

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 31, 2021 9:30 am

THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

HYMN OF INVOCATION (Please Stand)

“O Worship the King” LSB 804 vs 1-4

**O worship the King all glorious above
O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love
Our shield and defender the Ancient of Days
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise**

**O tell of His might O sing of His grace
Whose robe is the light whose canopy space
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm**

**This earth with its store of wonders untold
Almighty, Thy pow'r hath founded of old
Established it fast by a changeless decree
And round it hath cast like a mantle the sea**

**Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite
It breathes in the air it shines in the light
It streams from the hills it descends to the plain
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain**

**Frail children of dust and feeble as frail
In Thee do we trust nor find Thee to fail
Thy mercies, how tender how firm to the end
Our maker defender redeemer and friend**

**O measureless Might ineffable Love
While angels delight to hymn Thee above
Thy humbler creation though feeble their lays
With true adoration shall sing to Thy praise**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of
the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

People: (Sing) **Amen.**

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true
heart and confess our sins unto God our Father,
beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus
Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Hebrews 10:22

(You are invited to kneel, or to be seated)

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: (Sing) **who made heaven and earth.**

Psalms 124:8

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the
Lord,

People: (Sing) **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

Psalms 32:5

**People: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor,
miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins
and iniquities with which I have ever offended
Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal
punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and
sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy
boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy,
innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy
beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and
merciful to me a poor, sinful being.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office,
as a called and ordained servant of the Word,
announce the grace of God unto all of you and in
the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus
Christ I forgive you all of your sins in the name of
the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[John 20:19-23]

People: (Sing) **Amen.**

(Please Sit)

THE FIRST READING *Deuteronomy 18:15-20 ESV*

“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 just 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.’ And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. I 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. And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. But 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.’

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 8: 1-13 ESV*

Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. But if anyone loves God, he is known by God. Therefore, 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.” For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords” yet 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. However, 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. Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For 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? And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³ Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

(Please Stand for the Gospel)

People: (Sing) **Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the first chapter.

People: (Sing) **Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 1:21-28 ESV*

And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, "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." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. And 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." And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

Reader: Here endeth the Gospel.

People: (Sing) **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

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All: 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 shall 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 worshipped 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 (Please Sit)

“Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me” LSB 715

**Jesus Savior pilot me
Over life’s tempestuous sea
Unknown waves before me roll
Hiding rock and treach’rous shoal
Chart and compass come from Thee
Jesus Savior pilot me**

**As a mother stills her child
Thou canst hush the ocean wild
Boist’rous waves obey Thy will
When Thou say’st to them be still
Wondrous Sovereign of the sea
Jesus Savior pilot me**

**When at last I near the shore
And the fearful breakers roar
Twixt me and the peaceful rest
Then while leaning on Thy breast
May I hear Thee say to me
Fear not I will pilot thee**

+++ SERMON +++

“I’ve Never Been This Way Before”

Text: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 (Old Testament Reading)

Sermon Theme: Just as the Lord provided Moses as well as many other prophets to lead Israel, so the Lord provides us his final prophet, Jesus, whose death and resurrection empower us to march forward in faith.

Goal: That each and every one present go forward in faith knowing they never go it alone, for Jesus has fulfilled God’s promise of a Moses like prophet to lead his people always.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (Please remain seated)

Reader: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen

(Please rise for the Lord’s Prayer)

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Spoken)

**All: 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 SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(Spoken by the Pastor)

THE DISTRIBUTION (Please Sit)

(See Communion policy on the front "Welcome" page of the bulletin or on the screen.)

Before approaching The Altar: (Kneel and say)

O Lord Jesus Christ Son Of The Living God, Who according to the will of The Father and through the operation of The Holy Spirit has given life to the world through Your death; by Your Most Sacred Body and Precious Blood deliver me from all my iniquities and from every evil, and make me ever cling to Your commandments, and permit me never to part from You.

Let not my reception of Your Body and Blood, which I, all unworthy, presume to eat and drink, be to my judgment and condemnation; but by Your mercy may it be to me for protection and health both of soul and body. Who lives and reigns with The Father and The Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen!

After Returning to The Pew: (Kneel and say this or another prayer) O Lord Christ, I can never thank You enough for instituting this Most Blessed Sacrament of Your Most Holy Body and Blood. May it ever be for me salvation to life everlasting and strength for godly living. Who lives and reigns with The Father and The Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen!

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" LSB 761

**Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure:
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.**

**Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.**

**Nothing in my hand I bring;
Simply to Thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die**

**While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee**

Pastor: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

People: (Sing) **And His mercy endureth forever.**

Pastor: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve you; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our

Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (Sing) **Amen**

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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.

People: (Sing) **Amen, Amen, Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“Jesus, Lead Thou On” LSB 718

Jesus, lead Thou on

Till our rest is won

And although the way be cheerless

We will follow calm and fearless

Guide us by Thy hand

To our fatherland

If the way be drear

If the foe be near

Let not faithless fears o'ertake us

Let not faith and hope forsake us

For through many a woe

To our home we go

When we seek relief

From a long-felt grief

When temptations come alluring

Make us patient and enduring

Show us that bright shore

Where we weep no more

**Jesus, lead Thou on
Till our rest is won
Heav'nly leader still direct us
Still support console protect us
Till we safely stand
In our fatherland**

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, *Pastor*

Marie Brown, *Organist*

Jim Bumgarner, *Elder/Comm. Assist*

Jim Bumgarner, *Reader*

Gary Mason, Glenn Cairns & Kim Armstrong, *Ushers*

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Website

www.mthopelutheranchurch.com

Have you checked it out? We now have Newsletters,
Bulletins, Lent service Schedule & soon Church service
Videos

Cards for members & friends of others

Everyone can sign the cards and they are in the narthex, or entry
into the church sanctuary.

ATTENDANCE

January 24 9:30am 45

PRAYER LIST

If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please
feel free to contact our Prayer Chain leader, Joan Hafkesbrink, at
313.565.6871. Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

Anniversary

Birthdays

Robert Glover – February 1st

Cameron Driscoll – February 5th

Paul Utcai – February 7th

For the Shut-Ins

Gladys Hill, at Beaumont Commons

Ken Knick, at home

Dorothy MacTavish, at home

George Morton, at home

For Those Who Are Sick or Healing

Bill Morison, Sandy Cairns Father, Prayers of thanksgiving
for good test results

Ronald Ladach Jr – Hospitalized with heart problems

The Family of Sam Duplessie – Laurie Pignanelli's Sister,
was called to her eternal home

Alan Hoye, Glenn Cairns Nephew, Aneurysm repair

Cathy Owens, Sandy Cairns Co-worker, Covid-19

Kati Berry, sister of Nancy Dajos, aneurysm

Louie Bigliardi, recovering from cataract surgery on 14th

Karen Morrison, Sister of Sandy Cairns, heart attack

Douglas, Eleanor Wirth's Son, Home recovering

Ronda Smith, Glenn Cairns Cousin, recovering from Covid

Geraldine Simms, Glenn Cairns Cousin, recovering from
Covid

Eric Witte, son of Phyllis Witte, side effects from Covid

Joyce Witte, Daughter in law of Phyllis Witte, reaction
from cancer treatments

Place on your refrigerator

LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

ASH WEDNESDAY - February 17th

In person worship 12 Noon & 7:00 PM
(With Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes)

MIDWEEK OF LENT 1--February 24th

In person worship 12 Noon
(To be recorded for viewing on church's FB page and Website)

MIDWEEK OF LENT 2—March 3rd

In person worship 12 Noon
(To be recorded for viewing on church's FB page and Website.)

MIDWEEK OF LENT 3—March 10th

In person worship 12 Noon
(To be recorded for viewing on church's FB page and Website.)

MIDWEEK OF LENT 4—March 17th

In person worship 12 Noon
(To be recorded for viewing on church's FB page and Website.)

MIDWEEK OF LENT 5—March 24th

In person worship 12 Noon
(To be recorded for viewing on church's FB page and Website.)

PALM SUNDAY—March 28th

In person worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am

HOLY (MAUNDY) Thursday—April 1st

In person worship 12 Noon & 7:00 PM w/HC
Stripping of the altar for Good Friday

GOOD FRIDAY—April 2nd

In person worship 12 Noon
(To be recorded for viewing on church's FB page and Website.)

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

April 4th EASTER SUNDAY

In person worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am