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4th Sunday after Epiphany

January 31, 2021

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.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME

PRAYER

PRELUDE

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

arranged by Cindy Berry

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"Everything is Mama" by Jimmy Fallon

VIDEO

"O Divine Healer", written by Ginny Brown Daniel, from The Work of the People

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

GOSPEL

Mark 1: 21 - 28

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.

SERMON

Bishop Susan Johnson

HYMN OF THE DAY **ELW 518**

"We Eat the Bread of Teaching"



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MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

THE CREED

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 to the dead. 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 THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

"Four Pieces for Organ"

by Léon Boëllmann (1862 - 1897)



St. Philip's Lutheran Church

SERVING TODAY

Bishop Susan Johnson Pastor

Chris Ritcey-Conrad Music Director

Dave Pascoe Videographer

Brenna Kearns and Jack Children's Message

Dawn Pascoe Reader

Judy Marcuson, Mary McCuen,

Chris Ritcey-Conrad

Hymn of the Day

Julia & Andrew Taylor

Prayers of the People

"Kalba" Sending

IN OUR PRAYERS

Gus Berndt, Rodney Erlandson, Mary Hanslep, Al Jacksteit, Mark Kieswetter, Fran Moore, Marion Morningstar, Pat Penney, Julie Potocny, Lesley Powell, Sydney Ross, Helen Scollnik, and Elga Smidt.

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WAYS TO BE INVOLVED

While we can't be in the building, there are still ways to stay involved and in community with others. Here are a few:

- Add your name to the readers for worship services: contact Pastor Tuula.
- Tuesday Bible Study via Zoom @ 7:00 pm
- Participate in the Virtual Worship: play an instrument or sing, read the Gospel, provide a Children's Message, lead the prayers, or tell a Faith Story. Or something else? Please contact Pastor Tuula.
- Join in the Virtual Coffee Hour @ 11:00 am on Sunday mornings.
- 50+ connecting in new ways in 2021! Watch for the next event. Contact Doris Pascoe for details.
- Zumba exercise weekly program.
- Starting in February: deliver Good Food Boxes for 6 weeks to 45 families and 25 seniors.