex Schliesmann, Darren Bettin, Caden Korte, Joyce Reigel, Brock Stauffer, Jeff Zender, Sharon Moeller, Kenna Kraemer, Shane Rowen, Chris Stenson, Brian Skogerboe, Dayton Hartung

Members Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries This Week: Ken & Mavis Morris, Martin & Beulah Rosenberg, Bruce & Nancy Schwager

We Remember the family and friends of Harvey Sathoff. Harvey was called to his eternal rest on Sunday, January 24. His funeral was held at St. John's Lutheran on January 30.

We also remember the family and friends of Grace Mulso. Grace was called to her eternal rest on January 21 and her funeral was held on January 30 at Kramer Family Funeral Chapel in Welcome.