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The 4th Sunday After the Epiphany
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“They were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one who had authority.” Mark 1:22

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

✘ PREPARATION ✘

AS WE GATHER

God's Word regarding salvation is clear and sure. He spoke through Moses and the prophets who followed him. And finally, He spoke most clearly in His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. But false prophets and unclean spirits can seem convincing and powerful. So, in today's Epistle, Paul urges us to be concerned for "the brother for whom Christ died." Jesus' once-for-all sacrifice gives us freedom. But it also calls us to sacrifice our rights for the sake of others in the weakness of their faith or conscience.

Please stand

HYMN "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" verse 1 #809

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father,

**People: Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.**

Pastor: and of the ✘ Son,

**People: Full of splendor and majesty is His work,
and His righteousness endures forever.**

Pastor: and of the Holy Spirit.

People: He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered.

HYMN "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" verse 2 #809

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 111:1, 4-10*

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, today's Psalm teaches:
"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding."

People: We have not practiced it perfectly.

Pastor: Therefore, we cannot come into His presence as we are.
"He has commanded His covenant forever. Holy and awesome is His name!"

People: Because the Lord is gracious and merciful, let us go to Him, confessing our sins.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Pastor: "He provides food for those who fear Him; He remembers His covenant forever."

People: We confess that we have not always shared our daily bread with others, O Lord, and we have failed to keep all our promises. Forgive us.

Pastor: "He has shown His people the power of His works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations."

People: We confess that we have not always recognized the good gifts God has given us. Forgive us.

Pastor: "The works of His hands are faithful and just; all His precepts are trustworthy."

People: We confess that the works of our hands, the words of our mouths, and the thoughts of our minds have been neither faithful nor just. We have not loved you, O Lord, with all that we are; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us.

Pastor: "They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness."

People: We confess that we have wavered in honesty. Forgive us.

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, "the Lord is gracious and merciful." Through Jesus' death and resurrection, "He sent redemption to His people." As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

People: “Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. His praise endures forever!”

HYMN Great Is Thy Faithfulness” verse 3 #809

✠ WORD ✠

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, You know that as we face so many dangers, one person is strong and another is weak.

People: **Grant us loving concern for our brothers and sisters as Your instruments to support one another in all dangers and carry us through all temptations;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Please be Seated

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Deuteronomy 18:15–20*
(God promises a prophet to follow Moses.)

(The Word is read)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 8:1-13
(Paul warns against hurting the faith of a weak brother.)

(The Word is read)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand and ready together the Alleluia and Verse

VERSE Mark 1:22a

All: Alleluia. They were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one who had authority. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 1:21-28
(People are amazed at Jesus' authority over unclean spirits.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES CREED *(found on the last page of the pew hymnal)*

Please be Seated

SERMON HYMN "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" #790

SERMON "Jesus – Off to a Bang-Up Start" Mark 1:21-28
Pastor Keith Loesch

OFFERING AND OFFERATORY

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH and HYMN OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray for all people in their various needs, for the Church wherever it is planted, and for ourselves, gathered in worship.

Lord of the Church, whose Word is power at work for all who call out to You in faith, guide and protect clergy and lay leaders here and around the world. Give them compassionate hearts, clear minds, appropriate words, and the wisdom to use them so that the Church grows stronger in faith and closer to You and one another in love. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

HYMN "Son of God, Eternal Savior" #842 v1

Pastor: Heavenly Father, giver of life and health and peace, open our hearts and minds to share Your bounty with one another, among our neighbors, and through the agencies of the Church and government, with any people in need. Raise up leaders in our nation and around the world so that poverty and hunger will be lessened, and health and human dignity increased. Protect and guide all who order society across the globe and give patience and resolve to forces deployed for peace across national borders. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

HYMN "Son of God, Eternal Savior" #842 v2

Pastor: O Holy Spirit, who bestows precious gifts throughout the Church, open the eyes of Your people to see avenues of peace and reconciliation, paths of concord and joy. We remember our brothers and sisters who call out to You for healing of all sorts, Liz, Paul, Norma, Byron and for all of us that mourn the loss of Karla Kuebler. Use the talents You have placed in counselors, health-care workers, medical personnel, first responders, and all who are called to work as Your instruments of care. Grant peace, health, and comfort according to Your gracious plans. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

HYMN “Son of God, Eternal Savior” #842 v3

Pastor: Although we in no way deserve Your gracious hearing of these our petitions, Lord, grant them for the sake of the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus, who has promised that what we ask in His name will be heard at Your throne of grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

HYMN “Son of God, Eternal Savior” #842 v4

THE LORD’S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray...

All: **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.**

BENEDICTION *Isaiah 60:1*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” #849

THE MESSENGER

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WELCOME! Dear guest, we pray that your worship with us is as spiritually enriching for you as your presence is encouraging to us. We invite you to sign our guest book in the foyer and “Like” us on Facebook. Please leave your email address if you would like periodic updates from Immanuel. Most importantly, come back and worship with us again next Sunday.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Liz Kraft, Myron Kimber, Norma Bredemeier, Paul Krahenbuhl, Pam Johnston and all of us as we mourn the loss of our sister Karla Kuebler.

VOTER’S MEETING: The first quarter 2018 voters meeting is today following the service. Lunch will be provided and all are welcome.

JANUARY PASTORS: Pastor Tom Harries and Pastor Keith Loesch.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR theme for next Sunday, January 21, will be “Meeting Millennials Where They’re At”. Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer. Robots can’t produce disciples. How can we mentor those who don’t know Jesus, or don’t know Him well enough? Hear *The Lutheran Hour* on stations KCMO (AM 710) at 8:00am, KCCV (FM 92.3) at 8:00am, KCCV (AM 760) at 8:30am, and KCCV (FM 101.5) at 8:30am.