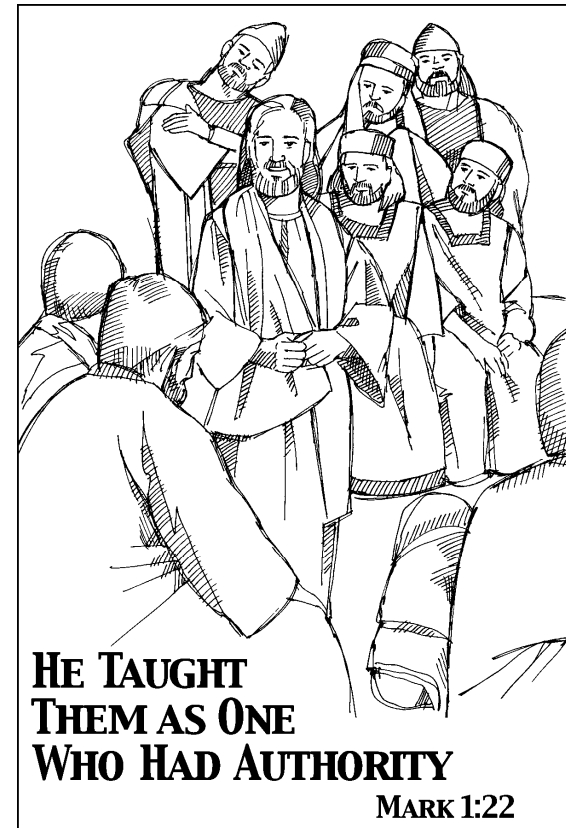


JANUARY 29, 2012

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

“LOVE’S DIVINE AUTHORITY”



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SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:00 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE
10:15 A.M.

The Altar Flower sign up sheet is on the wall next to the Church Office. Donations are \$35.00.

Welcome!

As we gather together this Sunday, we remember the hope that we have in Christ Jesus our Lord. We take a deep breath amidst the hectic and crazy world that we live in, and find a small still place inside ourselves. It is in this place, on this morning, when we hear again of the great hope that we have in a crucified and risen Savior. In that hope we welcome all who join us, not as perfect people, but rather as imperfect pilgrims walking slowly towards our God, traveling the journey He sets before us, and enjoying the fellowship of the saints along the way. If you are visiting with us for the first time, please stop by the table at the back of the sanctuary for a welcome packet.

Visitors and members – please take the time to fill out the red Record of Fellowship, located at the end of each pew.

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AVAILABLE – SEE USHER.

NURSERY & CRY ROOM

We have a cry room located in the back of the church just to the left as you entered for your use in case your children start to cry and you wish to tend to them yourself. We also have a staffed nursery for children up to 2 years old off the fellowship hall. If unsure of its location, please ask an usher.

<u>THOSE WHO SERVE THIS WEEK:</u>	<u>THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK:</u>	
Kate Cahill	Children’s Church	Judy Drews
Robert Regulus	Reader	Frances Robinson
Toby Cahill	Worship Assistant	Wilson Whittington
Jim Campbell	Communion Assistant	Charlie Hayes

THOSE WHO SERVE THIS MONTH:

Altar Guild June Weir **Candles** June Weir

Ushers

Robert Regulus, Henry Mosley, Charlie Hayes, Wilson Whittington

Church Secretary – Krista Wanat

Office hours: M, W – F 7am – 11am, Tues. 1pm – 5pm

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP (DS IV P.203)

*P = Pastor; C = Congregation

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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Confession and Absolution

P *In the name of the Father and of the T 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 You are feared.**

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.*

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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.**

Kyrie



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis



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-shipped 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 and Collect of the Day

P *The Lord be with you.*

C **And also with you.**

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.**

Old Testament Reading

-Deuteronomy 18:15-20

¹⁵ The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to him. ¹⁶ For this is what you asked of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, "Let us not hear the voice of the LORD our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die."

¹⁷ The LORD said to me: "What they say is good. ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers; I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him. ¹⁹ If anyone does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name, I myself will call him to account.

²⁰ But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded him to say, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, must be put to death."

A *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

- 6:00 PM Gospel of St. Matthew Bible Study
Friday, February 10th
- 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM Nehemiah Small Group
Sunday, February 12th
- 8:00 AM Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 AM Sunday School
- 10:15 AM - 11:30 AM Worship Service
- 11:30 AM LWML Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOTERS MEETING TODAY

Please join us today after the 10:15 Worship Service for a voters meeting and our Fifth- Sunday- of- the- Month- Potluck.



Offering Envelopes



The 2012 offering envelopes are now available in the back of the Sanctuary, as well as the 2011 year end offering statements.

THE COMING TWO WEEKS AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, January 29th

- 8:00 AM Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 AM Sunday School
- 10:15 AM - 11:30 AM Worship Service
- 11:30 AM Voters Meeting and Potluck

Tuesday, January 31st

- 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Women’s Bible Study

Wednesday, February 1st

- 6:00 PM Gospel of St. Matthew Bible Study

Sunday, February 5th

- 8:00 AM Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 AM Sunday School
- 10:15 AM - 11:30 AM Worship Service

Tuesday, February 7th

- 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Women’s Bible Study

Wednesday, February 8th

Psalm 111 - spoken

¹ Praise the LORD.

I will extol the LORD with all my heart
in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

**C² Great are the works of the LORD;
they are pondered by all who delight in them.**

³ Glorious and majestic are his deeds,
and his righteousness endures forever.

**C⁴ He has caused his wonders to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and compassionate.**

⁵ He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.

**C⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works,
giving them the lands of other nations.**

⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.

**C⁸ They are steadfast for ever and ever,
done in faithfulness and uprightness.**

⁹ He provided redemption for his people;
he ordained his covenant forever—
holy and awesome is his name.

**C¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all who follow his precepts have good understanding.
To him belongs eternal praise.**

Epistle

-1 Corinthians 8:1-13

¹ Now about food sacrificed to idols: We know that we all possess knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ² The man who thinks he knows something does not yet know as he ought to know. ³ But the man who loves God is known by God.

⁴ So then, about eating food sacrificed to idols: We know that an idol is nothing at all in the world and that there is no God but one. ⁵ For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”), ⁶ yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live.

⁷ But not everyone knows this. Some people are still so accustomed to idols that when they eat such food they think of it as having been sacrificed to an idol, and since their

conscience is weak, it is defiled. ⁸ But food does not bring us near to God; we are no worse if we do not eat, and no better if we do.

⁹ Be careful, however, that the exercise of your freedom does not become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰ For if anyone with a weak conscience sees you who have this knowledge eating in an idol's temple, won't he be emboldened to eat what has been sacrificed to idols? ¹¹ So this weak brother, for whom Christ died, is destroyed by your knowledge. ¹² When you sin against your brothers in this way and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. ¹³ Therefore, if what I eat causes my brother to fall into sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause him to fall.

A *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

- Mark 1:21-28

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

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

²¹ They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. ²² The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. ²³ Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out, ²⁴ "What do you want with us,



Post-Communion Collect

A *Let us pray.*

A *We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

C **Amen.**

Benedicamus and Benediction

A *Let us bless the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

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 T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

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.

TO ALL THOSE COMMUNING

Through the celebration of the Lord's Supper today, we receive the opportunity to review our lives, certainly during this past week, and to recognize that we have not always been what our Creator intended us to be, that is we have not loved Him first and foremost and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. As we consider our lives, it is God's desire that we confess our sins and receive the forgiveness He freely offers in His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. By His grace we are able to declare our belief in Him as the Triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – and by His grace we are able to profess our faith in the Lord Jesus who paid the penalty for our sins and covers us with His righteousness. We acknowledge His real presence “in, with, and under” the bread and wine.

If you are a guest, you are welcome to attend the Lord's Supper with us today. We ask only the same of you that the Lord asks of us all – that you come to His table if you are able to accept by faith the above truths, and if you are sincerely seeking His forgiveness and renewal in your life. We believe our communing together testifies to our unity in doctrine and faith.

You are given the choice of receiving the wine from individual cups or the common cup. The light wine in the center of each tray is non-alcoholic wine.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill #698

Jesus Comes Today with Healing #620

Nunc Dimittis

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”

²⁵ “Be quiet!” said Jesus sternly. “Come out of him!” ²⁶ The evil spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

²⁷ The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, “What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey him.” ²⁸ News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

P *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

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

CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Nicene Creed

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.

CHILDREN'S LESSON

All children ages 2-12 are invited to come forward for a special teaching time with Pastor Tom. Following the lesson, those children ages 3-7 are encouraged to follow the Children's Church leader for an age-specific teaching while sermon is preached.

SERMON HYMN

Son of God, Eternal Savior

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SERMON

“LOVE’S DIVINE AUTHORITY”



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After Each Portion of the Prayers:

P *Let us pray to the Lord,*

C **...Lord, have mercy.**

After the Final Prayer:

P *Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord...*

C **Amen**

OFFERING

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

P *The Lord be with you.*

C **And also with you.**

P *Lift up your hearts.*

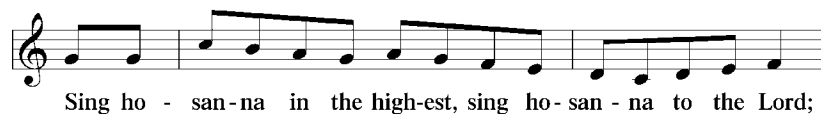
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P *It is truly good, right, and salutary...Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:*

Sanctus



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P *Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.*

As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh.

We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

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 Our Lord

Pax Domini

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

C **Amen.**

Following the sharing of the peace, we 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).

AGNUS DEI

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Following the Agnus Dei, the congregation may be seated.

