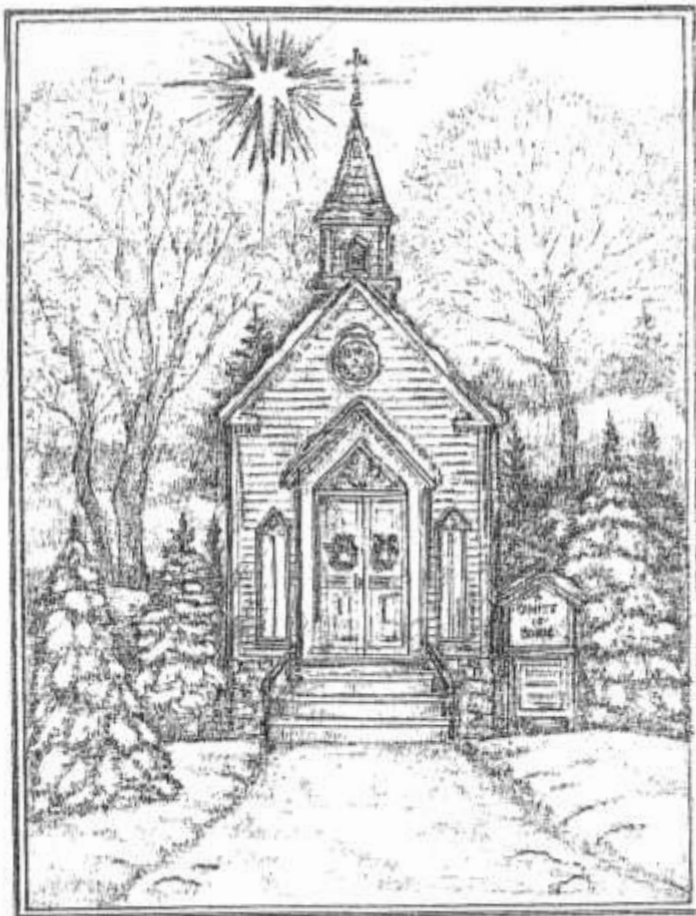


4TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



JANUARY 28, 2024

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Prelude/Bells

Welcome/Announcements

***Invocation/Confession/Absolution**

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***Opening Hymn**

***Kyrie/Gloria**

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***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.

***Passing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Share the peace by greeting those around you.

First 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.’”

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 de- | light in them.

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³His work is full of majes- | ty and splendor,*
and his righteousness en- | dures forever.

⁴He 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.

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

⁷The works of his hands are faithful- | ness and justice;*
all his command- | ments are sure.

⁸They stand fast forev- | er and ever,*
because they are done in | truth and equity.

⁹He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his cove- | nant forever;*
holy and awesome | is his Name.

¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the begin- | ning of wisdom;*
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise en- | dures forever.

Second Reading:

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 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.

Hymn of Preparation

Gospel:

Mark 1:21-28

²¹{Jesus, Simon, Andrew, James and John} 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.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

*Apostle’s Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

And born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

Was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day, he rose again.

He ascended into heaven

And sits at the right hand of the Father

He will come again 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.

Review of the Prayers of the People

Prayers of the People

Let us pray ...

(petition), Lord, in Your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

(Final prayer) Into your hands, we commend for all whom we pray, trusting in you, through our Savior, Jesus the Christ.

Amen.

Offering

Ushers collect the offering while special music is played.

***Offering Prayer**

The congregation is invited to stand and sing as the ushers bring the offering to the front:

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with thy free Spirit.

***Lord's Prayer**

***Closing Hymn**

***Benediction/Dismissal**

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.

(Our Saviour's, said): **Amen.**

(Fahlun, sung): **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

Go in peace, you are forgiven in Christ!

Thanks be to God.

Bells/Postlude

Prayers of the people

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Birthdays/Anniversaries for:

General Prayers Requests:

- Augustana District & LCMC
- Organizations serving those in need
 - United Way
 - Food Shelf
 - Galeon Senior Living
 - Love INC
- Military Service Members & their families
- Law Enforcement Officers and First Responders
- Our Government (Local, State, Federal)
- Peace and justice in Israel and Ukraine

Parish Members

Michael Eddy
Delores Hawkins

Jim Dyrud

Friends and Families especially

Our Saviour's

Merrit (Faye)
 Josie (Faye)
 Allison (Faye)
 Dickie (Faye)
 Tammy (Rick)
 Tina (Rick)
 Earl (Rick)
 Tyler (Sandy K)
 Joan (Sandy K)
 Patty (Sandy K)
 Kevin (Sandy K)
 Gladys (Sandy K)
 Caryn (Angie)
 Sara (Sarah)
 Richard (Anne)
 Elsa (Terry)
 Sheila (Neva)
 Wayne (Joel D)
 Ron (Joel D)
Sharon (Michele)
Roland (Michele)
Kay (Mary)
Kristi (Sandy)

Fahlun

Steve (Bev)
 Matt (Bev)
 Mike (Bev)
 Bud (Bev)
 Jeffrey (Bev)
 Dylan (Bev)
 Tammy (Bev)
 Elwood (Joel B)
 Helen (Joel B)
 Wayne (Joel B)
 Paul (Joel B)
 Jimmy (Joel B)
 Glen (Joel B)
 Don (Joel B)
 Julie (Joel B)
 Wendy (Andrea)
 Judy Alcott (Barb S)
 Brittany (Darlene)
 Rob (Ronnah)
 Travis (Kevin/Kelly)
 Sharon (Ronnah)
 Keith R (Rose)

Sorrowing Families

Gaylord Nack
 Terry Swanstrom
 Jerry Jensen
 Ron (Jason K)
 Paul (Shirley)

Elvira Blank Dixie (Ronnah)
 Dolly Brown
 Greg A (Bev)
 Larry O (Larry A)
 David (Larry A)

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Announcements

Sunday (Today), 28JAN2023

900am Worship at Our Saviour's with Annual Meeting Following

1030am: Worship at Fahlun

Usher: Joel Blank

Serving: Darlene Hendricks

Leading Worship: Rose Johnson

Next Sunday, 04FEB2023

900am Worship at Our Saviour's

1030am Worship at Fahlun

Usher: Joel Blank

Serving: Barb Bowman

Leading Worship: Pastor Blaine

Upcoming Events:

18FEB, 3MAR, 17MAR

Leading Worship: Pastor Blaine MacNeil

11FEB, 10MAR, 24MAR,

Leading Worship: Rose Johnson

14 FEB2024

700pm Ash Wednesday at Our Saviour's

Leading worship: Pastor Blaine McNeil

18FEB2024:

Fahlun annual meeting

Next Week's Readings:

Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11; 1 Corinthians 9:16-27; Mark 1:29-39