

St. Luke 4:34b & 41b
“You are the Son of God”



Jesus casting out demons.

Demons proclaiming who Jesus is.

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 30, 2022

Prelude

*The Processional Hymn *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (ELW) No. 807

*The Confession and Forgiveness (ELW) page 94

P: In the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy.....of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God,.....in the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*The Apostolic Greeting (ELW) page 138

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.

*The Kyrie (*sung response*) (ELW) page 138

P:, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

*The Hymn of Praise *Give Me Jesus* (ELW) NO. 770

Listening for the Promise

Weekly Devotional

January 30, 2022—Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

“I must preach the good news...for I was sent for this purpose.” (Luke 4:42)

What do you expect from a sermon? What would you like to happen to you when you are listening to a sermon?

Here are some possible responses: “A sermon ought to help me think about the Bible in a new way” ... “A sermon should show me ways I have gone wrong and give me ways I can get back on track.” ... “It should inspire me.” ... “I want a special feeling from the sermon.” ... “I want something easy to remember and easy to take home.”

Last Sunday Jesus preached his first sermon in his hometown synagogue. He said, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” Now Jesus tells us his purpose was to preach. What do you think Jesus hoped his sermons would accomplish?

As Lutherans, we believe that a Christian sermon is to bring us closer to the true and living God. This happens because the Holy Spirit is present in the “words” of the sermon that strike your ear, mind, and heart. Sometimes you get helpful hints for better living, but they are not the main point. Sometimes you receive answers to your questions, but not every time. One of the main things you get is the gift of being with God who, in Jesus Christ, has chosen to be with you. The foremost thing in the sermon is you get to hear, in your ear, today, that God loves you, cares for you, and went to the cross to give you his forgiveness and kingdom for free!

Sometimes that closeness with God feels good, and sometimes it doesn’t because you feel convicted of your sin. Lutherans call this type of preaching “Law and Gospel.” Whether you feel bad or good is not the point. The point is that you are hearing from God in his two words of Law and Gospel.

As a famous Rabbi once said, “Remember, there is a God, and you are not it.” The preacher shows up with nothing but Scripture, and preaches about who God is and what God is up to in your life.

We are always in danger of attempting to cut the Creator of the universe down to our size, to substitute other gods for the true and living God. That’s when we ought to pray that we’re about to hear a sermon that reminds us God is bigger than our inadequate concepts and our vain desires.

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*Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: O God, You know the perilous choices we are prone to make that fall short of Your desire for human faithfulness and obedience. Without You, our fragile nature cannot survive. Support us with Your Word of truth, that we may grow in faith in the midst of our trials. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading

Jeremiah 1:4-10 [17-19]

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Psalmody for the Day *(read responsively)*

Psalm 71:1-6 [7-11]

¹In You, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be ashamed.

²In Your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline Your ear to me and save me.

³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; You are my crag and my stronghold.

⁴Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

⁵For You are my hope, O Lord God, my confidence since I was young.

⁶I have been sustained by You ever since I was born; from my mother’s womb You have been my strength; my praise shall be always of You.

[⁷I have become a portent to many; but You are my refuge and my strength.

⁸Let my mouth be full of Your praise and Your glory all the day long.

⁹Do not cast me off in my old age; forsake me not when my strength fails.

¹⁰For my enemies are talking against me, and those who lie in wait for my life take counsel together.

¹¹They say, “God has forsaken him; go after him and seize him; because there is none who will save.”]

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*The Gospel Acclamation *(sung)*

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C: Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

* The Gospel

Luke 4:31-44

C: Glory to You, O Lord. (sung after announcement of the Gospel)

C: Praise to You, O Christ. (sung after conclusion of the Gospel)

Sermon

Rev. Robert B. Grewe

*The Hymn of the Day

When Peace like a River

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*The Apostles' Creed

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.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

PA Mental health support and referral line

1-855-284-2494

WASHINGTON, PA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS LINE

1-877-225-3567

WASHINGTON COUNTY BHDS LINE

724-228-6832

SCOTT BERRY DIRECT LINE

724-250-4079 (FOR CHURCH MEMBERS ONLY)

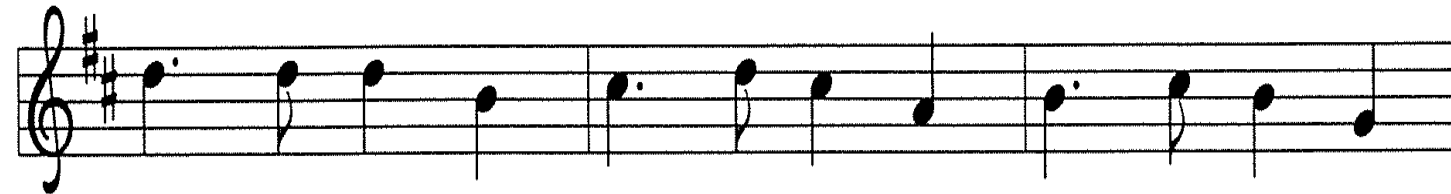
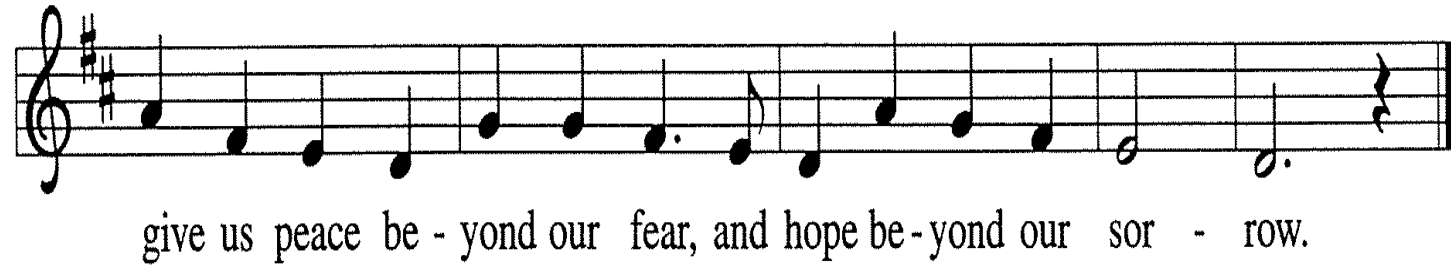
FOR OTHER NEEDS, CONTACT 211 OR THE CHURCH.

Church Offering Change: In order to keep everyone safe we have changed how we collect the Sunday Offering. We do not have our ushers pass the plates around. Instead, we have one offering plate located by the last pew and one by the choir loft. Please place your offering in one of those plates. Feel free to place your offering in the plates during our Offertory if you did not do so on the way in.

Healer of Our Every Ill

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Refrain



- 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.

*The Prayers of the Church (response)

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

*Sharing of the Peace

The Musical Offering

*The Offertory

Create in Me a Clean Heart

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*The Lord's Prayer

C: 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.

Announcements

*The Benediction (*sung response*)

C: Amen, Amen, Amen.

*The Recessional Hymn

Healer of Our Every Ill

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*FLC Sending Hymn

Be The Love of Christ

arr. Michael Showalter

Roger Thornhill

*The Dismissal (*response*)

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Organist and Music Director: Kristina Schuerle

The Flowers on the Chancel are given to the glory of God by Mark Verderber in honor of my father, James Verderber. His birthday was Jan. 16th.

The Lay Reader is Lisa Maust.

Acolytes are Collin Berry and Lyndsay Berry.

Counters/Greeters today are S. Berry and R. Williams.

Welcome to our Visitors! The people of this congregation welcome you as you join us in worship this morning. Please sign the register, located in the narthex. If you have questions, please see the pastor or contact the church office.

Do you wish to become a member of First Lutheran Church? Please contact Pastor Grewe.

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Create in Me a Clean Heart

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 un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

When Peace like a River

It Is Well with My Soul

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
 3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 It is well with my soul,

Nursery: We welcome all children to be a part of worship, but we realize that sometimes the service can be too long for the little ones. We have a nursery for those attending to the needs of infants and small children. There is a speaker in the nursery so that parents can still hear the service. You are welcome to use the nursery for the entire service, or just a small part.

Bell Choir Practice on Monday at 7 PM.

Dartball on Tuesday, Feb. 1 at Avery United Methodist..

The Flower Chart for 2022 is posted in the narthex. If you wish to place flowers, (real or artificial) near the altar, sign your name opposite the date of your choice. You will be reminded of your date and asked for the wording you want in the bulletin two weeks before the due date.

Sign-up sheets are posted to host a coffee hour in 2022. Please write you names under the month you would like to host. The coffee hours have been a wonderful time of fellowship and the hosts have been awesome! Thank you!!

Sign-up sheets are posted for Lay Readers in 2022. Please sign up.

Please remember to continue contributing donations to our girls in Ethiopia.
Please consider this as a call to help others in need.

Please pray for those in need of healing:

Betty Johnson, Janet Burke, Maureen Curry, Eveline Reihner, Rocky and Carol, Shari Kienzle, Chiquita, Stacy Carroll, Byron Christian, Billie Sue Serbak, Susan Westott, Fred Dupas, baby Isaac Christian, Sandy Hebrank, Lynn Hudak, Allan Zimmerman, the Pollana family, Ashley McCartney, Amy Verderber, Sylvia Sunstrum, Kevin Ryan, Bob Cable, baby Ryan David Mayer, Danielle Pinkerton, Dan, Fritz Group, Amy, Lucy & Dave Mehaffey, Stephanie Kennedy, Jessi, Bill Hisiro, Richard, Ruby Rogers, Becky, Mel & Klaus Behrens, Joanne Reck, Barbara, Michael Selarud, Jackie, Jeff Ulanich, Carolyn Wright, Bill Stewart, the Penvose family, Morgan, Sharon Fritz, baby Matthew, Tim & Karen Edwards, Tom Liam, Gary, Colton Daniel, and Judy Dombrowsky.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 807

1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith - er by thy help I've come";
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.

teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Give Me Jesus 770

1 In the morn - ing when I rise, in the morn - ing when I rise,
 2 Dark . . . mid - night was my cry, dark . . . mid - night was my cry,
 3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,
 4 Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,
 5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,

in the morn - ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.
 dark . . . mid - night was my cry, give me Je - sus.
 just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.
 oh, . . . when I come to die, give me Je - sus.
 and . . . when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.

Refrain
 Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.

You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.