

## Old Testament *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.’”

## 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.

## Holy Gospel *Mark 1:21–28*

<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.



They were astonished  
at His teaching



Epiphany

**About the Cover:** Jesus taught with authority. The leadership did not know what to do because they had never heard anyone teach like this before. “He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him” (Mark 1:27). In a world filled with inert opinions about spiritual matters, we need the teaching with authority from Jesus. His teaching—and His alone—brings victory and eternal life. He commands our destiny by His cross and resurrection.



# 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 27 & 31, 2021

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting Three p. 184  
Hymns: 904, 842, 528, 620, 919  
Sermon: "On Dogs, Devils, and Doctrine"  
Mark 1:21-28

*Holy Communion: Members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod are invited to receive the Lord's Supper. Non-members are requested to speak with Pastor before worship.*

## THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 1/20 (Wed.): 28	Offering: \$420.04
Attendance 1/24 (Sun): 25	Offering: \$1,029.00
Budget Needs: \$3,541	Scrip Profit 1/24: \$18.50
S.S. - 4	Staff - 2

## KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

WED (2/3) 3:30 p.m. - Confirmation Class  
7:00 p.m. - Worship w/Comm.  
SUN (2/7) 8:15 a.m. - S.S.  
No B.C.  
9:00 a.m. - Worship w/Comm.  
*LHM Sunday*

**IN OUR PRAYERS** we remember Scott Eickert who is recovering from eye surgery, Joan Zutz who has returned home from rehabilitation, Millie Behnke who is rehabbing from her stroke for a few weeks at St. Paul Elder Care, Kaukauna.

**CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATES** - Please email or drop off in the office the contact information - name, address, phone #, email address - for all congregation members in your household (and also extended family) even if the information has not changed since last year.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS** - Looking for people high school age and older to help with audio/visuals, especially on Sundays. Duties include: counting people in attendance, video recording - starting and stopping the recording, ringing the bells. If interested, contact Pastor Krueger or one of the elders.

**NEEDED: LAY DELEGATE TO SOUTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT CONVENTION** - June 13-15 - Are you 18 years old or older and a confirmed member of the congregation? Then you are eligible to be our lay delegate to the South Wisconsin District Convention to be held June 13-15. If you are interested in serving as our delegate, contact Pastor Krueger.

**PENNIES FOR LIFE** - Today (Sunday) is your final opportunity to support God-given life through your pennies. Help support unborn babies! How precious is the gift of life!

**"SOUP"ER BOWL CHALLENGE** - Who is going to win the Super Bowl? NFC Buccaneers or AFC Chiefs? Let your voice be heard by voting with cans of soup. You have until the end of the service on Feb. 7 to make your prediction. Place your can(s) in the appropriate stack in the narthex. Soup will be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. Join the fun!

## **OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE**

**1 Corinthians 9:25** - "Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable." 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.