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Epiphany 4



Trust IN THE Lord



Faith

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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Opening Hymn: TLH #428 "I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus"

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C *♩* Amen.

P Pastor

Confession of Our Sins

C Congregation

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C *♩* **Who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C *♩* **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P O Almighty God, our Maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to "I am Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution from Our God

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given us His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He gives the power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C *♩* Amen.

The Introit

Ps. 10:12, 16-18

A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.

- P** Arise, O Lord; O God, lift up your hand; forget not the afflicted.
- C** **The Lord is king forever and ever; the nations perish from his land.**
- P** O Lord, you hear the desire of the afflicted; you will strengthen their heart;
- C** **You will incline your ear to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed, so that man who is of the earth may strike terror no more.**
- P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
- C** **As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P** Arise, O Lord; O God, lift up your hand; forget not the afflicted.



The Gloria Patri

TLH 23:4

Latin for "Glory be to the Father."

- C** ♪ **Hallelujah! Let praises ring! Unto our Triune God we sing; Blest be His name forever! With angel hosts let us adore And sing His praises more and more For all His grace and favor! Singing, ringing: Holy, holy, God is holy,— Spread the story; of our God, the Lord of Glory!**

Collect Prayer of the Day

A prayer to God that collects together the thoughts and theme of the day.

- P** Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us 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.
- C** ♪ **Amen.**

✠ Scripture Readings ✠

Luke 4:20-32

And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled

in your hearing." ²² And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³ And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Physician, heal yourself." What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well." ²⁴ And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. ²⁵ But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, ²⁶ and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷ And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸ When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. ²⁹ And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. ³⁰ But passing through their midst, he went away. ³¹ And he went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, ³² and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority.

Romans 10:18-11:6

But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have, for "Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world." ¹⁹ But I ask, did Israel not understand? First Moses says, "I will make you jealous of those who are not a nation; with a foolish nation I will make you angry." ²⁰ Then Isaiah is so bold as to say, "I have been found by those who did not seek me; I have shown myself to those who did not ask for me." ²¹ But of Israel he says, "All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and contrary people." ^{11:1} I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ² God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know

what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he appeals to God against Israel? ³ "Lord, they have killed your prophets, they have demolished your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life." ⁴ But what is God's reply to him? "I have kept for myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal." ⁵ So too at the present time there is a remnant, chosen by grace. ⁶ But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace.

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles. We boldly confess what God has taught us to believe.

I BELIEVE...

in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

Hymn: TLH #373 "By Grace I'm Saved"

✠ The Sermon ✠

1 Kings 17:7-16

And after a while the brook dried up, because there was no rain in the land. ⁸ Then the word of the LORD came to him, ⁹ "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you." ¹⁰ So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink." ¹¹ And as she was going to bring it, he called to

her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." ¹² And she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." ¹³ And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son." ¹⁴ For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.'" ¹⁵ And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

God, Grant Me a Zarephath Faith!

- I. Like Elijah who trusted Your word of providence
- II. Like the widow who trusted Your word of salvation

The Offertory

In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

C ♪ **Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me
Cast me not away from Thy presence;
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation;
And uphold me with thy free spirit. Amen.**

Sermon Hymn: TLH #396 "Oh, for a Faith That Will Not Shrink"

Prayers, Lord's Prayer, and Benediction *Numbers 6:24-26*

The blessing given by God for His people.

P The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

C ♪ **Amen, amen, a – men.**

Closing Hymn: TLH #409 "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

Announcements

Welcome! We pray that God's Word and our worship today will help you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus. We ask our visitors to please sign our guest book in the back of the church. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you've found it with us. Ask our Pastor about a free Bible study he offers to explain what we believe and teach. Where and when? Your convenience.

Bible Class & Sunday School: We are resuming our regular Bible Class & Sunday School schedule, starting this morning. Today, we began a study in the Gospel of Mark, which we'll be going through section-by-section on Sunday mornings. Wednesday morning Bible Class will also be starting back up this Wednesday at 9:30 am.

CLC Call News: Teacher Andrew Roehl of Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI, has **accepted** the call to be the principal and upper grade teacher at Grace Lutheran School, Valentine, NE. + Pastor Luke Bernthal of St. Stephen Lutheran Churches, Mt. View, CA, Stockton, CA, and Hayward, CA, has **returned** the call to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL. + Pastor Mark Tiefel of Redemption Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, WA, has **received** the call to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL. + Teacher Michaela Winters of Messiah Lutheran School, Hale Corners, WI, **is still considering** the call to be the lower grade of teacher of Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN. + Teacher Miriam Bernthal of Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI, has asked for a **peaceful release** from her call effective at the end of the 2021-22 school year.

January 23 Offerings:	\$ 640.00
Weekly Offerings needed for budget	\$ 1,583.65
General Fund Balance	\$17,770.82
Faith-Blue Springs Balance	\$19,391.45
Total Cash All Funds	\$53,200.65

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; Jan 31-Feb 5, '22

Mon Jeremiah 1:4-10 Here are the vital facts: the fetus IS a human person, predestination IS real, and verbal inspiration IS genuine. This overwhelmed Jeremiah, and he would have caved in, but God rescued him with the double assurance: a) "*I am with you,*" and b) "*I have put My words in your mouth,* so you must speak up. In fact, I have put you on top of every situation." (10)

Tues Luke 4:38-44 Since Jesus dedicated Himself to help people with large problems, He had little time to relax. Though they came in droves, Jesus did not heal them wholesale, but one at a time, for each needed His undivided attention (40). Note: God neither wants nor allows testimony from those who are His rivals (41). Another reason He did not take time to relax is that He wanted to reach others with God's salvation—before it was too late (42-43).

Wed 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Christians depend on parents and teachers to keep them in the Word (14-15), and we depend on God to lay His Word on our hearts, producing godly strength to face life's challenges (16-17). So, then, dear professors, pastors, and teachers—do your job! (4:1-2) Since time is running out, and people are becoming immune to God (3-4), we depend on you to be faithful in your service to God and for our blessing.

Thurs Jeremiah 5:30-31 History repeats itself: educators promote deviant sexual behavior, abortion is defended as a right—and the fact that clergy default as God's spokesmen caps the whole mess. *It's an astonishing and horrible thing that has been committed in our land—that clergymen have deserted God and His Word. They rule by their own say-so, and the citizens love to have it that way. But what will you do in the end?*

Fri Luke 4:31-37 It's quite believable that someone may go to church with an affliction or addiction—and when facing Jesus (at the *Confession of Sins*, page 5) cringes with agony. What is s/he to do? Well, let Jesus take over, for He is quite able to face the indwelling demon, take its power away, and in its place implant His Holy Spirit. "Grant this, Lord, unto us all."

Sat 2 Timothy 2:22-26 *Flee means run!* Get as far away as fast as you can from temptations/activities that would lure you into Satan's backyard to play games with him. Satan is a liar and a cheater, so don't listen to his spiel or try to outsmart him, but rather strengthen your spiritual muscles in God's family circle (21-22). God's servants in the public ministry are Satan's main targets, so they need our support to be gentle to everyone, able to teach, patient, in humility correcting those who are in opposition, using all their skills to help others come to repentance, so that they may know the truth and that they may escape the snare of the devil. God grant it!