

Old Testament *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.”

Epistle *1 Corinthians 8:1–13*

¹Now concerning 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.

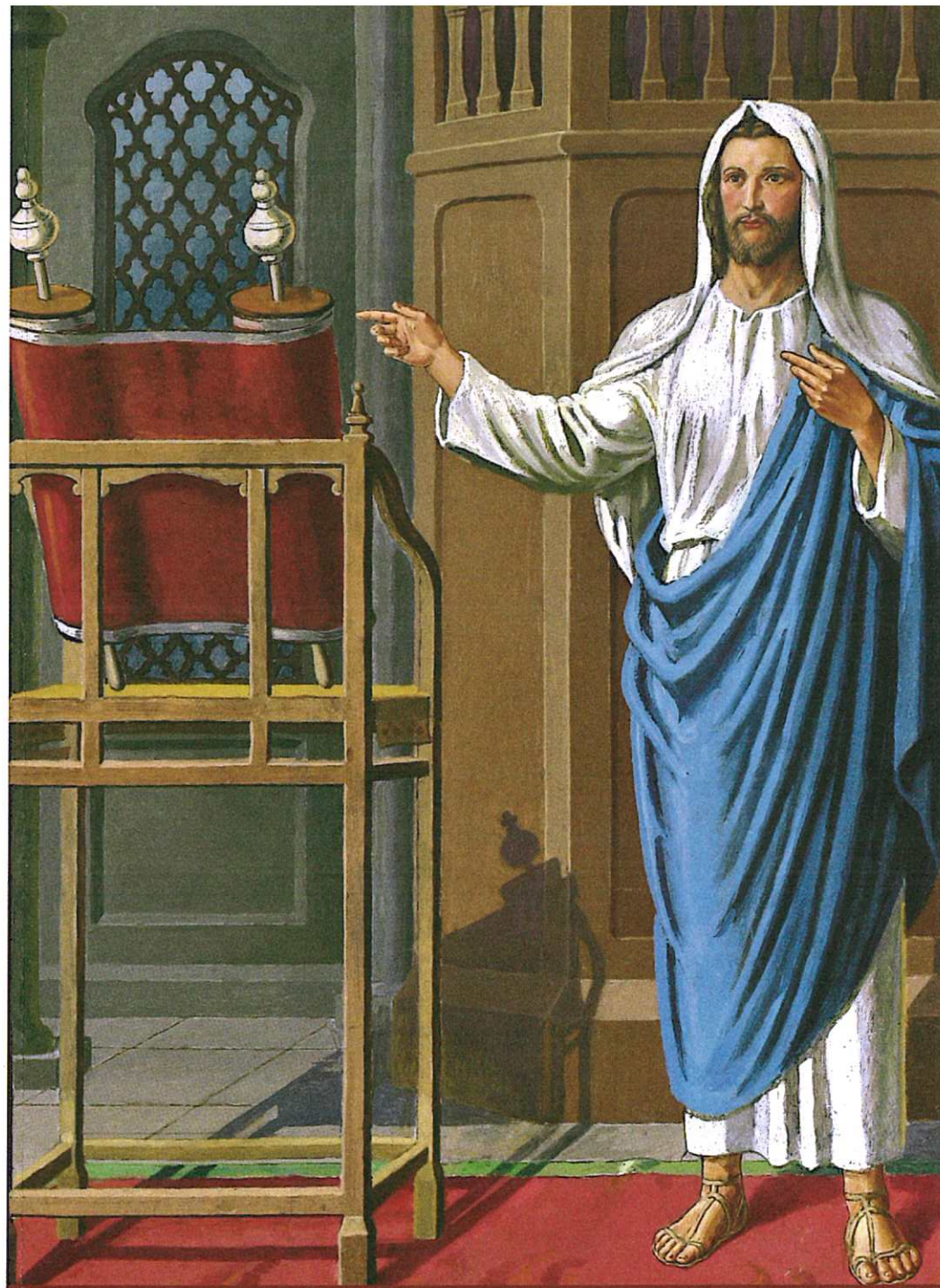
Holy Gospel *Mark 1:21–28*

²¹And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he 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.



Epiphany

About the Cover: We expect teachers to have the knowledge and authority to teach. When one teaches without knowledge, or authority, we can usually discern it. As Jesus taught, the people were astonished at His knowledge and even more by the authority by which He spoke, speaking as One who had come by these things firsthand. We listen to and trust in Jesus’ authority to teach us.



He taught them as one who had authority

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 24 & 28, 2018

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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"Offering," 805, 849

Sermon: "Can but Won't"
1 Corinthians 8:1-13

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 1/17 (Wed.): 41	Comm.: 40	Offering: \$956.00
Attendance 1/21 (Sun.): 96	Comm.: 77	Offering: \$1,555.00
S.S. – 14	Staff – 8	B.C. – 10
Budget Needs: \$3,397.00	Scrip Profit 1/21: \$64.50	

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

WED (1/31) 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
7:00 p.m. – Worship w/Comm.
THUR (2/1) 6:30 p.m. – Adult Information Class
SUN (2/4) 8:00 a.m. – Sunday School/Bible Class
9:00 a.m. – Worship w/Comm.

IN OUR PRAYERS we remember Jerry Kamke, Judy Baer's brother, as he deals with ill-health.

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by Hugo & Joan Zutz in loving memory of family members.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help with monologs for the midweek Lenten and Holy Week services. There are one or two opportunities for women but mostly men are needed. Please contact Pastor Krueger as soon as possible if you are interested in helping.

ADDRESS, PHONE & EMAIL CHANGES! Please check and update the info we have for you on the sheets in the narthex.

LENTEN MEAL HOST SIGN-UP SHEET is on the bulletin board. Please sign up if interested in hosting a meal.

LADIES AID IS PLANNING A CHILI DINNER on February 25th. We will serve from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. You can take out or eat here right after the church service. If you wish to take out, please bring your own container. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board if you would like to help purchase some of the ingredients or bake a pie.

LADIES AID IS REQUESTING YOUR HELP with their annual chili dinner on Feb. 25th. With several of our members with health issues, we could use some of you to give us a hand on Saturday, Feb. 24 and Sunday, Feb. 26. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you can give an hour or two of your time on Saturday a.m. or Sunday a.m., especially with serving.

PENNIES FOR LIFE runs through the month of January. Be sure to deposit your pennies in the jar in the narthex (one penny for each year you've been alive.) *Please do not put junk pennies or Canadian pennies in the jar.* Donations will go to Lutherans For Life of Wisconsin.

CHOIR PRACTICE begins this Wed. Jan. 24 at 6:00 p.m. Come share your voice and make music to the Lord!

OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE

1 Corinthians 9:25 "Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever." Self control is a fruit of the Spirit – for the desires of the flesh are at war with the desires of the Spirit. We have received the new life in Christ by His grace. Now He calls us to follow Him deliberately, with self-control and with intention.

DISTRICT MISSIONS – This week, please remember Rev. Dr. Chris Ikanih, pastor of **Bethany, Milwaukee** and Rev. Elijah Ndon, pastor of **Holy Ghost, Milwaukee** who both serve as missionaries to their surrounding **urban neighborhoods**. Pray that the Lord will use Pastors Ikanih and Ndon to lead many to their Savior, Jesus Christ as they serve in their very unique ministry of care and mercy.