

Epiphany IV
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8:00 a.m. Communion Service



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PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

Prelude, Ringing of the Bells

Opening Hymn - LSB # 533 "Jesus Has Come"

Welcome and Sharing of the Peace

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Father of mercies and God of all consolation, come to the aid of Your people, turning us from our sin to live for You alone.

C: Give us the power of Your Holy Spirit that we may attend to Your Word, confess our sins, receive Your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson - Jeremiah 1:4-10 Now 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! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth." ⁷But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. ⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD." ⁹Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me, "Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Epistle - 1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13 I will show you a still more excellent way. ¹If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not 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 have not love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice at wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. ⁷Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

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Choir

Holy Gospel - Luke 4:31-44 And he went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, ³²and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority. ³³And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, ³⁴“Ha! 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.” ³⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent and come out of him!” And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm. ³⁶And they were all amazed and said to one another, “What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!” ³⁷And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region.

³⁸And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon’s house. Now Simon’s mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. ³⁹And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them. ⁴⁰Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. ⁴¹And demons also came out of many, crying, “You are the Son of God!” But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ. ⁴²And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, ⁴³but he said to them, “I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose.” ⁴⁴And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Hymn – AGPS # 168 “Lord of All Nations”

Sermon

Nicene Creed (Inside back cover of hymnal)

Offering

Offertory Hymn - LSB #851 vs 1-2 “Lord of Glory”

Collect of the Day

P: Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Prayers

Hymn Of Praise - LSB #790 vs. 1 and 4 "Praise to the Lord"

ORDER OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Exhortation

P: Dearly beloved, since it is our intention to come to the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, it is proper that we diligently examine ourselves as St. Paul tells us to do, for this Holy Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort and strengthening of those who humbly confess their sins and hunger and thirst for righteousness.

C: But as we thus examine ourselves, we find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we cannot set ourselves free.

P: That is why our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy on us and has taken on Himself our nature;

C: that He might fulfill for us the whole law of God and for our deliverance suffer death and all that we by our sins have deserved.

P: That we might all the more confidently believe this and be strengthened by our faith, Christ has instituted the Holy Sacrament of His Supper, in which He feeds us with His body and gives us to drink of His blood.

C: Therefore, whoever eats of this bread and drinks of this cup, firmly believing the words of Christ, dwells in Christ, and Christ in him, and has eternal life.

P: We should do this also in remembrance of Him, showing His death,

C: That He was delivered for our offenses and raised again for our justification,

P: And, giving Him our most hearty thanks, take up our cross and follow Him and according to His commandment to love one another as He has loved us.

C: For we are all one body, even as we all eat of His Body and drink of His Blood.

P: Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

ALL: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserved your punishment now and forever. But, I am heartily sorry for them and

sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious to me, a poor sinful being. **Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.**

P: God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith and confidence in Him.

C: Amen.

P: I stand before you as God's ambassador and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ announce that all your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Communion Collect

P: Lord of heaven and earth, we praise and thank you for having had mercy on those whom you created, sending your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and to be our Savior.

C: With repentant joy, we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

P: Gathered in the name and remembrance of Jesus, we beg you, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit.

C: Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us to do in His own testament.

P: Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us. . .

ALL: "Our Father, who art. . ."

Consecration of Bread and Wine

Communion Distribution

Hymns

LSB # 563 "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"

LSB # 423 "Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"

LSB # 610 "Lord Jesus, Think on Me"

LSB # 620 "Jesus Comes Today with Healing"

Collect After Holy Communion

P: Lord Jesus Christ, we thank and praise you that you have again revived us with the gift of this comforting sacrament. Bless our participation in Your holy Body and Blood that we may now depart with peace and joy, knowing that we are reconciled to God; for You live and reign with the Father, and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Benediction

P: May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn - LSB # 554 vs. 1, 5-6 "O Jesus, King"

Announcements and Postlude

† † † **HOLY COMMUNION** † † †

We ask our visitors to note that our Lutheran understanding of Holy Communion is different than that of most other churches. We have always believed that Christ's body and blood are present, in a very real way, in, with, and under the bread and wine ("*This is my body . . . This is my blood.*" Matt. 26:26,28). We also believe that this eating and drinking of Christ's body and blood forgives our sins and strengthens our faith.

By communing together, we become united, not only in saving faith, but also in belief regarding the scriptural teachings of the Lord's Supper. Expressions of unity we feel should be honest. We love and respect other Christians who believe differently, and welcome all to worship with us. ***Because of our understanding of communion fellowship, we invite only members of First English Lutheran Church and those who are members of the Lutheran Church Missouri synod (LCMS) to commune here.***

If you are a member of the LCMS, please follow the four steps of preparation for Holy Communion, which are printed out on the white cards found in the rack on the pew in front of you. When you attend Holy Communion, please register by filling out one of the white cards and pass them to the inner aisle during the offering so that the ushers can collect it.

For those who prefer, the cup in the center of the communion tray is grape juice with a drop of wine. If you do not feel secure taking the individual cup from the tray, please hold out your hand to indicate your concern and the cup will be handed to you. Small children are invited to accompany their parents if they desire to receive a blessing from the Pastor.

† † **VISITORS AND MEMBERS** † †

Sometime during the service, we ask that everyone fill out one of the cards found in the pew racks so that we might have a record of your worship with us today. For our visitors we ask that you please sign our Guest Register on the table next to the front door as you leave. We are pleased to have you join us this morning as we praise our great God and encourage you to visit us again when possible.