



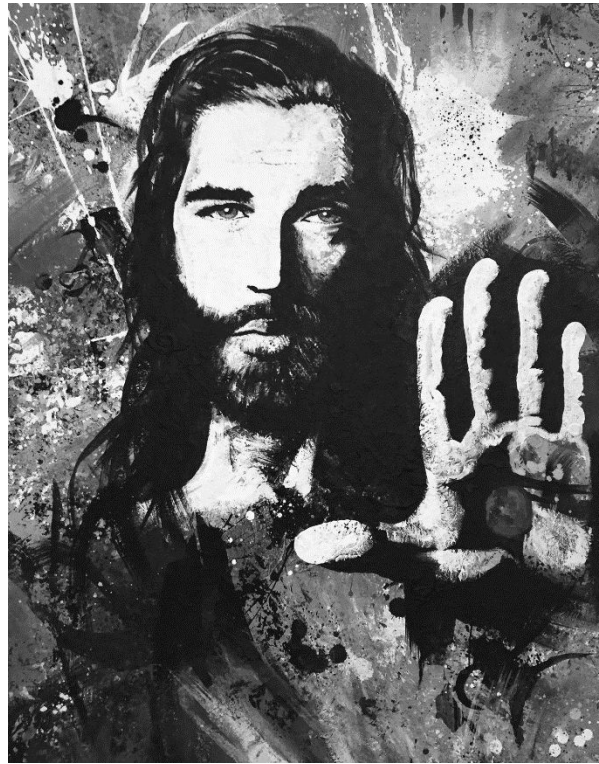
WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF LILY LAKE, IL

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Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

INTRODUCTION TO THE SEASON – In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that prevails over any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.

TODAY'S THEME - People sense a unique authority In Jesus' action and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that trumps any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP FROM HOME.

Print out your bulletin or use it on your phone or tablet to follow along.

Announcements are televised or found on our website

Be creative how you worship and remember God during this time. It will calm your soul, give you peace and enliven your spirit.

*Our community gathers in unity with others in-person and a virtual way.
We hope all people find it easy to follow along.*

GOD GATHERS US
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
Announcements are found on our website

PRELUDE

Unto the Hills I Lift My Eyes – CHECK THIS

We invite you to read/respond to the texts, pray the prayers, using this as a meditation guide all week long.

CALL TO WORSHIP

(based on Psalm 111)

- P Hallelujah! Congregation, all you upright saints, praise the Lord with your whole heart!
- ALL You are amazing O God, full of majesty and ever-lasting righteousness.**
- P Your compassion, love and justice are a healing wonder for us to ponder and remember.
- ALL You are amazing O God, full of majesty and ever-lasting righteousness.**
- P The display of your power is a gift of splendor, rooted in truth and lasting forever.
- ALL You are amazing O God, full of majesty and ever-lasting righteousness.**
- P Redemption is at hand in the name of the Lord.
- ALL You are amazing O God, full of majesty and ever-lasting righteousness.**
- P Your Word conveys power and conviction. Lead the way!
- ALL You are amazing O God, full of majesty and ever-lasting righteousness.**
- P We will praise your holy and righteous name all our days in all our ways.
- ALL We give thanks with our whole heart. Amen.**

OPENING SONG

“O Christ the Healer, we have Come”

ELW 610



- 1 O Christ, the heal - er, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.
- 2 From ev - 'ry ail - ment flesh en - dures our bod - ies clam - or to be freed;
- 3 In con - flicts that de - stroy our health we rec - og - nize the world's dis - ease;
- 4 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your com - mu - ni - ty may find



How can we fail to be re-stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?
yet in our hearts we would con-fess that whole-ness is our deep-est need.
our com-mon life de-clar-es our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
the whole-ness that, en-rich-ing us, shall reach the whole of hu-man-kind.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: DISTRESS, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ALL And also with you.

P Let us pray..... God of power and might, you sent prophets to your people, continually calling us back to the covenant you established with us, and teaching us your ways. In the fullness of time, you sent us your Son Jesus, teaching with such authority, that our eyes are opened to see your ways anew.

Open our hearts and minds, that we may understand and proclaim your teachings for all to hear. In Jesus' name we pray.

ALL Amen.

SHARING OF PEACE

P Come and See! God is the way of peace and wholeness.

May the peace of the Lord be with you.

ALL And also with you.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

INTRODUCTION - Today's reading is part of a longer discourse in Deuteronomy, an updating of the law for the Israelite community as the people wait to enter the promised land. Here Moses assures the people that God will continue to guide them through prophets who will proclaim the divine word.

[Moses said:] ¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This 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." ¹⁷Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I 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. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But 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."

R Word of God; Word of Life.

All Thanks be to God.

A WORD FOR ALL GOD'S KIDS

What is Pastor cooking up today?

"Who Says?"



THE HOLY GOSPEL according to St. Mark.

Mark 1:21-28

ALL *Alleluia.* Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts,* and let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. Alleluia!

INTRODUCTION - Forces that would bring death and disease have taken hold of a man, yet they recognize Jesus and know what his power means for them. Jesus commands these forces to leave and people are amazed at his authority.

21[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. 22They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. 23Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, 24and 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." 25But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" 26And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. 27They 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." 28At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

P The Gospel of the Lord

All Praise to You O Christ.

MESSAGE FOR ALL

"Voices of Veracity"

Pastor Dawn Roucka

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Today's readings invite us to focus on the notion of authority. What does it mean for us and what sway does it have in our lives?
- What voices are clamoring for your attention? How do you decide what voice to listen to?
- What 'possesses' you which keeps you from embracing all that God intends for you? How does encountering Jesus change that?
- Where are we still amazed by Jesus' authority, his potential to upend our assumptions about what's possible?

Refrain



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,
give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

Refrain
peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

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RESPONDING TO GOD'S GOODNESS

A CELEBRATION OF FAITH

**We are a cloth of diverse colors made from many gifts and graces.
We are the people flowing forth from Creator God,
surprising ourselves with the things which can be done.**

**We are raw material for rewarding relationships as our lives interweave,
contributing one to the other,
holding each other firm when one is weak or breaking.**

**We are each worthy of being respected and cared for
essential to the pattern,
skilled in our appointed tasks,
sources of laughter and sharers of tears.**

**We commit ourselves to work together,
that one day, this world may be a place
where all people live in justice, freedom and peace.**

OFFERING IS WELCOMED

P Through Jesus Christ, God has shown us what it means to love and calls us to follow his example – to love our neighbors as ourselves and continues to write the law of love on our hearts. We thank you for all your gifts that serve as generous and unwavering passion for justice and show a tenacious faith where all the hungry are fed, the oppressed find relief and the outsider finds welcome.



PLEASE CONSIDER IN THIS TIME OF NEED, TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH, IF POSSIBLE, AND SUPPORT OTHERS AS WELL BY BEING AS GENEROUS WITH YOUR TIME, YOUR TALENTS AND YOUR VARIOUS TREASURES.

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or send through your bank or online; there is also a DONATE on our website or a plate by the entryway.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray. O God, receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace.

ALL Amen.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*See list of those Grace is currently praying for at end of this document or online.
Please let us know your prayer needs.*

Please respond accordingly

P Let us pray,

All Have mercy O God.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Traditional)

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.

(Modern)

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
And deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours, now and forever. Amen

GOD SENDS US

BENEDICTION

P May God bless you and keep you, may God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
May the Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

ALL Amen.

TRANSITION SONG

"On Our Way Rejoicing"

ELW 537

1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;

Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior; thank - ful hearts we bring;

Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain

On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,
hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.
Music: HERMAS, Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879

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ADDITIONAL WEEKLY LECTIONARY LESSONS

January 31, 2021

Traditionally, there are four readings weekly. We usually focus on 2 but often refer to the others so it may be helpful to have them at your fingertips. The lectionary is a three year cycle which gets us through hearing MUCH not all of the Bible, but not always in order.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 SEE ABOVE IN BULLETIN

Psalm 111 I will praise the Lord with my whole heart. (Ps. 111) SEE Call to Worship ABOVE IN BULLETIN

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Paul is concerned about the way some Corinthian Christians use their freedom in Christ as license to engage in non-Christian behavior that sets a damaging example to other, impressionable believers. Christians have a responsibility to each other that their behavior does not cause another to sin.

¹Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him.

⁴Hence, 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.” ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact 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.

⁷It 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. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For 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? ¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Mark 1:21-28 A man possessed - See ABOVE BULLETIN

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 24, 2020

ZOOM FELLOWSHIP WILL CONTINUE WEEKLY **AT 10 AM** on Sundays following our online worship services. Join our Grace family for sharing news, prayers information and more. Don't miss out! Check your eblast for details.



Annual Meeting – January 31st

Save the date and watch for more information

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THOSE TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH

- * God's Church in all time and place, that God be seen and heard.
- * As we face these times both together and while apart, keep us from fear, suffering and death.
- * Ministries of the ELCA and Metro Chicago Synod, especially Bishop Yehiel Curry.
- * Efforts of Lutheran World Relief, ELCA World Hunger, and Disaster Relief

FOR THE WORLD

- For every living person facing the threat of coronavirus – it affects us all, our loved ones and our worldwide neighbors together.
- For the healing of the divisions in our Nation and the quelling of fascism and white supremacy.

FOR OUR CONGREGATION

- * For God's Spirit to guide Pastor Dawn, Vision Team, and whole congregation as we face transition and change.
- * As we plan to meet regarding the future of our congregation at our Annual Meeting

FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY (members, relatives, and friends of members of our congregation)

- * Glenn Adams, son of Mark and Renee Adams * Lucy Adams
 - * Adam Sajdak, grandson of Bill and Lori U'Ren * William Delmer, grandson of Kirk and Kathy Hooey
- (If you know of someone currently serving our country, please share their information with the Church office.)

FOR ALL

- * The continued support of our members * For all members of healthcare around the world
- * For those serving as first responders and in the military * For our Nation, that extend peace in all things.

FOR THOSE SICK IN BODY, MIND OR SPIRIT

Margaret Swanson

FOR THOSE WHO GRIEVE

For George and Gloria and their family, at the death of George's sister, Linda Donna, upon her husband Joe's death. We grieve with her.

*Please let us know your prayer requests for inclusion in our public prayers.
Type them in the comments or send them to the church office via our prayer card on our website.*

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To share God's GRACE with all through our rich traditions of faith, family, and community.

Gospel – God's love shared in all we say & do

Respect for all God's people & creation

Action – response to the Gospel

Community – Loving God, neighbor, & self

Everyone – we are all God's children

