

Christ Ev. Lutheran Church

4th Sunday after the Epiphany—Feb. 1st, 2015

Opening Hymn: CW 475 “The Man Is Ever Blest”

Please stand.

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C (sings): Amen.

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray; Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

C: (sings) Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us. Amen.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called 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.

C (sings): Amen.

M: In the peace of this forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: (sings) Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav’nly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us. For you only are holy; you only are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen

M: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

Prayer of the Day: Lord God, You know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely through all temptations; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Please be seated.

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him. ¹⁶For 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.” ¹⁷The LORD said to me: “What they say is good. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him. ¹⁹I myself will call to account anyone who does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name. ²⁰But a prophet

who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, is to be put to death.”

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 1– page 64 in *Christian Worship (CW)*

Second Lesson: I Corinthians 8:1-13

Now about food sacrificed to idols: We know that “We all possess knowledge.” But knowledge puffs up while love builds up. ²Those who think they know something do not yet know as they ought to know. ³But whoever 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.” ⁵For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”), ⁶yet 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 possesses this knowledge. Some people are still so accustomed to idols that when they eat sacrificial food they think of it as having been sacrificed to a god, and since their conscience is weak, it is defiled. ⁸But 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 rights does not become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if someone with a weak conscience sees you, with all your knowledge, eating in an idol’s temple, won’t that person be emboldened to eat what is sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So this weak brother or sister, for whom Christ died, is destroyed by your knowledge. ¹²When you sin against them in this way and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if what I eat causes my brother or sister to fall into sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause them to fall.

Verse of the Day “Alleluia. We saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him. Alleluia. (Matthew 2:2b)

M: Please stand. **C: (sings) Glory be to you, O Lord!**

Holy Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

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 impure spirit cried out, ²⁴ “What do you want with us, 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 impure 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 impure spirits and they obey him.” ²⁸ News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

M: These are God’s Words. **C: (sings) Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated.

Hymn of the Day: CW 395 "Seek Where You May to Find a Way"

Sermon:

Please stand.

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

Please be seated.

Offering Hymn: 334 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Prayer of the Church and –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.

M: The Lord be with you. C: (sings) And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts. C: (sings) We lift them up unto the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. C: (sings) It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and 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 all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

C: (sings) Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts; heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is My blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me." The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: (sings) Amen.

C: (sings) O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us Your peace. Amen.

Please be seated.

Distribution Hymn(s): 313

Please Stand.

C: (sings) Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace according to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

C: (sings) And His mercy endures forever.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sings) Amen.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and + give you His peace.

C: (sings) Amen. Amen. Amen.

Closing Hymn: CW 473 v.1 "I Walk in Danger All the Way"

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>Movie NIGHT!!!! On Feb. 13th let's get together for some fellowship time and bring your favorite ballpark food and tailgating chair and enjoy a movie with fellow sisters and brothers in Christ.

>Please take the time to look over the cleaning schedule for the new year and consider when you can take your TURNS in helping care for the Lord's house. A guideline sheet for the Cleaning of the Lord's House will be posted on all 3 levels, please refer to these as you take your turn. Supplies (toilet paper, paper towel, dusting spray, garbage bags) are provided.

>Ladies' Mtg. Feb. 5th 7pm.

>Lent begins Feb. 18th with our Ash Wednesday service @ 7pm. There will be a meal hosted by our Ladies' group starting at 5:45pm. We encourage you to take advantage of these special services to focus on the tremendous work of Salvation accomplished for us by our SAVIOR-GOD.

> **Christ-Beatrice will once again be participating in the Circuit pulpit exchange during the Lenten season. This year we thankfully welcome St. Paul's-Plymouth to the mix of the rotation. Guest preachers will include Pastors: Tim Kemnitz, Kerry Kronenbusch, Steve Kahrs & Fred Berger.**

B-days & Anniv. –Micki Wollenburg (2/3); Gordon Crome (2/6)

<i>This Week and Beyond</i>			<i>Fruits of our Faith (1/24&25)</i>		
Today	9:00am	BC & SS	Attendance: 7 (Sat)	41(Sun)	Needed
	10:00 am	Communion Worship	Home Fund:	\$2384	\$1600
Wed.	7:00pm	Confirmation	Missions:	\$93	\$122
			NELHS Operating:	\$75	\$122
Thurs.	7:00pm	Ladies' Mtg.	NELHS Debt:	\$25	
			<i>Total</i>	<i>\$2577</i>	<i>\$1844</i>
Sat.	4:30pm	Worship	<i>Serving Among Us</i>		
Sun	9:00 am	BC & SS	Organist: Janice Spilker-Pieper		
	10:00 am	Worship	Ushers: Gordon Crome(elder), Larry Wollenburg & Spencer Corter		