

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
January 28, 2024

Service of the Word (WOV pg. 46-53)

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS/WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

LBW #522 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

GREETING

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

L: In the beginning was the Word,

C: and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

L: In the Word was life,

C: and the life was the light of all people.

L: The Word became flesh and lived among us,

C: and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.

CANTICLE (pg. 47 WOV)

Refrain: Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

Great and wonderful are your deeds, O God of the universe; just and true are your ways, O Ruler of all the nations. Who can fail to honor you, Lord, and sing the glory of your name?

Refrain: Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

For you alone are the Holy One. All nations will draw near and worship before you, for your just and holy works have been revealed.

Refrain: Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

SALUTATION

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.** *L: Let us pray.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: O God, you know that we cannot withstand the dangers which surround us. Strengthen us in body and spirit so that, with your help, we may be able to overcome the weakness that our sin has brought upon us; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. AMEN

FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Pew Bible pg. 202

After the reading: *Lector says: The word of the Lord.* **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 111

L: Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,

C: in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

L: Great are the deeds of the LORD! C: They are studied by all who delight in them.

L: His work is full of majesty and splendor, C: and his righteousness endures forever.

L: He makes his marvelous works to be remembered;

C: the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

L: He gives food to those who fear him; C: he is ever mindful of his covenant.

L: He has shown his people the power of his works

C: in giving them the lands of the nations.

L: The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice;

C: all his commandments are sure.

L: They stand fast forever and ever, C: because they are done in truth and equity.

L: He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant forever;

C: holy and awesome is his name.

L: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; those who act accordingly have a good understanding. C: His praise endures forever.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Pew Bible pg. 1198

After the reading: *Lector says: The word of the Lord.* **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (pg. 48 WOV)

(Please rise as you are able)

C: Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you! Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you! Our hearts burn within us while you open to us the Scriptures. Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you! Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you!

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 1:21-28

(Spoken before reading) *L: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 1st chapter.*

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

(Spoken after reading) *L: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.*

(Please be seated)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

LBW #364 "Son of God, Eternal Savior"

(Please rise as you are able)

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

L: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C: 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

L: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith; C: pray in the Holy Spirit.

L: Keep yourselves in the love of God

C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

L: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

L: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

L: Gracious God, C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

L: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (Please rise) Congregation Sings: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray. Merciful God, C: in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you embrace our lives with your great love for humanity. With joy and gladness we ask that these gifts may be for many a sign of that love, and that we may continue to share in your divine life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

L: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. C: Amen

SENDING HYMN

LBW #230 "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

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CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

Loretta Overholt	Jennifer Birkey	Joan Mathis	Willie Carico
Robert Flessner	Sondra Sipes	Earl Smith	Cindy Williams
Rena Shebesta	Rosemary Bennett	Ron Minch	Gabbi Reynolds
Ben Moser	Denny Doyle	Beth Tally	Mary Jean
Shorty Baugher	Rich Friemel	LouAnn Baugher	Lynn Moser
Roy Huff	Joane Wilson	William Benton	Ruth Benton
Kim Wyre	Steve Ritchie	Ella Osterbur	Leon Rocker
Paul Wolters	Martha Stanfill	Kyrsten Valentine	Marla Osterbur
Sharon Loeh	Mary Mallicoat	Nick Shepherd	Joyce Keith
Karen Derges	Bob & Jenny Hobby	Gus Robertson	Kathy Anderson
Mary Ann Heiser	Gordon Peterson	Debbie Peterson	Fred Sommer
Bob & Sue Selby	Bonnie Henderson	Jessica Hawn	Merrill Wattjes
Velma Armstrong	Sandra Ackerman	Kathleen Cooper	Joan Percival
Irene Galindo	Michael Markarian	Pat Gallahue	Joyce Williamson
Courtney Schoolcraft			

NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING:

Keith Dohleman	Rita Buenting	Mildred Flessner	Ruth Lutz
Ilene Ackerman	Genet Dixon	Janet Withers	

MILITARY (Bolded names are known to be in an area of higher danger):

Kelly Williamson	Jon Stiebner	Alex Short	Brandon Elrod
Kasey Fenimore	Justice Long	Brian Griswold	Levi Loschen
Ryan Falletti	Riley Falletti		

TABLE GUILD

ACOLYTES

BULLETIN GREETERS

GREETERS

LECTOR

PRAYER LEADER

WORSHIP STEWARD

USHERS

Midge Seim, Lloyd Schluter

Kyndall Cox, Liam Kaiser

Emily Deal, Phyllis Hafermann

June Luna, Lindalou Hauersperger

Terry Doyle

Sally Bauer

Lloyd Schluter

David Hulse, Donna Hustedt, Patsy Franzen

WELCOME TO WORSHIP “Praise the Lord! ... He sent redemption to his people.... Holy and awesome is his name” (Psalm 111:1, 9, NRSV).

YOUTH RETREAT American Lutheran Church will be hosting the Youth Greater Calling Retreat on February 23rd-25th. This event is for all students that are in Confirmation to High School. If your child is interested in attending, please contact the church office or Neal White as soon as possible.

OFFICE CLOSED The church office will be closed this Friday, February 2nd.

WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICE for the call of a pastor continues to be held in the Chapel at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday evening. This time of prayer is devoted to all aspects related to the call of a pastor - praying for our call committee, congregation, Mission District Dean, the pastor (& family) to be called, and any other related needs as the call process continues. A time of fellowship with a light meal begins at 5:45 p.m. prior to the prayer service. All are invited and welcome to attend!

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on Sunday, February 11th, immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Worship Service. The Nominating Committee will present the following nominees for office on the Church Council:

Elder: Mitch Suits

Trustees: Joyce Holland, Ron Howe, Lois Sjoken

Our Constitution allows for additional members to be nominated if submitted by a “Voting Member” of the congregation. Request is to be received by the Pastor ten days prior to the date of the election (February 1st). All such requests to be in writing and signed by three members. Members so nominated will be included on the ballot along with those nominated by the Nominating Committee.

CONGREGATIONAL BREAKFAST will be held on Sunday, February 11th, immediately following the Annual Congregational Meeting in the ALC Youth Hall. This breakfast will be provided and served by the youth of our church. A freewill offering will be taken and designated for VBS 2024. Please plan to attend and support our youth!

2023 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS have been mailed. Please contact Judy Peck in the church office at (217)893-4550 if you have not received your statement.

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES The remainder of the 2024 offering envelopes are available to pick-up in the church office. If you would like envelopes and none were provided, please contact Judy Peck in the church office.

ATTENDANCE FROM LAST WEEK:

9:00 a.m. Worship Service – 137

PRAYER CONCERN UPDATES Please call the church office monthly with updates on those currently listed in our prayer concerns.

CANTEEN RUN Sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

BROADCAST/FLOWER CHART If you would like to sponsor the weekly radio broadcast on WPXN, the cost is \$50. To provide flowers for Sunday, the cost is \$25. Please sign up on the appropriate chart outside the Narthex then notify the church office the details to print in the bulletin prior to that date.

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT FORMS are located on the bulletin board outside the Narthex. Please call the preschool office at 217-893-8773 with any questions.

STUDENT CLOTHING DONATIONS (gently used clothing, new socks, underwear and shoes for children ages Kindergarten through 5th Grade -size 5T to Men's & Women's size small) for Northview Grade School are to be placed in the tub located in the Narthex.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11; 1 Corinthians 9:16-27; Mark 1:29-39

THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 28

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Women's Bible Study

Monday, January 29

12:30 p.m. Quilting

Tuesday, January 30

6:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, January 31

5:30 p.m. Confirmation

5:45 p.m. Fellowship Meal

6:30 p.m. Prayer Service

Thursday, February 1

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Friday, February 2 OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, February 4

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Women's Bible Study

Radio Broadcast Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m. on WPXN 104.9FM

Daily Prayers & Lessons – Week of the Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
January 28, 2023 – February 3, 2024

Prayer: Lord God, Heavenly Father, you showed your glory and led many to faithfulness by the works of your Son. As he brought gladness and healing to his people, grant us these same gifts and lead us to faithfulness in him, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

The weekly readings we print are from St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Millersburg, PA. They have published the following: *The following daily lectionary is a new compilation of readings covering the entire Bible in a two-year cycle. We have become increasingly discontented with the daily lectionaries from other sources due to the elimination of verses or sometimes even whole chapters. If the Holy Scriptures are the inspired Word of the Lord as we believe and teach, then the whole Word of the Lord ought to be read. Additionally, whereas other sources attempt to assign readings according to seasons and festivals, this daily lectionary does not attempt to do so since that is accomplished by the Lessons in the Sunday Service.*

Daily Lessons:

Sunday	Exodus 12:21-51	Psalm 57	Matthew 22:1-33
Monday	Exodus 13:1-14:31	Psalm 58	Matthew 22:34-46
Tuesday	Exodus 15:1-27	Psalm 59	Matthew 23:1-22
Wednesday	Exodus 16:1-36	Psalm 60	Matthew 23:23-39
Thursday	Exodus 17:1-18:27	Psalm 61	Matthew 24:1-14
Friday	Exodus 19:1-25	Psalm 62	Matthew 24:15-28
Saturday	Exodus 20:1-21:11	Psalm 63	Matthew 24:29-31

Morning Prayer We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all danger and harm. We ask you to preserve and keep us, this day also, from all sin and evil, that in all our thoughts, words, and deeds we may serve and please you. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen

Mid-Day Prayer Gracious Jesus, our Lord and our God, at this hour you bore our sins in your own body on the tree so that we, being dead to sin, might live unto righteousness. Have mercy upon us now and at the hour of our death, and grant to us, your servants, with all others who devoutly remember your blessed Passion, a holy and peaceful life in this world and, through your grace, eternal glory in the life to come; where, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, God forever. Amen

Evening Prayer We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have this day so graciously protected us. We beg you to forgive us all our sins and the wrong which we have done. By your great mercy defend us from all the perils and dangers of this night. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen



Thrivent Direct Choice Dollars Program

If you have a Thrivent policy, you are eligible to donate your Direct Choice Dollars once each year to support our ALC Christian Preschool. It is Thrivent's way of giving back to the community it represents.

Direct Choice Dollars Online:

1. Visit thrivent.com/thriventchoice.
2. Select **Direct Choice Dollars**.
3. Log in by entering your User ID and password. (If you haven't yet registered on thrivent.com, click **Register for account access**.)
4. Choose the organization (**American Lutheran Church Christian Preschool, Rantoul**) to which you want to direct Choice Dollars:
 - Click **Direct Now** next to the organization's name, or
 - Click on the **View activity history** link and click on the name of the desired organization.
 - If you haven't chosen an organization, **enter keyword** (American Lutheran Church Christian Preschool) and click **Search**.
5. Choose **Direct All** or enter a specific number and click **Direct Now**. Follow the prompts on the confirmation page to direct Choice Dollars.

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1. Call 800-847-4836 and when prompted, say "Thrivent Choice".
2. Press 1 to direct Choice Dollars or 2 to hear Thrivent Choice Dollars Program Terms and Conditions. (If prompted, say or enter your phone number and date of birth).
3. A client service professional will work with you to direct Choice Dollars.

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