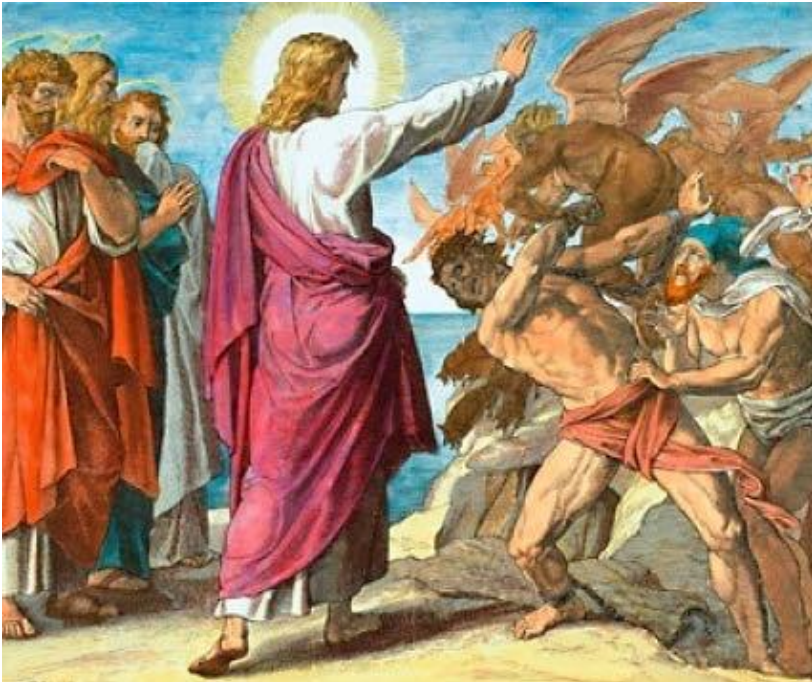


*Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany*  
*January 31, 2021*



**PRESERVICE MUSIC**     “March in D” & “If Thou Art Near”     (Bach)

**849 PRAISE THE ONE WHO BREAKS THE DARKNESS**

- 1     Praise the One who breaks the darkness  
       With a liberating light;  
       Praise the One who frees the pris'ners,  
       Turning blindness into sight.  
       Praise the One who preached the Gospel,  
       Healing ev'ry dread disease,  
       Calming storms, and feeding thousands  
       With the very Bread of peace.
- 2     Praise the One who blessed the children  
       With a strong, yet gentle, word;  
       Praise the One who drove out demons  
       With the piercing, two-edged sword.  
       Praise the One who brings cool water  
       To the desert's burning sand;  
       From this Well comes living water,  
       Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.
- 3     Let us praise the Word Incarnate,  
       Christ, who suffered in our place.  
       Jesus died and rose victorious  
       That we may know God by grace.  
       Let us sing for joy and gladness,  
       Seeing what our God has done;  
       Let us praise the true Redeemer,  
       Praise the One who makes us one.

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**MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH**

(God says) “I have called you by name, you are Mine.”     *Isaiah 43:1*

**INVOCATION**

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

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- P**     Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C**     **who made heaven and earth.**
- P**     If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C**     **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
- P**     Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

**P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

### 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.

Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.

Blessèd 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.**

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

### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. 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.

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Deuteronomy 18:15–20*

<sup>15</sup>"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— <sup>16</sup>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.' <sup>17</sup>And the LORD said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. <sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. <sup>20</sup>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.'"

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 8:1–13

<sup>1</sup>Concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup>If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. <sup>3</sup>But if anyone loves God, he is known by God. <sup>4</sup>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.” <sup>5</sup>For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—<sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. <sup>9</sup>But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup>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? <sup>11</sup>And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. <sup>12</sup>Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup>Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

**SOLO** “Til the Storm Passes By” (Lister, arr. Anderson) Karen Hassey

## HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:21–28

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

**G** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>21</sup>They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching. <sup>22</sup>And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, <sup>24</sup>“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.” <sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>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.” <sup>28</sup>And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

### 981 TO YOUR TEMPLE, LORD, I COME

- 1 To Your temple, Lord, I come,  
For it is my worship home.  
This earth has no better place,  
Here I see my Savior’s face.
- 2 I through Him am reconciled,  
I through Him become Your child.  
Abba, Father, give me grace  
In Your courts Your love to trace.

- 3 While Your glorious praise is sung,  
Touch my lips, unloose my tongue  
That my joyful soul may bless  
Christ the Lord, my righteousness.
- 4 While the prayers of saints ascend,  
God of love, to mine attend.  
Hear me, for Your Spirit pleads;  
Hear, for Jesus intercedes.
- 5 While I listen to Your Law,  
Fill my soul with humble awe  
Till Your Gospel bring to me  
Life and immortality.
- 6 While Your ministers proclaim  
Peace and pardon in Your name,  
Through their voice, by faith, may I  
Hear You speaking from the sky.
- 7 From Your house when I return,  
May my heart within me burn,  
And at evening let me say,  
“I have walked with God today.”

**SERMON** “Required Listening” Mark 1:21-28

**CREED** Nicene Creed (*Creed can be found on the screens*)

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*After each petition, please respond with the following:*

**P** Lord in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

*At the end of the prayer:*

**C** **Amen.**

## + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

## PREFACE

LSB 208

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

# SANCTUS

LSB 208

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

# THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

# LORD'S PRAYER

# PAX DOMINI

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

# AGNUS DEI

LSB 210

**C** 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.  
2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

# DISTRIBUTION

# 620 JESUS COMES TODAY WITH HEALING

sts. 1–2, 5–6

1 Jesus comes today with healing,  
Knocking at my door, appealing,  
Offering pardon, grace, and peace.  
He Himself makes preparation,  
And I hear His invitation:  
"Come and taste the blessed feast."  
2 Christ Himself, the priest presiding,  
Yet in bread and wine abiding  
In this holy sacrament,  
Gives the bread of life, once broken,  
And the cup, the precious token  
Of His sacred covenant.  
5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,  
Whose own feast of love I savor,  
Bidden by His gracious call.  
Wedding garments He provides me,  
With a robe of white He hides me,  
Fits me for the royal hall.

6 Now have I found consolation,  
Comfort in my tribulation,  
Balm to heal the troubled soul.  
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,  
Cleanses me from sin and error,  
Makes my wounded spirit whole.

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## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**A** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## BENEDICAMUS

*LSB 212*

**A** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## 919 ABIDE, O DEAREST JESUS

- 1 Abide, O dearest Jesus,  
Among us with Your grace  
That Satan may not harm us  
Nor we to sin give place.
- 2 Abide, O dear Redeemer,  
Among us with Your Word,  
And thus now and hereafter  
True peace and joy afford.
- 3 Abide with heav'nly brightness  
Among us, precious Light;  
Your truth direct and keep us  
From error's gloomy night.
- 4 Abide with richest blessings  
Among us, bounteous Lord;  
Let us in grace and wisdom  
Grow daily through Your Word.
- 5 Abide with Your protection  
Among us, Lord, our strength,  
Lest world and Satan fell us  
And overcome at length.

6 Abide, O faithful Savior,  
Among us with Your love;  
Grant steadfastness and help us  
To reach our home above.

**POSTLUDE** “Hornpipe” (Handel)

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## Congregation at Prayer and Devotions for the Week

**Invocation** In the name of the Father, and of the Son  $\text{✠}$ , and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Introit** (found on front page)

**Catechism Review** (found on front page)

**Meditation:** Portals of Prayer, [www.lhm.org/dailydevotions](http://www.lhm.org/dailydevotions), Other

### *Daily Scripture Readings*

Sunday: Zechariah 10:1-11:3; 2 Timothy 3:1-17

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Tuesday: Zechariah 12:1-13:9; Titus 1:1-2:6

Wednesday: Zechariah 14:1-21; Titus 2:7-3:5

Thursday: Job 1:1-22; John 1:1-18

Friday: Job 2:1-3:10; John 1:19-34

Saturday: Job 3:11-26; John 1:35-51

### *In Our Prayers This Week (as of Thursday morning)*

Roger, health issues

Linda, cancer

Larry, heart issues

Del, health issues

Camilla, 7 year old with brain cancer

Jack, ongoing health issues

Dave, recovery

Eunice, Health Issues

George

Al, health issues

Jim, cancer

Larry, health issues

Tony, health issues

Sidney, granddaughter of Steinke's with medical issues

For those in nursing homes, medical professionals, those whose employment is in question, and that the Lord would miraculously make all signs of this virus disappear so all may know it is by His merciful hand. For peace and humility to dwell in the hearts of the people of our land.

Carrie, healing from a stroke

Linda, brain cancer

Ella, premature baby

Julie, pancreatic cancer

Jackie's grandmother

Vonna's mother

Lauren's mother

Mara's brother, cancer

Brent, hospital

Berklee

Bev, health issues

Tom, back issues

Ken, health

**Our Savior Families:** Justin & Family, Dolores, William, Thadd & Family, Matt & Family, Debbie, Charles

**Hymn of the Week** "To Your Temple, Lord, I Come" LSB 981

**Collect** (found on front page)

**Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, Benediction**