

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Larimore, ND ~ January 28, 2024

4th Sunday After Epiphany



*“What is this? A new teaching—with authority!
He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” – Mark 1:27b*

GREETING

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you**

*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us in Christ Jesus, whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Faithful God, **have mercy on me. I confess that I am captive to sin and cannot free myself. I turn from your loving embrace and go my own way. I pass judgement on others before examining myself. I place my own needs before those of my neighbor(s). I keep your gift of salvation to myself. Make me humble, cast away my transgressions, and turn me again to life in you through Jesus Christ, my Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need...live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world. **AMEN**

*OPENING HYMN "Be Thou My Vision" ELW 793

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: *Deuteronomy 18:15—22* PB 153

15 The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. **16** This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." **17** Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in

what they have said. **18** I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. **19** Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. **20** But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die." **21** You may say to yourself, "How can we recognize a word that the Lord has not spoken?" **22** If a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord but the thing does not take place or prove true, it is a word that the Lord has not spoken. The prophet has spoken it presumptuously; do not be frightened by it. *WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.*

PSALM: Psalm 111 PB 490 (read responsively)

1 Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. **2** **Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.** **3** Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. **4** **He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful.** **5** He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant. **6** **He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.** **7** The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. **8** **They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.** **9** He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name. **10** **The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 8 PB 930-931

1 Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. **2** Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; **3** but anyone who loves God is known by him. **4** Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." **5** Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—**6** 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. **7** It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. **8** "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. **9** But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. **10** For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? **11** So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. **12** But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. **13** Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I

may not cause one of them to fall. *WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.*

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** “*Angels, From the Realms of Glory*” vs.4

L:The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 1st chapter.

A: Glory to you, O Lord.

***GOSPEL** *Mark 1:21-28*

21 They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. **22** They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. **23** Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, **24** and he cried out, "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." **25** But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" **26** And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. **27** They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." **28** At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

A: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY “*Jesus Shall Reign*” ELW 434 vs.1-3

OFFERING

***OFFERING SONG** “*We Give Thee but Thine Own*” ELW 686 vs.1

We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee. Amen.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. You are an abundant God, and out of Your great mercy you have given us so much. We give you this offering today. With it, we worship You and give our whole selves to You. May it be used for Your kingdom and Your glory. Extend and multiply its reach, and may it be a great blessing to many. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

***APOSTLE'S CREED** ELW pg. 217

I BELIEVE in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. **I BELIEVE** in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into Hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. **I BELIEVE** in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. **AMEN.**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

***SING:** Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.*

***THE LORD'S PRAYER** ELW pg. 221

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. **AMEN.**

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

*SENDING HYMN “*This Little Light of Mine*” ELW 677

*DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, to serve, and to share the love of Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

A: **We will—Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Welcome! We are glad you are with us today! If you are interested in joining our church, please contact Lori at 218-791-2671 or Julie at 701-741-5683. If you have an emergency, call Dave Voight (Church Council President) at 701-240-4255 -or- Camilla Stover (WELCA-V.P.) at 218-791-2678.

CALENDAR

Today, 1/28/2024—4th Sunday after Epiphany

9:00am—Sunday School/ Adult Bible Study

10:00am—Worship

11:00am—Fellowship

Wednesday, 1/31/2024

3:30pm—Confirmation Class

Thursday, 2/1/2024

No Quilting

Next Sunday, 2/4/2024—5TH Sunday after Epiphany

9:00am—Sunday School/Adult Bible Study

10:00am—Worship w/**Holy Communion**

11:00am—Fellowship

Every day:

An opportunity to show we are Christians by our love.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Mission of the Month for: Jan. – Feb.: YOUTH GROUP TRIP
- Noisy offering: Collected on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month for the mission of the month(s).
- Quilting: There will be no quilting until February, 2024. Quilters are in need of: Single cotton or cotton blend flat sheets. No microfiber ones. (they get into the water sources). Colors preferred blue, gray, green.

Our Savior's Mission Statement:

"**Excited by faith**, we are called to **serve all**; gathered to **WORSHIP**, **inspired** to teach, **we are our Savior's!**"

PRAYER LIST

To add or remove someone from the prayer lists, please email the church email: oslclarimoreoffice@gmail.com or call/text Roberta Stover: 218-779-0359

We pray for those in need:

Family of Eric Peterson Family of Milly Griffin Family of Linda Knudson Ron Petsinger Red Willow Bible Camp Country of Israel, and all countries in the world—that they come to know Christ as their Savior and Lord Gloria Temple Lois JemtrudMark Sletten Robbie Leake OSLC Call Committee: *Paul Mutch, Dee Muir, Jenn Aamodt, Dave Voight* (non-voting members: *Luke Reinhold, Sadie Aamodt*)

Prayers for Homebound/Nursing Home Members:

LaVonne Jacobson Vicki Sweeney Dolores Mutch Marv Jemtrud Arlene Lilja Viola Lee

Prayers for Armed Service Members:

Robert Norman Dillon Norman

<u>Serving this Sunday</u>	<u>Serving Next Sunday (2/4/24)</u>
Ushers: Volunteer(s) Encouraged Reader: Ethan, Westen, Ryan Prayer: Ray Johnson Communion: N/A Fellowship: Aamodts (coffee only)	Ushers: Volunteers Encouraged Reader: Volunteers Encouraged Prayer: Volunteer Encouraged Communion: Gary & Sue Rankin Fellowship: W. Knudsons & R. Stovers

Please prayerfully consider signing up to volunteer to participate in Sunday Worship services.

We need ushers, readers, and prayer readers. (worship leaders encouraged as well)

If you don't feel comfortable reading from the front, you are more than welcome to read from the microphone (on the organ) in the back of the church. All are welcome and encouraged!

SERVING IN FEBRUARY

Reminder: *If you are unable to serve on the schedule listed, please refer to the monthly inviter for a list of people to contact.

2nd Sunday-Feb. 11

FELLOWSHIP: K. Williamson & T. Hofer

Ash Wednesday-Feb. 14

USHERS: Adult & Confirmation Students
 READERS: Confirmation Students
 COMMUNION: N. Eggl & Confirmation Students

3rd Sunday-Feb. 18

FELLOWSHIP: Rudolfs & Smiths

Lenten Service-Feb. 21

USHERS: Confirmation Students & Adult
 READERS: Confirmation Students

4th Sunday-Feb. 25

FELLOWSHIP: M. Johnsons (coffee only)

*February 21st is the first Lenten Service with a meal.
 All meals will be provided and served by the
 OSLC Youth Group.*

Meal time: 5:45pm – 6:45pm
Church Service time: 7:00pm