

**February 3, 2019**

**Epiphany 4**

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Who can this be,  
THAT EVEN THE WINDS  
AND THE SEA  
obey Him?



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## PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Ps. 99

<sup>1</sup> The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! <sup>2</sup> The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. <sup>3</sup> Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he! <sup>4</sup> The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. <sup>5</sup> Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he! <sup>6</sup> Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called upon his name. They called to the LORD, and he answered them. <sup>7</sup> In the pillar of the cloud he spoke to them; they kept his testimonies and the statute that he gave them. <sup>8</sup> O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings. <sup>9</sup> Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy!

## ✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

### OPENING PRAYER

**HYMN: TLH #396:1,4-6** "Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink"

- P** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

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

- P** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.
- C** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from *conception*. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**
- P** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will!
- C** Amen!



# INTROIT

Ps. 107:1, 8, 24-25, 28-29

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

- P** Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and He delivered them from their distress.
- C** He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.
- P** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!
- C** Let them thank the LORD for His steadfast love, for His wondrous works to the children of men!
- P** They saw the deeds of the LORD, His wondrous works in the deep.
- C** For He commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea.
- P** Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and He delivered them from their distress.

## LORD, HAVE MERCY and GLORY TO GOD

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,  
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,  
Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.  
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:  
We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,  
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shipped and a - dored,  
Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.  
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

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**P** Let us pray. ... and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING – Exodus 14:21-31** Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. <sup>22</sup> And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. <sup>23</sup> The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. <sup>24</sup> And in the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic, <sup>25</sup> clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from before Israel, for the LORD fights for them against the Egyptians." <sup>26</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen." <sup>27</sup> So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the LORD threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. <sup>28</sup> The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained. <sup>29</sup> But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. <sup>30</sup> Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. <sup>31</sup> Israel saw the great power that the LORD used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the LORD, and they believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

**GOSPEL READING – Matthew 8:23-27** And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. <sup>24</sup> And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. <sup>25</sup> And they went and woke him, saying, "Save us, Lord; we are perishing." <sup>26</sup> And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?" Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. <sup>27</sup> And the men marveled, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?"

**P** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that  
 Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**CONFESSION OF FAITH**

*The Nicene Creed*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

✠ INSTALLATION OF NEWLY ELECTED CHURCH OFFICERS ✠

**SERMON – Romans 13:8-10** Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup> For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup> Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.


## How to Tell the Difference Between Legalism and Love

1. Start with God’s Love
2. Test by God’s Word
3. Recover through God’s Son

### OFFERTORY

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


**C**  **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.**

**HYMN: TLH #289 “The Law Commands and Makes Us Know”**

### - OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS –

*Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed on the next page:*

**OFFERING HYMN: TLH #441:1 “We Give Thee But Thine Own”**

**C**  **We give Thee but Thine own, Whate’er the gift may be; All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

### PRAYER and the LORD’S PRAYER



## Order of Holy Communion



- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts!
- C** **We lift them up to the Lord!**
- P** It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made

known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of Sa - ba - oth, a - dored; Heav'n and  
 earth with full ac - claim shout the glo - ry of Your name. Sing ho -  
 san - na in the high - est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord; Tru - ly  
 blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*Lk. 22:19-20; Mt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:23-25*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me. In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me." The peace of the Lord be with you always!



O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose  
 blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im -  
 part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -  
 tain with Your mer - cy and grant us Your peace.

**Please Note:** The Lord's Supper is described in 1 Corinthians 11:23-32 as a most precious medicine for the soul. Like all medicines, of course, it must be used at the right time for the right purpose by the right person, lest it do more harm than good. That is one reason we ask our visitors...please speak to the pastor before you commune with us. Thank you!

## THE DISTRIBUTION

*Approach at the usher's direction.*

**P** Take and eat. This is the true body of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Take and drink. This cup is the true blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

May this body and blood strengthen and preserve you in the true faith, unto life everlasting. Depart in peace. Amen.

C: 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace: A  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One; For  
light as to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.



**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

C: My heart has now be - come Your dwell - ing, O bless - ed,  
ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Your prais - es  
tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly. Lord, may Your  
bod - y and Your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

### THE BENEDICTION:

*The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26).*

**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!

**HYMN: TLH #54**

**“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”**

### ✠ Announcements ✠

#### Missionary to India

Our missionary had returned safely to India on Thursday and passed through immigration without much incident. He stayed the night in a hotel, and as he was leaving on Saturday morning, he was taken by security back to the

airport. He was then informed that his visa had been revoked, and he was placed in lockup for much of Saturday, until he could board a flight to bring him back to the USA. He should be arriving later this evening. While the setback is certainly disheartening, we praise the Lord for keeping him safe through a rather difficult and possibly dangerous situation. We pray the Lord would guide Peter in his next steps.

#### Looking Ahead...

- ✠ **Today:** Communion Service and Fellowship Snack
- ✠ **Today:** Ladies of Immanuel
- ✠ **Today:** Special Voters' Mtg.
- ✠ **Feb. 10:** Orlando Service 8 am

**School Open House** is being planned for Saturday, February 16. The goal is to bring attention the fact that we have a school, putting prospective parents in contact with our teachers. We will need a lot of help to get this running, please speak with Mr. Bernthal and ask how you can help out.

**Communion Today** Why doesn't our church just pass the Sacrament out in the pews, as some churches do? Because we understand Communion very differently than others. From God's Word, we understand the Lord's Supper to have just as great a potential for harm as it has for good (I Corinthians 11:17-29). For that reason, we do not give it out unless we know that it will work for your good and therefore for the good of the church. In fact, we do not even commune our own children until they have been properly instructed! For this reason, we trust that those of our visitors who wish to commune with us will prepare with the pastor first. Pastor Rodebaugh would be happy to discuss this with you at your convenience!

**Shut-in/Encouragement List** **Betty Sweet** is now living at the memory care facility at Spring Haven. **Emily Kuehne** suffers from total blindness and severe knee pain when standing or walking. **Patti Meno** continues to receive treatment for her kidney condition and is awaiting a transplant. **Ray Seger** remains shut-in. **Bill Issitt III** remains mostly housebound while recovering from several health problems. **Richard Cook** is dealing with general unsteadiness. **Johanna Jaehnigen** remains mostly housebound, being no longer able to drive. **Sharon Brown** is recovering at home from a bout with pneumonia. **Crystal Shaw** has many blood clots in her heart, lungs, and legs, and is receiving treatment to prevent a heart attack. **Bill Hartmann's** health is deteriorating. Please keep Bill and Liz in your prayers.

**Last Week (1/27) WH** – 28 **Orlando** - 13

General = \$982 | Missions = \$30 | Tuition = \$1,375

**Total Offering = \$2,387**

**Feb. Usher:** Ireland | **Acolyte (2/10):** Mason G.

| **Cleaner (2/9):** Galstad

**Annual Voters' Meeting Minutes** President Ed Morris called the meeting to order at 11:38 a.m., and Pastor Rodebaugh began the meeting with prayer. The following voting members were present: Neil Bernthal, Don Beymer, Rudy Enriquez, Steve Goodwin, David Kleinschmidt, John Kuehne, Maverick Kuehne, Michael Kuehne, Paul Kuehne, Richard Kuehne, Ed Morris, Craig Owings, Darrin Ream, Pastor Rodebaugh, and Paul Seger. † The Secretary's Minutes of the November 4, 2018 Quarterly Voters' Meeting were approved as presented. † Pastor presented the Elders' Report. The pastor has adult classes with Josh Merashoff, Jaime Andino and Yalice Cardona, and confirmation classes with Ella Bernthal, Mason Goodwin, Matthew Lewis, Hayden Proctor, and Grant Ream. The church disbursed \$500 from the ILC scholarship fund to help with Joel Bernthal's tuition at Immanuel Lutheran High School. Pastor and Board continue to work with inactive members. **It was approved to accept the transfer of Membership for Fred Adams from St. Paul Lutheran to Immanuel.** † Officers were elected as follows (term in years): President – Ed Morris (1) Vice-President – Michael Kuehne (1) Secretary – John Kuehne (1) Treasurer – Mike Sheffield (1) Financial Secretary – Paul Kuehne (1) Board of Elders – David Kleinschmidt (3) Board of Trustees – Steve Goodwin (3) Board of Education – Paul Kuehne (3) Archivist – Richard Kuehne (1) Auditing Committee – John Kuehne and Michael Kuehne (1) Assistant Treasurer – Caleb Moorehead (1) Head Usher – Paul Seger (1). Newly elected officers to be installed on February 2, 2019. † The Treasurer's Report for 2018 was presented by John Kuehne. Offerings were \$84,180, Tuition was \$47,706 (\$9,000 not included as it was a 2017 payment) and rent from teacherage was \$7,200 for total receipts of \$139,086. Disbursements were \$148,431. The Funds are as follows: Activity Fee = \$221, Benevolence Fund = \$466, Building Fund = \$1,778, Medical Fund = \$5,503, Property Improvement Fund = - \$2,911, Property Insurance Fund = \$10,355, ILC Scholarship Fund = \$955, School Fund = \$3,760, and Tuition Grant Fund = \$1,928. **The Treasurer's Report was approved as submitted.** † The Proposed Budget for 2019 was presented with a proposed disbursement of \$152,633 and receipts of \$143,880 of which \$52,500 is estimated from Tuition, \$7,200 from rent and \$84,180 in offerings. It includes increases for annual salary (\$2,004), FICA/FUTA (\$100), payroll and tax service (\$600), conferences (\$250), and Orlando Rent increase (\$127). It includes reductions for pastor's mileage reimbursement (\$1,000) and water (\$250). **The 2019 Budget was approved by voters.** † **It was recommended and approved, that the**

**Cooperative Budget Plan goal for our congregation to support the CLC would be \$2,500 for 2019.** † Pastor Rodebaugh presented the Pastor's Report. Pastor is working to construct mailboxes for the members. The pastor continues to perform classes for instruction, confirmation, and adult classes. He performs many visits to members, has devotions with the school children, keeping services and sermon podcasts up to date, keeps church website up to date, and plenty of synodical work. The pastor has received an appointment from the Board of Missions. A special meeting will be held February 3, 2019. † Steve Goodwin presented the Trustees' Report. Soffit repairs and paint needed on Trim around church. Construction on parsonage carport conversion to garage began. Repairs were completed to the irrigation system, church pews, three doors at church/school, roof repairs behind the piano, speakers in front of the chapel, and ceiling in parsonage living room. Men's restroom upgrades are almost complete, still need privacy divider. Lighting was installed for landscape/spotlight and the church sign. † John Kuehne presented the Board of Education Report. Current enrollment is 14 and includes the two new students that started in October. The Projected tuition for 2018-2019 is \$49,000. School participated in the Havendale Christmas Parade (Dec. 7) as a school activity that promoted our school and church. Wiffle Ball tournament took place Dec. 29, which had four teams participate. School is planning an Open House day (Feb. 16) with fun activities and information about the school. This will bring awareness of our school and Step-Up for students funding. † Under Old Business, **recommended and approved that "ILC Student Aid" fund be renamed "ILC Scholarship" fund.** † Under New Business, it was noted that Facebook ads could be used to advertise for events. † The meeting was closed at 1:07 p.m. with the Benediction.