

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

“Hearing the Wrong Words”

January 28, 2024



**PRELUDE
WORDS OF WELCOME
THE RINGING OF THE BELL**

DIVINE SERVICE

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Hymn

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Hymn # 528



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Invocation

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+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Introit

Psalm 32:1-2, 5-7; antiphon: v. 10

Many are the sorrows of the wicked,

but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,

whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,

and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

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

I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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.

You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;

you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

**and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
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Hymn of Praise *“This Is the Feast”* *p. 155*

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(All) 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. Amen.

Old Testament Reading *Deuteronomy 18:15-20*

¹⁵“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— ¹⁶just 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.’ ¹⁷And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. ¹⁸I 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. ¹⁹And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. ²⁰But 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.’”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading *1 Corinthians 8:1-13*

¹Concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. ²If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

⁴Therefore, 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.” ⁵For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed 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.

⁷However, 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. ⁸Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For 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? ¹¹And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹²Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²²And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³And 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.” ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷And 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.” ²⁸And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

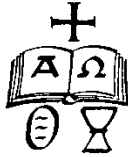
Kid's Word		Brady Laib
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+HOLY COMMUNION+

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Go and Tell!



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Those serving the Lord and us:

Preacher: Reverend Joshua D. Mork

Liturgist: Reverend Karl P. Ziegler

Organist: Dave Ricke

Elders: Joel Ristvedt (8:00 a.m.)

Aaron Caughey (10:30 a.m.)

Acolytes: Izzy & Johnny Garcia (8:00 a.m.)

Georgianna Getzfred & Lilly Glaug (10:30 a.m.)

Readers: Katie Prelerson (8:00 a.m.)

Cherie Metschke (10:30 a.m.)

Altar Guild: Cherie Metschke & Teri Lee

Attendance: Saturday, January 20, 5:30 p.m. – 51

Sunday, January 21, 8:00 a.m. - 84, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - 38, Youth - 8,

Parents/ Volunteers - 11, Adult Bible Class - 35, 10:30 a.m. – 187

This Week at First Lutheran

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Sunday, January 28th 1:30-3:00 – Mission Trip Meeting
7:00 – Instrument Ensemble

Next Week at First Lutheran

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Sunday, February 4th 2:00 – The Papillion Area Concert (PAC) Band will present “Nebraska Connections” featuring music and composers of our state at Papillion LaVista High School. This concert is in conjunction with the Lions Club Spaghetti Feed from 11-3.

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Tuesday, February 6th 6:00 – 100/150 Meeting
7:15 – VBS Meeting

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Wednesday, February 7th 7:30 – 8th Grade Meeting

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Thursday, February 8th 7:00 – Pastor Ziegler’s Zoom Bible Study



Anniversaries

27th Les & Sharon Beeks
 1st Joan & Dan Schram
 4th Tammy & Doug Bogenhagen



Birthdays

28th James Kessler, Kathy Portera, Raymond Schultze
 29th Aaron Clark, Neal Marco
 30th Emma Grelson, Cherish Hoaglund, Wayne Stricklett
 31st Kourtney Blum
 1st Amy Pichler
 2nd Coleton Hazuka
 4th Melinda Endorf, Gerald Johnson, Mike Larkin, Robert Moore
 5th Theodore Bode, Cassie Kessler

Don't see your name? Please call the church office at 402-339-3668 or email thechurch@1st-lutheran.org. We would love to include you!

The Genesis Committee continues to research the feasibility of a Lutheran School in the Sarpy County Area. We have completed the surveys and will begin a round of in-person interviews to further gather opinions about this project. We have created a prayer calendar for this project. Please pick one up from the ledge in the narthex, take it home, and continue to pray for the Lord's guidance for the steering committee.

Preschool registration for the 24-25 school year opened to church members on January 17th. Registration forms can be found in the narthex (by quiet bags) and downstairs on the SS bulletin board. Registration opens to the public on February 1st and we cannot guarantee a spot after February 1st. Please contact Mindy Irvine 402-339-1178 or preschool@1st-lutheran.org to schedule a tour or for more information.

Join us in praying for members & friends of First Lutheran:

God invites and welcomes our prayers. Know someone who needs prayer? Going to the hospital? Please call the church office (402-339-3668). Our pastors would love the opportunity to pray with you. We will not put your name in the prayer list unless you ask. Names will remain on the prayer list for two weeks unless we hear from you that they need to stay on the prayer list longer.

Members

Colleen Bode	Corrinna Johnson	Mary Murphy
Martin Bohac	Gerald Johnson	Gary Paulsen
Trey Brehm	Alice Koehler	Gene Price
Bennett Getzfred	Doug Krause	Loren Stutheit
Arla Johnson	Bob Moore	

Congratulations to Derek & Lauren Ohlin on the birth of their son, Andrew

Friends

Kathy Aurfdemberge (Mary Kay Staicoff’s friend), Paul Bergt (Heidi Brink’s father), Lodge Carroll (Nancy Bachman’s brother), Joan Doubrava (Karen Prelerson’s mother), Imogene (Melissa Roth’s grandmother), Amy Kennet (Victoria Krupp’s friend), Pam Leibdrandt (Colleen Bode’s sister), Richard Maxwell (Kim Bannwarth’s father), Donna McCullough (Amy Rau’s mother), Jackson Moss (Tina Happel’s cousin), Rod Olson (Bob Olson’s brother), Tristyn Ramsey (Jan Lank’s grandson), Family of Larry Timmins (Cindi Hartman’s friend), Joyce VanDeWater (Janis Krupp’s sister), Barb Wheeler (Jan Lank’s sister), Jim & Renette Wheeler (Jan Lank’s family), David Wingate (Jan Lank’s brother-in-law), Richelle & Dillon Wyatt (Katie Prelerson’s friends)

Missionaries and those serving abroad: Erin Mackenzie, Caitlin Ramirez, and Pastor Roberto & Kathryn Weber.

Deployed Military: Douglas Cheek (Dan & Cheri Moore’s grandson).

The table provides a summary of year-to-date receipts in the General fund compared to the amounts expended and transferred for budgeted activities.

Electronic Giving: If you would prefer to give online, please look for the “Simply Giving” tab on First Lutheran’s website. If you have any questions, please contact Bryan Clark (finance@1st-lutheran.org).

Through December 2023	
Receipts	\$739,142
Less: Expenses	<u>(791,505)</u>
Net	\$(52,363)
End of Month Balance	\$81,926

The 2024 Contribution Envelopes requested have all been distributed. You may still request envelopes however, by filling out the form in the narthex or calling the office.

Please pick up your 2023 Contribution Fund Statements from the narthex. A statement is printed for everyone who contributed during 2023 either via envelope or on the Simple Giving bank website.

Prepare for worship next week by reading and meditating on these readings!

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany	Isaiah 40:21-31	1 Corinthians 9:16-27	Mark 1:29-39
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Thursday Night **ZOOM!**

Announcing a new Thursday night Zoom class beginning on February 8th.



Topic: A Walk Through the Gospel of John.

We will be using the, "Knowing the Bible" series from Crossway Publishing; Weaton, Illinois, 2013 *John: A 12-Week Study*; by Justin Buzzard (Author), J. I. Packer (Editor), Lane T. Dennis (Series Editor), Dane C. Ordtlund (Series Editor)

The study guide can be purchased from Amazon for \$10.00, or you can ask Pastor Ziegler to order the book for you

If interested please send your email address to Pastor Ziegler at: pkz@1st-lutheran.org, and he will get you added to the list. The course will run at least 12 sessions and go from 7:00-8:00 on the first and the third Thursdays of every month, except for the month of February, where we will meet on the 2nd and the 4th Thursday's of the month. Please sign up by the 28th of January!



First Lutheran Preschool

First Lutheran Preschool is currently seeking qualified and passionate individuals to join our dedicated team! We have a few open positions that present unique opportunities to contribute to the growth and development of our preschool community.

Preschool Director / 3-Year-Old Teacher:

As the Director/3-year-old Teacher, you will play a key role in shaping the educational experience for our young learners. We are looking for a dynamic individual with a strong background in early childhood education, leadership qualities, and a commitment to fostering a nurturing environment for our preschoolers.

Classroom Aides:

The Aides to the 3-year-old and 4/5-year-old Classrooms are an integral part of our team, providing valuable support to the lead teachers and contributing to the overall success of our program. This is an excellent opportunity for individuals who have a passion for working with young children and are eager to be part of a collaborative and engaging educational environment.

Interested individuals are encouraged to contact Brady at dce.brady@1st-lutheran.org or [402-339-3668](tel:402-339-3668) for more information and to express interest in these positions.

We believe in fostering a warm, inclusive, and supportive learning environment for both our students and our staff. If you share our commitment to early childhood education and are ready to embark on a rewarding career journey with First Lutheran Preschool, we would love to hear from you!



Youth Fundraiser

Chocolate Fondue

The Mission Trip Team is assembling Fondue Kits complete with chocolate and delicious dippers!



Order a **COUPLE Kit** for you & a special someone

OR...

Order a **FAMILY Kit** for everyone to enjoy

Kits available for pick-up

Sunday, Feb. 11 & Wednesday, Feb. 14

Place your order ONLINE

1st-lutheran.org OR Scan Code



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
February 2024	<i>Elders: 5:30 pm – Dave Platt (3, 17), Zack Irvine (10), Kyle Baardson (24)</i> <i>8:00 am – Doug Krause (4), Eric Grelson (11), Joe Griffith (18), Lucas Smith (25)</i> <i>10:30 am – Matt McMullen (4), Derek Ohlin (11), Dale Seiber (18), Joel Ristvedt (25)</i> <i>7:00 pm – Joe Griffith (14), Dale Seiber (21), Dave Platt (28)</i>			1 6 – Handbells	2	3 5:30 pm - Worship
	4 <i>Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany</i> 8:00 & 10:30 – Communion Worship 9:15 – Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	5 7 – Young Adult Bible Study	6 10 – Faith Bible Study (women) 6 – 100/150 Meeting 7:15 – VBS Meeting	7 6-7:30 – Midweek/ Confirmation/ HS Youth 7:30 – 8 th Grade Meeting 7:30 - Choir	8 6 – Handbells 7 – Zoom Bible Study	9
11 <i>Transfiguration of Our Lord</i> 8:00 & 10:30 – Communion Worship 9:15 – Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 5 – Young Adult Super Bowl Watch Party	12 4:30 – Stephen Center Meal	13 10 – Faith Bible Study (women) 7 – Board of Elders 7 – Men’s Bible Study 7 – Women of Faith Bible Study	14 5:15 – Lent Meal 6-6:50 – Midweek/ Confirmation 7 – Ash Wednesday Service 8 - Choir	15 6 – Handbells	16 5-11 – Youth Late Night	17 5:30 pm - Worship
18 <i>First Sunday in Lent</i> 8:00 & 10:30 – Communion Worship 9:15 – Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	19 11:30 – Silver Eagles 7 – Young Adult Bible Study	20 10 – Faith Bible Study (women) 7 – Board of Directors	21 5:15 – Lent Meal 6-6:50 – Midweek/ Confirmation/ HS Youth 7 – Lent Service 8 - Choir	22 BUTTERFLY Deadline 6 – Handbells 7 – Zoom Bible Study	23	24 5:30 pm - Worship
25 <i>Second Sunday in Lent</i> 8:00 & 10:30 – Communion Worship 9:15 – Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 1:30-3 – Mission Trip Meeting	26	27 10 – Faith Bible Study (women) 7 – Men’s Bible Study	28 5:15 – Lent Meal 6-6:50 – Midweek/ Confirmation/ HS Youth 7 – Lent Service 8 - Choir	29 6 – Handbells	<i>Altar Guild: Michelle Clark (4), Christy Marco (11), Jen Rench (18), Nancy Bachman & Jan Smith (25)</i> <i>Mission of the Month: Member Mission</i>	