



FAITH LUTHERAN

Epiphany 4
January 12, 2012

BEFORE WORSHIP

As you prepare to worship your Lord today, spend a few quiet minutes in prayer before the service. Review the lessons, the service notes, and pray this prayer:

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely 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. Amen.

FOR THE CHILDREN:

A Staffed Nursery is available for your use at any time during the service. It is located in Rooms 1 and 2.

A Cry-Room is available if your little ones need a moment. It is located near the balcony stairs at the back of the sanctuary. A speaker and window let you see and hear the service.

Children's Activity Sheets give activities and lessons pertaining to the Scripture lessons for the day. Ask an usher at the door into the sanctuary.

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A Changeless Message for a Changing World

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EPIPHANY 4

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful word.

- **Restrooms** are located in the hallway directly opposite the entrance to the sanctuary.
- **Hearing assistance devices** are available. Speak to an usher.
- **Large print service folders** are available. Speak to an usher.



TODAY'S THEME:

LISTEN TO HIM!

SERVICE OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN: #735, *Speak, O Lord*



1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you To re -
2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly
3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us



ceive the food of your Ho - ly Word.
rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty.
grasp the heights of your plans for us.



Take your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and
Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes In the
Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, That will



fash - ion us in your like - - ness That the
ra - di - ance of your pur - i - ty. Cause our
e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by



light of Christ might be seen to - day In our acts of
faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic
grace we'll stand on your pro - mis - es, And by faith we'll



love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -
love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can
walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, as your



fill in us All your pur - pos-es for your
 nev - er fail, Let their truth pre - vail o - ver
 Church is built And you fill the earth with your



glo - ry.
 un - be-lief.
 glo - ry.

INVOCATION

L(eader): The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

***C(ongregation):* And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

L: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

L: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

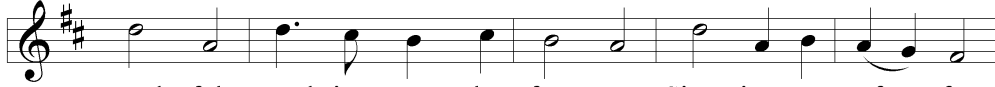
C: **Amen.**

L: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OUR SONG OF PRAISE¹



1 Fa - ther, we praise you, now the night is o - ver. Ac - tive and
2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for your man - sions; Ban - ish our
3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it, Trin - i - ty



watch - ful, stand - ing now be - fore you, Sing - ing, we of - fer
weak - ness, health and whole - ness send - ing. Bring us to heav - en,
bless - ed, send us your sal - va - tion; Yours is the glo - ry,



prayer and med - i - ta - tion; Thus we a - dore you.
where your saints u - nit - ed Joy with - out end - ing.
gleam - ing and re - sound - ing Through all cre - a - tion.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

The leader says the Prayer of the Day.

C: Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

¹ We worship our God this morning with the ancient song of praise, *Christe Sanctorum*. This hymn was written by Gregory the Great in the 6th century A.D., and it reflects the wonderful legacy that historic Christianity has left for the Church today.

THE FIRST LESSON: DEUTERONOMY 18:15-20

¹⁵ The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to him. ¹⁶ For this is what you asked of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, "Let us not hear the voice of the LORD our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die."

¹⁷ The LORD said to me: "What they say is good. ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers; I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him. ¹⁹ If anyone does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name, I myself will call him to account. ²⁰ But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded him to say, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, must be put to death."

THE PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 1

Read responsively with the leader

L: Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked

C: or stand in the way of sinners.

L: But his delight is in the law of the LORD

C: and on his law he meditates day and night.

L: He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season

C: and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.

L: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,

C: nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

L: For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,

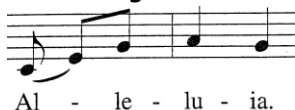
C: But the way of the wicked will perish.

THE SECOND LESSON: HEBREWS 3:1-6

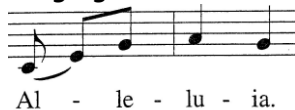
¹Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess. ²He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house. ³Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself. ⁴For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. ⁵Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house, testifying to what would be said in the future. ⁶But Christ is faithful as a son over God's house. And we are his house, if we hold on to our courage and the hope of which we boast.

THE VERSE OF THE DAY

Cantor sings:



Congregation echoes the cantor:



Cantor:



Congregation:



Cantor:



Congregation:



Cantor: If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Alleluia. (John 14:23)

Cantor and Congregation sing Alleluias

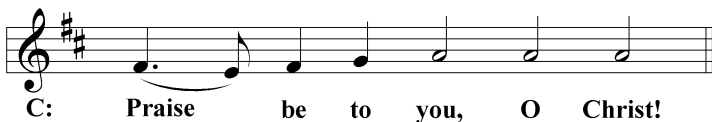
THE GOSPEL LESSON: MARK 1:21-28

²¹They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. ²²The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. ²³Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out, ²⁴"What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"

²⁵"Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!" ²⁶The evil spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

²⁷The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey him."

²⁸News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.



HYMN OF THE DAY: #402, *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

SERMON:

Question Authority

Mark 1:21-28

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING:

The members of Faith Lutheran Congregation have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

LORD'S PRAYER:

**C: 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.**

THE LORD'S BLESSING

**L: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord
with gladness.**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: #293, *God's Word is Our Great Heritage*

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Announcements

Welcome to guests and visitors! We are glad that you are here, and hope that you will join us again soon.

A New FaithBuilders Class: Our FaithBuilders class is for people interested in becoming members of Faith, or for people just looking to build their faith through the study of the basic teachings of the Bible. Classes are held on Sunday at 11:45am and the same topic is repeated on Tuesdays at 7:00pm. If you would like to attend, contact Pastor Schroeder. Childcare is available. Everyone is welcome.

Women's Bible Study: We just started a new study called "God Loves Moms" on Wednesday nights at 7pm. We will learn about many of the moms in the Bible as well as help us to learn about our own life as a mother. Childcare is available. Speak to Sarah Kvidt or Ruth Curtis if you have questions. Please join us.

Men's Softball League: Registration for Coweta County's men's church softball league is open. The season starts the week of March 5th and lasts 10 or 11 weeks. The games in the past have been on either Tuesday or Thursday at 7, 8 or 9 pm and played at the Hunter Complex on Hwy 16 in Newnan/Sharpsburg. The cost will range from \$35 to \$50, depending on roster size. Interested? Contact Scott Buth at scottbuth@gmail.com or buthhalfdozen@numail.com.

Adult Choir Practice: No experience necessary, just a willingness to lift your voice in song. Practice is on Wednesdays at 8:00pm in the balcony of the church and lasts one hour.

2012 WELS International Youth Rally will be held June 27-30 at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. The age range is from confirmed eight graders to high school graduates. The theme for the rally is "Fill Up!" based on John 10:10. Registration will be open from Feb. 15 to May 15. Highlights include spiritual and educational workshops, recreational workshops, worship music led by Branches Band, daily devotions, an Olympic-size pool on campus, recreation fields, and excursion opportunities. Please speak to Vicar Reichert if interested.

Upcoming Schedules:

Cleaning:	Week of Jan 30—Feb 4:	Family 1 (Bloy)	Family 2 (Joyner)
	Week of Feb 6—Feb 11:	Family 1 (Bonnette)	Family 2 (Kangas)
Nursery:	Sun, Feb 5: Madden	Sun, Feb 12: Hicks/Anderson	
Video Taping:	Sun, Feb 5: Keith Schroeder	Sun, Feb 12: Anna Curtis	



International Youth Rally



June 27-30, 2012
University of Tennessee
Knoxville

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I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

John 10:10