

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

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.

Holy Gospel

Mark 1:21–28

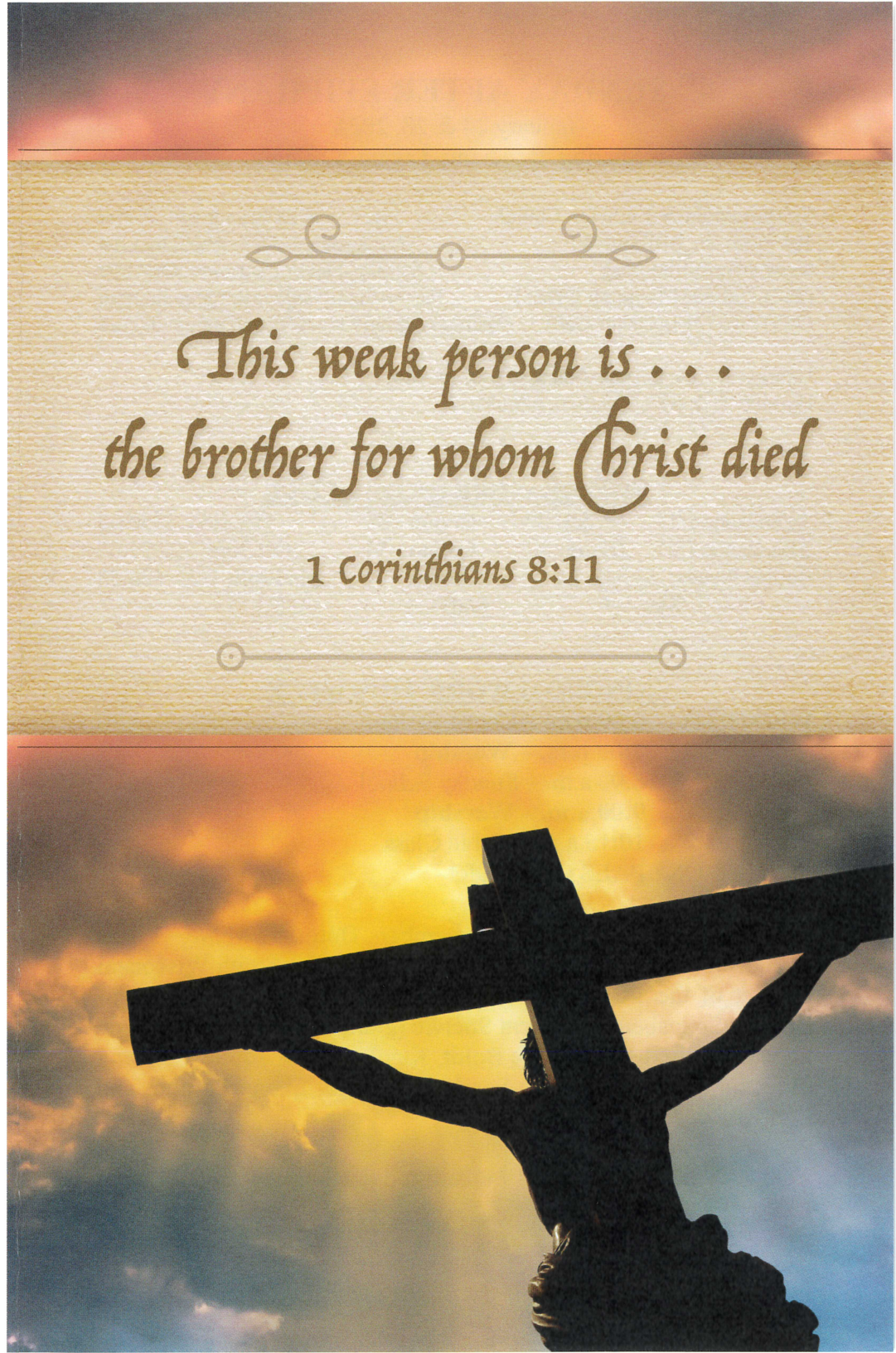
²¹They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²²And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And 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.

*This weak person is . . .
the brother for whom Christ died*

1 Corinthians 8:11



About the Cover: Paul shows us that our life of freedom resulting from the Gospel does not entail an individualistic freedom to trample upon the weaker brother. Sometimes, freedom means abstaining from what is permitted for the sake of the broader family of faith. We have a Lord who willingly gave His own life on the cross for our sake and our brothers and sisters in the faith in order to save us from our sins.



4th SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 24 & 28, 2024

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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting Three, p. 184

Hymns: 953, 842, 805, 620, 696, 819

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 1/17 (Wed): 30 Comm.: 28 Offering: \$350.03

Attendance 1/21 (Sun): 80 Comm.: 57 Offering: \$2,037.07

Budget Needs: \$3,342.50 Scrip Profit 1/21: \$24.53

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KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

WED (1/31) 6:00 p.m. – Confirmation

7:00 p.m. – Worship

SUN (2/4) 8:00 a.m. – Sunday School

9:00 a.m. – Worship

10:15 a.m. – Bible Class

SUN & MON PALS Conf., Adel

IN OUR PRAYERS we remember Dorothy Maile, Lucas (grandson of Alan Klepps), Pr. John Wille of the South Wisconsin District of the LCMS Synod (cancer treatment); Fran (father of Brigitte Sonnabend); Vincent Sucivic (grandson of Duane & Karen Loose), Wilfred Boldt, Julie Boldt, Kay Koffarnus, Jules Clausing (infection), Carol Clausing, Sandy Haberland, Elaine Zeamer, and Lori Krueger.

VOTERS MEETING will be held today (Sunday) January 28 at 10:00 a.m.

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, be a server, or bake a pie. Please have items here by Wednesday February 21st.

LADIES AID IS REQUESTING YOUR HELP with their chili dinner on Saturday Feb. 24th for preparing and on Sunday, Feb. 25th for serving. Please sign-up on the bulletin board if you are available to help.

BAKERY SURPLUS TABLE – The table in the coatroom is for anyone who has extra baked goods and would like to share. Please have baked goods wrapped on a plate, and date it as to when it was made.

GREETER & USHER SCHEDULE – Thank you to all who have signed up in 2024. We have several openings still available and would like to fill up the slots. Please consider helping. Thank you.

ADULT INFORMATION CLASS – If anyone is interested in joining our congregation from a non-Lutheran background or is interested in learning the basics of our beliefs as Lutherans, contact Pastor Brandmahl so a class can be set up.

MITE BOX – The LWML Mite Box is on the small table in the narthex for anyone wishing to put their change in throughout the year. Mites go towards many different grants to help those in need. There is a list of them by the mite box.

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 new life in Christ by His grace. Now He calls us to follow Him deliberately, with self-control and with intention.