

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 30, 2022

American Lutheran Church, Filley, Nebraska

Pastor. Jonathan Jensen, Transitional Minister, 402-768-3665

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

We gather together in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 71:1-6)

P: In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

C: In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.

P: Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

C: Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

P: For you, O LORD, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

C: Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.

GATHERING HYMN: "Surely the Presence of the Lord is In This Place"

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. I can feel His mighty power and His grace. I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face. Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.

P: Rejoice in this good news: In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Let us pray...

C: Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 1:4-10

⁴Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,

⁵"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;

I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

⁶Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy."

⁷But the Lord said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy';

for you shall go to all to whom I send you,

and you shall speak whatever I command you.

⁸Do not be afraid of them,

for I am with you to deliver you,

says the Lord."

⁹Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me,

"Now I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and over

kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to
overthrow, to build and to plant."

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

¹If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth.

⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but

when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I

thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For

now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest

of these is love.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (*Noisy offering is taken at this time.*)

(*Children are excused to go downstairs for Sunday School.*)

GOSPEL Luke 4:21-30

²¹Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” ²³He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” ²⁴And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. ²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” ²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

MESSAGE

Pastor Jonathan Jensen

HYMN OF THE DAY “Give Thanks”

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One. Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son. Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One. Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say, “I am strong.” Let the poor say, “I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us.” And now let the weak say, “I am strong.” Let the poor say, “I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us.” Repeat (Ending) **Give thanks.** “Give Thanks,” words and music by Henry

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OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe.

You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey.

Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light.

Amen.

APOSTLES’ 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 is seated 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 catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL AND ELECTED OFFICERS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

A brief silence.

Guide your church in the ways of faith, hope, and love. Cultivate ministries and communities of compassion that bear witness to your enduring presence among us. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Teach us to live in humility on the earth. Curb arrogance that leads to destruction of natural resources and disregard for future generations. Inspire the work of scientists who urge us to live in harmony with your creation. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You are the refuge of all who seek hope and freedom. Accompany immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers who cross borders to find safety and opportunity. Embolden leaders to draft compassionate policies on behalf of migrants and those who assist them. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Love bears, believes, hopes, and endures all things. Comfort with your love all who are lonely, fearful, or brokenhearted. Sustain the hope of all those who suffer in body or spirit. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your grace falls upon young and old alike. Bless the gifts of children in this congregation and in this community. Give us humble hearts to follow their leadership. Inspire us with their laughter, their insight, and their curiosity. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We praise you for those who have gone before us and now see you face to face. Abide with us in this mortal life until we rest in the arms of your neverending love. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May his face shine upon you with grace and mercy. May He look upon you with favor and grant you peace. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: **"Shout to the Lord"**

My Jesus, my Savior. Lord, there is none like You. All of my days, I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love. My comfort, my Shelter, Tower of refuge and strength. Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You. Shout to the Lord, all the earth let us sing...Power and majesty, praise to the King. Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name. I sing for joy at the work of Your hand. Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand. Nothing compares to the promise I have in You. (Repeat)

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SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP! It's wonderful to gather as the body of Christ to worship and give thanks to God! Thanks be to God for all of you here! If you are a visitor, please sign the guest book and feel welcome to come again. You are invited to come downstairs for refreshments and fellowship following worship.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Dustin Fritch, Janice Uecker and our shut-ins.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Tatum Crocker, Sandy Flesner (Feb 1) Eliot Bohling, Lois Frohman (Feb 5) Bonnie Bartels, Loryn Antons, Tana Antons (Feb 6)

THANK YOU from Sara Miley - I want to thank everyone for the get well cards, phone calls, and prayers during my journey back to health. The meals from the "chicks" were wonderful!! Great to be part of this church family!

PRODIGY MARKEY SOFTBALL SPAGHETTI FEED Free Will Donation @ American Legion Beatrice
January 30, 2022 4-8 pm

THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA will meet Feb. 2, at 9:30 here at the church. Lesson is on Hager by Jane Young. Hostess if Brenda Hippen.

DAY ONE New contract - If you would like to sponsor a Day One Sunday on KWBE (airs on Sunday's at 7:00 a.m.) contact Pat Jobman, 402-239-2476 for details. A **SPECIAL** Thank you goes to Delores Huls for 12 years of service in Day One.

ALC/THRIVIENT Action Team - Thank you for your donation with Thrivent Team Card to spread God's love to listeners on Day One Thank you for being a light in many lives.

COMING UP:

Every Wednesday - BeLoved/Confirmation, 4:00-5:30 p.m
Wednesday February 2nd ELCA meeting, 9:30 a.m. @ church

WORSHIP HELPERS

Transitional Minister - Pastor Jonathan Jensen, 402-768-3665

Council - Dave Norton-President (402-520-3555), Virgil Jobman-Vice President (402-310-6339), Carol Frerichs-Secretary (402-223-7919), Brenda Hippen-Treasurer (402-688-4466), Linda Searcey-at large (402-223-8237).

Reader: -DeeAnn Schmidt NEXT WEEK Sign up

PowerPoint Preparer/Presenter - Brenda Hippen NEXT WEEK Brenda Hippen/DeeAnn Schmidt

Audio/Video: Dave Norton NEXT WEEK- Randy Schmidt

Accompanist: Contemporary Group NEXT WEEK- Sandy Mahler

Fellowship Tom and Jane Young NEXT WEEK -Norm and Sandy Flesner

SUNMART RECEIPTS: Thanks to everyone who has been saving their SunMart receipts!

SunMart/Spartan Nash Co. supports a fundraising program called "Support Our Schools and Churches." All you have to do is save your SunMart cash register receipt tapes and put them in the box in the Fellowship Hall (or give to a council person). When we have collected \$150,000 in receipt tapes Spartan Nash Company awards us a check for \$1000. We have reached our goal of \$150,000 two times so far and are starting over again with a balance of about \$114,000.00. You can also ask your check-out person if

they have any extra receipts. They save the ones that people don't want and give them out – first come, first serve. Thank you to everyone who is helping with this ministry!

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