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Fourth Sunday after Epiphany — January 28, 2018

LBW—Lutheran Book of Worship WOV—With One Voice

* Please stand as you are able

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ringing of the Bell

PRELUDE (8:00) *Joys Are Flowing Like a River*

(10:30) *How Firm a Foundation* -Bell Choir

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(you may remain seated)*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who stretches out the heavens, who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all.

C **Amen.**

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

Loving God,

C **we confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways. Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted too quickly; we have not spoken or acted at all; we have hurt those closest to us; we have hurt those we have yet to know; we have thought more about ourselves than others; we have thought less of ourselves than we ought. Turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your children. Amen.**

P Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right. Even when we have messed up, God puts us together. God's love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children. Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

C **Amen**

HYMN LBW # 364 *Son of God, Eternal Savior*

GREETING

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

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P 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.

C **Amen.**

(10:30) **Special Music:** *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* -Bell Choir

FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

[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."

A The Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 111

¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with ¹my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the ¹congregation.

²**Great are your ¹works, O LORD, pondered by all who de- ¹light in them.**

³Majesty and splendor ¹mark your deeds, and your righteousness en- ¹dures forever.

**⁴You cause your wonders to be remembered;
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

⁵You give food to those who fear you,
remembering forever your covenant.

**⁶You have shown your people the power of your works
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

⁷The works of your hands are faithful-ness and justice;
all of your precepts are sure.

**⁸They stand fast forever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.**

⁹You sent redemption to your people
and commanded your covenant forever;
holy and awesome is your name.

**¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding.
God's praise endures forever.**

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

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—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.

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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. ⁸Food 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

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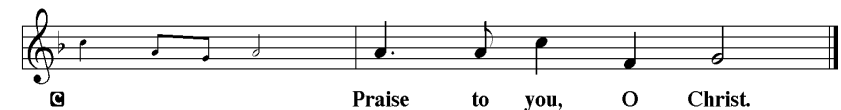


* GOSPEL: Mark 1:21-28 (please stand as you are able)



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.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

(10:30) **Special Music:** *Lullaby Prayer* -Seth Tonjes

(10:30) **Baptism of Oliver Matthew Bogert**

PRESENTATION

P In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Parents and Sponsors: I present **Oliver Matthew Bogert** to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

P In Christian love you have presented this child for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring him to the services of God's house, and teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As he grows in years, you should place in his hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for his instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of his Baptism and in communion with the Church, he may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ. Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

Parents and Sponsors: I do.

THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth.

By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things. By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his

family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that he who is here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of him who is cleansed by this water and bring him forth as an inheritor of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen

RENUNCIATION AND PROFESSION

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

P Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

Parents and Sponsors: I do.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C 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

BAPTISM

P **Oliver Matthew Bogert**, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

LAYING ON OF HANDS

P God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon **Oliver**: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

C **Amen**

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

P **Oliver**, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen

GIVING OF THE LIGHT

A Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

PRAYER FOR PARENTS

P O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon **Michael** and **Ellen**. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their children. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with their children the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

WELCOME

A Through Baptism God has made this new brother a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

C **We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God.**

HYMN WOV # 770 *Borning Cry*

SERMON

HYMN WOV # 734 *Softly and Tenderly (you may remain seated)*

(8:00 only) * **APOSTLES' CREED** *(please stand as you are able)*

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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.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS (8:00) *As the Deer* -bells: Angela, Bill, Karri, Tom
(10:30) *Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen*

OFFERTORY *(you may remain seated.)*

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the
joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

THE PRAYERS *(you may remain seated)*

A Confident that God our light and our salvation hears us when we pray, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

A For those who speak your word throughout the church in the world, O God, and for educational institutions that prepare leaders, that you will lift up prophets in our congregations, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For the works of God revealed in and through creation, for an end to pollution and unjust use of natural resources, and for good weather this season, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For peace and justice throughout the world, for political leaders at all levels, and for those who provide public services, that you will grant them wisdom as they carry out their tasks, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For those in our congregation celebrating special events, for those missing from our worship today, and for friends and family both near and far, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who witnessed your love in their lives and in this world, that through them our own faith will grow stronger, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P For the homeless, the unemployed, the underemployed, and their advocates; for the sick, the suffering, and their caregivers; and for the weak in body, mind, and spirit (*especially*), that your compassion be felt by all in need, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

P Merciful God, you hear our prayers even before we speak them. Receive them for the sake of the one through whom you have revealed your goodness, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

* **LORD'S PRAYER** 🎵 *(please stand as you able)*

Our Father, which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

for Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory, forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

HYMN (8:00) *Give Thanks* -bells: Angela, Bill, Karri, Tom

(10:30) **WOV # 721** *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

POSTLUDE *Rise Up and Serve the Lord*

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Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Michelle Slee.

Annual Meeting

Please plan to stay (or come back) for the Annual Meeting which will begin immediately following the 10:30 service.

Baptism

God's blessings to Oliver Matthew Bogert, son of Michael & Ellen, who is being baptized this morning. Oliver's sponsors are Rachel Linden and Matthew Bogert.

Caring Corner for January — soap

This month, we are collecting soap –any brand, any size – for Together We Can Make A Difference Initiatives. We can even use small travel-size bars which we re-package as “school kits” for kids who shower at school with sports and/or phys ed.

SOUPer Bowl Sunday

On SOUPer Bowl Sunday, February 4, we will be collecting donations for your favorite Super Bowl team. Just place your donation of \$1 or more in the soup pot designated for your team. Money will be going to ELCA World Hunger projects.

Ash Wednesday

February 14 is Ash Wednesday, and our service will begin that day at 7 p.m. We will have the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Mark your calendars for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 13. Pancakes will be served from 5:00 - 6:30. Helpers are needed for flipping and serving, dishwashers, and cleaner-uppers. Please talk to Sue Schink or Julie Callaway!

Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello

Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes

Bell Choir Director - Bill Panning

Lay Assistant - 8:00 Ronnie Rohrs 10:30 Jamie & Gary Bostelman

Sound Board - 8:00 Maxine Eickhoff 10:30 Holly Mohring

Acolytes - 8:00 Derek Miller & Cale Perdeu 10:30 Laci Dachenhaus & Adara Hildebrandt

Ushers - 8:00 Carey Plummer, Dave Schwab, Steve Kloos, Leonard Sonnenberg
10:30 Kurt Rohrs, Ken Lange, Jeff Mires, Bill Panning

Altar Guild - Jeannie Wiechers & Cheryl Hershberger

Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Carol Castello (419-592-0847) or cjcast@yahoo.com

This Week

Today	11:30 a.m.	Annual Congregational Meeting
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Dartball at Wauseon
Wednesday	3:15 p.m.	After School Club
	5:00 p.m.	Soul Food
	5:30 p.m.	Emanubells
	6:30 p.m.	7 th grade
	6:30 p.m.	Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Catechism bells
	7:30 p.m.	Living Spirit
	8:00 p.m.	8 th grade
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study

Activity Bags

Activity/Busy/Church bags are available on the coat trees at each entryway and in the balcony. Please feel free to take one for your child to enjoy during the worship service, and then return it to the tree afterward. All are welcome to our service, as “it is better to have a child wiggle in church than to wiggle out of it.”

Henry County Senior Center Info:

Welcome all, including the gentlemen in our congregation! If you would be interested in hearing what services and opportunities are available to you through our local Senior Center, please feel free to attend our next WELCA meeting on Tuesday, February 6. Mrs. Sandy Blackwood, Executive Director of the Henry County Senior Center, will be present to discuss the various opportunities offered, i.e. free income tax preparation, medicare enrollment and information assistance, various exercise offerings, etc. You will also have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have about the offerings and operation of the Senior Center. Our meeting will begin with the program at 7 :00 p.m. Everyone is more than welcome to attend.