

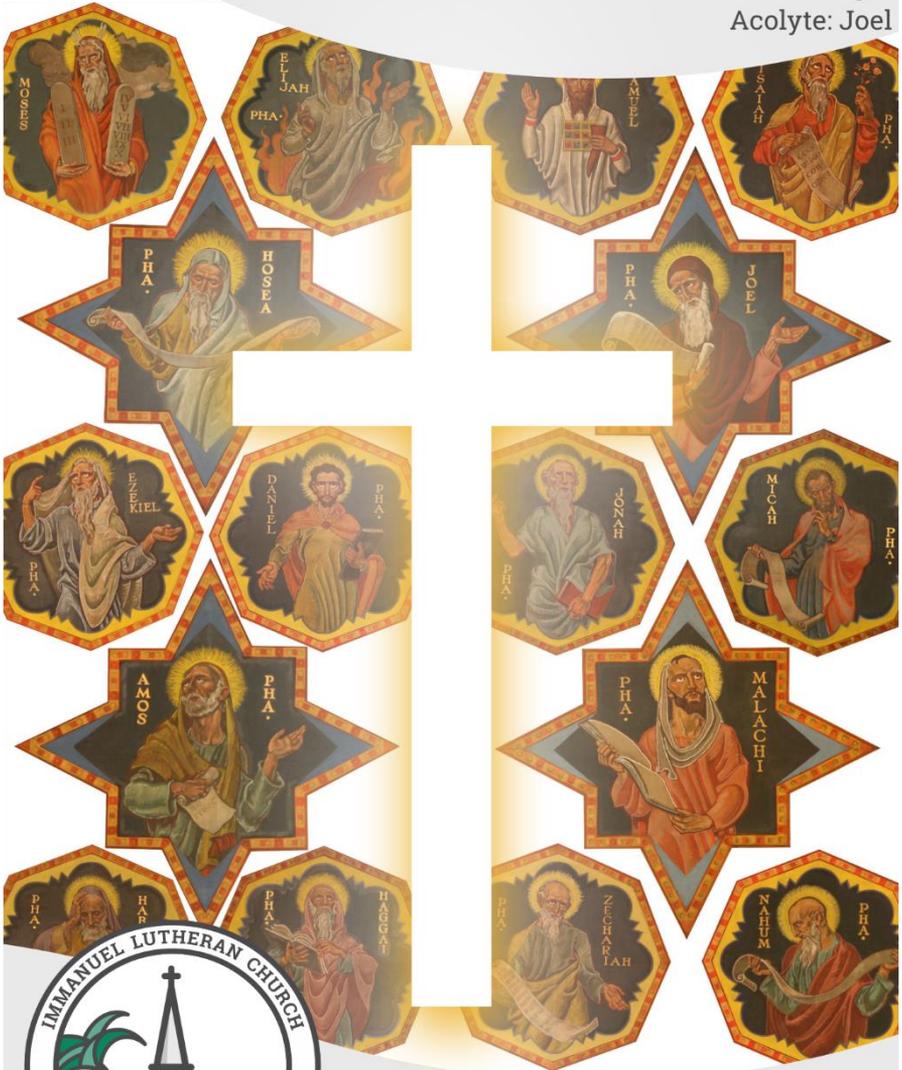
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Epiphany 4

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PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Ps. 111:1-5, 9-10

¹ Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. ² Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. ³ Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. ⁴ He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful. ⁵ He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever. ⁹ He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name! ¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: TLH #138:1,2,5

“The Light of Gentile Nations”

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

C *♩* **A - - - men.**

CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION:

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C *♩* **Who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C *♩* **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C *♩* A - - - men.

INTROIT

Ps. 32:1-2, 5-7, 10

A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.

P Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

C **Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.**

P Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

C **I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;**

P I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

C **Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach Him.**

P You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with shouts of deliverance. Glory be to the Father!

GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory be to the Father"

C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;

as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The first system contains the first line of lyrics, and the second system contains the second line of lyrics. The music is written in a simple, homophonic style with block chords and moving lines in both hands.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Mark 1:22

Alleluia. They were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as One Who had authority. Alleluia.

THE KYRIE

Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our life.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

TLH #237:1

C All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended. God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!

P Let us pray . . . through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - - - men.

EPISTLE READING – 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." This "knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up. ² If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³ But if anyone loves God, he is known by God. ⁴ Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "an idol has no real existence," and that "there is no God but one." ⁵ For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth-- as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords"-- ⁶ yet 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. ⁷ However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸ Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹ But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰ For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? ¹¹ And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹² Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³ Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

GOSPEL READING – Mark 1:21-28 And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²² And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³ And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴ "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." ²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶ And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷ And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸ And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

P This is the Word of the LORD.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles. We boldly confess what God has taught us to believe.

**I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived
by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into
hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into**

heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN: TLH #139

“In His Temple Now Behold Him”

SERMON – Deuteronomy 18:15-20 "The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers-- it is to him you shall listen-- ¹⁶ just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.' ¹⁷ And the LORD said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. ¹⁹ And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. ²⁰ But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.'

Jesus Christ, the Perfect Prophet

- I. A prophet like Moses — and the LORD of Moses
- II. A mediator of a covenant — and an eternal covenant



OFFERTORY

In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

🎵 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

SERMON HYMN: TLH #352

“O Savior, Precious Savior”

- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS -

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

OFFERING HYMN: TLH #438:4

“Almighty Father, Heaven...”

C ♪ We, Lord, would lay at Thy behest The costliest offerings on Thy shrine; But when we give, and give our best, We give Thee only what is Thine.

PRAYER, LORD’S PRAYER, and BENEDICTION

P The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

C ♪ Amen, amen, a – men.

CLOSING HYMN: TLH #290

“We Have a Sure Prophetic Word”

✠ Announcements ✠

CLC Call News The Reverend Neal Radichel, pastor of Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac WI, has accepted the call as co-pastor for Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato MN. <> Faith Lutheran of Markesan, WI, has called Mr. Neil Bernthal, principal of Immanuel Lutheran, Winter Haven, FL, as principal and teacher for grades 3-5.

Looking Ahead...

- ✠ **Feb. 4:** Confirmation Day for Joel Bernthal – Examination @ 9:15 | Confirmation during the worship service
- ✠ **Feb. 14:** Ash Wednesday 6:30 (Beginning of Mid Week Lenten Services)

Neil Bernthal was called this weekend to serve as principal and teacher for Faith Lutheran in Markesan, WI, as noted above. Every call, whether accepted or returned, is from the Lord. Please keep Neil in your prayers over the coming weeks as he considers the needs of our own church as well as the needs of Faith Lutheran. *“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.”* - Jeremiah 29:11-13

Last Week (1/14) Attendance: Winter Haven – 27 Orlando - 13

General = \$850 | CLC Missions = \$10 | Tuition = \$940

Building Fund = \$30

Total Offering = \$1,830

February Usher: Ireland | Acolyte (2/4): Mason G.

| Cleaner (2/3): Goodwin

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Find the link on our website under the “CLC Links” tab. Look for “CLC E-Devotions.” Below is the most recent devotion from John 1:44-45:

“It's true, Nathanael was a more than little bit skeptical at first. He wondered how anything good, anybody important (the world's Savior, really?) could arise from such an insignificant, out of the way village of northern Galilee, Nazareth. No way! How can it be?

“We may be tempted, in moments of weakness, to ask similar questions: what good could come from sharing the message of the crucified and risen Savior with a friend? How can inviting people to read their Bibles accomplish anything good or positive for them in their lives? Will Scripture really serve as a lamp for their feet? How can the labors of our hands, we who are weak mortals, we who are members of a little congregation or a tiny synod, accomplish anything worthwhile for the kingdom of God?

“But just as Jesus used His Word to enable a cynical Nathanael to become a devoted disciple, someone who believed that the greatest Good, the best Friend he would ever know, did indeed come from Nazareth ... so He does for us. The Savior uses His Word to chase away our doubts, dispel our skepticism, to enable us to believe: "As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it" (Isaiah 55:10-11). "I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes" (Romans 1:16). "The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes" (Psalm 19:7-8). What an encouragement for our work as missionaries of Christ!”