

4th Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday, Jan. 28th, 2018
Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)
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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN *Oh for a Thousand Tongues* (ELW 886)

GREETING (ELW p. 184)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE (ELW p. 184)

CANTICLE OF PRAISE *Glory to God* (ELW p. 185)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son,

Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

A reading from Deuteronomy.

[Moses said:] ¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: “If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.” ¹⁷Then the LORD replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM: Psalm 111

¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with | my whole heart,

in the assembly of the upright, in the | congregation.

**²Great are your | works, O LORD,
pondered by all who de- | light in them.**

**³Majesty and splendor | mark your deeds,
and your righteousness en- | dures forever.**

**⁴You cause your wonders to | be remembered;
you are gracious and full | of compassion.**

**⁵You give food to | those who fear you,
remembering forev- | er your covenant.**

**⁶You have shown your people the power | of your works
in giving them the lands | of the nations.**

**⁷The works of your hands are faithful- | ness and justice;
all of your pre- | cepts are sure.**

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

⁹You sent redemption to your people and commanded your

cove- | nant forever;

holy and awesome | is your name.

¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the begin- | ning of wisdom;

**all who practice this have a good understanding. God's
praise en- | dures forever.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.

²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him.

⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact 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.

⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸“Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu-ia.
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:21-28

The holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²¹[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught.²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and 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.” ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *O God of Light* (ELW 507)

APOSTLE’S CREED (Back cover of hymn book or ELW p.105)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Let us pray, **Have mercy, O God.**

SHARING THE PEACE

GIFT GATHERING AND SONG



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me
with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

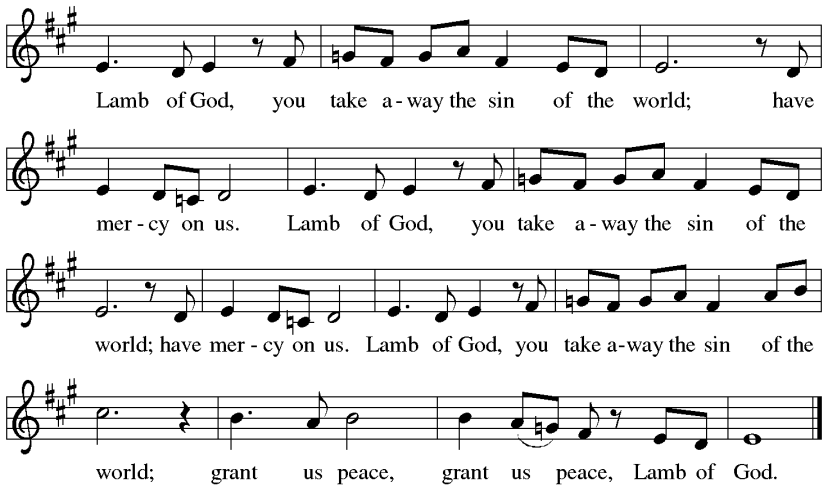
Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING (ELW p. 190)

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 190)

LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 191)

COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 191)



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMNS

There is a Balm in Gilead (ELW 614)

Healer of our Every Ill (ELW 612)

Word of God, Come Down on Earth (ELW 510)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal, we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG *The Lord Now Sends Us Forth (ELW 538)*

DISMISSAL

All who desire communion with Jesus and approach the sacrament with faith, are welcome at the Lord's Table. While both the common cup and individual glasses are offered, we encourage the use of the common cup to emphasize the unity we share in the Body of Christ, the church (please indicate your preference to the servers). A non-alcohol option is available in the tray. You may also partake of bread only, or come to the table for a blessing only



There is reference to The Balm in Gilead in the Old Testament, especially in the prophet Jeremiah 8:22 and 46:11. Gilled was a region just east of the Jordan River. Here, a bush producing resin from which the healing medicine was made grew plentifully. The balm was also a perfume used to heal and soothe. The lyrics of the hymn, for Christians, refer to the saving grace of God through Jesus Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The scripture for Monday's Lectio Divina is Isaiah 40:21-31.

The **CHURCH COUNCIL** meets on Thursday, February 8th at 7:00.

Thank you all for making the **OTTAWA LUTHERAN REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE'S** "World on a Plate" a sold-out event! (Gerda Kraft).

Men of the congregation together with our FaithLife chapter will host the 25th **ANNUAL PANCAKE SUPPER** on Tues, Feb 13th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. The menu: pancakes, sausages and fruit, with coffee, tea or juice. Our voluntary offerings will help send our young people to the CLAY Gathering in Thunder Bay and will be matched by FaithLife Financial up to \$300.

Our **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** is on Sunday, February 25th at 11:00. Save the date!

The new **WORSHIP SCHEDULE** and **OFFERING COUNTERS SCHEDULE** are posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

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