



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

January 28, 2018
Epiphany 4

Service of the Word
Christian Worship p. 38

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To Our Visitors

- The restrooms are in the fellowship hall. Turn to your left when exiting the church.
- We are happy to have children in our worship. Cloth bags with age appropriate books and activities are available. Please ask an usher.

Calendar for This Week: January 28-February 3

Today

10:30 am Sunday School and Ignite Youth Group, No Bible Class

Wednesday

10:30 am Bible Class

3:15 pm Confirmation Class A

4:45 pm Confirmation Class B

HYMN

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here CW 295

FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

¹⁵ The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. 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 fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him. ¹⁹ I myself will call to account anyone who does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name. ²⁰ But 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, CW page 64

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

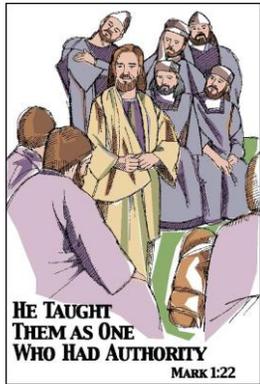
Now about food sacrificed to idols: We know that "We all possess knowledge." But knowledge puffs up while love builds up. ² Those who think they know something do not yet know as they ought to know. ³ But whoever loves God is known by God.



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."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 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.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 rights does not become a stumbling block to the weak.¹⁰ For 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?¹¹ So this weak brother or sister, for whom Christ died, is destroyed by your knowledge.¹² When you sin against them in this way and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ.¹³ Therefore, 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.

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Seek Where You May to Find a Way CW 395

SERMON

Sermon Text: Mark 1:21-28

Theme: Jesus demonstrates His power and authority.

- I. He taught the Word of God with authority.
- II. He drove out an evil spirit with power.

HYMN

With the Lord Begin Your Task CW 478

CLOSING HYMN

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word CW 203

Today's Bible readings are available as a separate sheet for those who would like to take a copy home. They are on the literature table across from the mailboxes.

Baptism Today

Brynja Esther Vomhof, the daughter of Danlye and Stephen Vomhof, will be baptized in our service today. Her sponsors are Carol Holtz and Martin Vomhof. May our gracious God keep Brynja in her baptismal grace all her days.

Installation of Church Council Members

The following men will be installed into office as members of our church council:

Mark Carlson - president, Tim Cords - secretary, Matthew Winkler - treasurer, Jay Dahlke - financial secretary, Maynard Huth - elder, Martin Wegner - Board of Education and Chris Hinz - properties and finance.

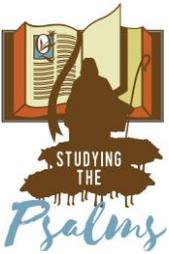
January Food Shelf Donations



Restock the SHELVES

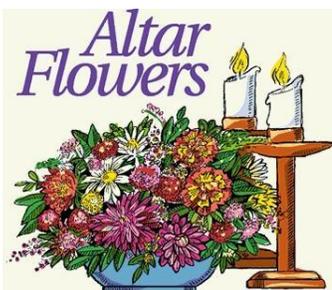
You may have noticed that there is a box for food shelf donations in the fellowship room. Instead of the box being out all the time, the following months will be designated as food shelf months: January, April, July, and October. During these months, please bring your donations and place them in the box. Foods with a longer shelf life, personal items, and paper goods are needed. No expired items please. Let's see if we can fill the box up! The box will be out every Sunday in January and will be taken to the Hudson Community Food Shelf on Monday, January 29th.

Wednesday Bible Class



Pastor Vomhof teaches the Wednesday morning Bible class at 10:30 am. We are studying the book of Psalms, which is often referred to as the Christian's prayer book and hymn book. Come and join us to learn how the Psalms apply to us.

Altar Flower Donation Calendar



The 2018 Flower Donation Calendar is on fellowship hall bulletin board. Members may sign-up to donate a floral arrangement for the chancel area. This is a wonderful way to help beautify our church as well as commemorate wedding anniversaries,

birthdays, memorials, and other personal milestones or to express gratitude for blessings received.

Church and School Cleaning Team for February

Matthew Winkler, leader
Martin Wegner family
Julie Michaels family
John Stelling family

Other Items of Interest

Attendance last Sunday: 62

Fellowship refreshments next Sunday: open

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