**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

**JANUARY 28, 2024**

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**CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH – SHERWOOD**

**Sunday, January 28, 2024 – 9 am**

**Wednesday, January 31, 2024 – 6:30 pm**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,

creator of darkness and light,

word of truth,

wind sweeping over the waters.

**C: Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: God, our rock and refuge,

**C: we pour out our hearts before you.**

**We have known you but have not always loved you.**

**We have wounded one another**

**and sinned against you.**

**We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit**

**dwelling in each of us.**

**Remember your covenant.**

**Renew your creation.**

**Restore us,**

**that we might proclaim your good news to all.**

**Amen.**

P: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.

God has spoken:

The time of grace is now.

In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.

By the authority of ☩ Jesus Christ,

your sins are forgiven.

You are God’s beloved.

**C: Amen.**

**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.**

**GATHERING HYMN:** As We Gather at Your Table; ELW 522

**READING: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13**

R:  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—6yet 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.  
 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. 8“Food 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 destroyed. 12But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. 13Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

R**:** The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

P: The Holy Gospel According to Mark

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

**GOSPEL: Mark 1:21-28**

P: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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** Songs of Thankfulness and Praise; ELW 310

**APOSTLES’ 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.**

**PRAYER SONG:** Father, I adore you; W&P 37

Father, I adore you,

lay my life before you;

how I love you.

Jesus, I adore you,

lay my life before you;

how I love you.

Spirit, I adore you,

lay my life before you;

how I love you.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P: God of grace,

**C: receive our prayer**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**THE OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Blessed are you, Holy One,

for all good things come from you.

In bread and cup you open heaven to us.

Meet us at this table,

that we receive what we seek

and follow your Son, Jesus,

in whose name we pray.

**C: Amen.**

**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**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.**

**HOLY COMMUNION – (Gluten Free Bread)**

**COMMUNION HYMN:** Healer of Our Every Ill; ELW 612

**COMMUNION BLESSING**

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**P: Giver of every gift,

Christ’s body is our food, and we are Christ’s body.

Raise us to life by your power

for the benefit of all and to your glory,

now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SENDING HYMN:** Go, My Children, with My Blessing; ELW 543

**BLESSING**

P: God who names you,

Christ who claims you,

and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,

☩ bless you and remain with you always.

**C: Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. You are God’s beloved.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**ELW 522**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sunday, January 28-** New Hope Center from Chilton will be presenting as The Mission of the Month for January.We welcome all to join as they talk about their mission for freedom and independence in the lives of people with disabilities.

**Noodle Night Update**

Ticket sales are down from last year. Anyone can sell tickets. Invite your neighbors and friends. Where else can one take a family out for dinner for $40??? I have tickets if you need them.

We are still looking for music for the 6-7:00 serving. Pastor Roy will play his guitar from 5-6:00.

We also need WAY more people to sign up for desserts.

People have signed up for the 4:30 to 6:00 shift for servers, etc., but we are really short on people signing up for 6 to cleanup.

There will be lots of people at church on Friday night setting up tables, decorations, raffles. If you have an extra hour or so, please come and join the fun. It is a flurry of activity, and we can always use an extra hand.

Sandie Miller

**Church Council Opportunity**

At the February 25th Congregation Annual Meeting your council will be looking for three church members to join council as three member terms come to an end. Whether you would be serving for the first-time or you’ve served in the past, this is a terrific way to share your time and talents during this period of church transition. Please give this opportunity thought and prayerful consideration. If interested or have specific questions, please reach out to Chris Scheuer at [**cscheuer900@gmail.com**](mailto:cscheuer900@gmail.com)**.**

**Flowers are back!!** We have made arrangements with Schroth Brillion Floral for bi-weekly floral arrangements. The flower chart is up on the wall in the hallway, and we hope everyone takes advantage of signing up for a date to adorn the altar. Your flowers will remain on the altar for 2 Sundays and 2 Wednesdays. The cost will still be $40, and we ask that you place your payment in an envelope (located by the flower chart) with your name and payment type (cash or check) indicated on the envelope.

**UPCOMING VOLUNTEERS**

**Sundays**

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| **January 28** | **February 4** |
| Worship Host: Frank Dominczak | Worship Host: Jodi Sullivan |
| Reader: Terri Hemauer | Reader: Olivia Baehr |
| Communion: Deb Dominczak, Frank Dominczak | Communion: Peg Schwalbach, Jodi Sullivan |
| Projection: Oliver Schulz | Projection: Avery Carlson |
| Counters: Mary Ann VanderWielen, Nate Nelson | Counters: Sharon Peters, Bev Langford |
| Kitchen: Sandie Miller, Iryna Ratner, Mary Alice Lee | Kitchen: Natalie Poppe, Madison Baehr, Beth Hopfensberger |
| Ushers: Deb Dominczak, David Miller | Ushers: Bill Willmer, Bill Poppe |
| Altar Care: Jill McElhaney | Altar Care: Deb Dominczak |

**Wednesdays**

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| **January 31** | **February 7** |
| Reader: Deb Dominczak | Reader: Tony Wieczorek |
| Communion: Vern Bastjan | Communion: Carter Strebe |
| Wednesday Altar Care: Deb Dominczak | Wednesday Altar Care: Jolene Weber |

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**Our Mission:** To be a Christ-centered, welcoming congregation, joyfully sharing the good news of God's love and grace with others.

**Our Vision:** A community where the all-encompassing love of Jesus flourishes.