

## Epiphany 4

*January 28, 2024 at 11:30am*

**Welcome to worship at St. Mark's Lutheran Church!**

The order below will help you to find your way through our service. We are using the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book (red). The hymns are found in the main section marked with black numbers.

P (Pastor) L (Lector) **C (Congregation)**

Church Bells

Organ Prelude

Organist: Dubravko Pajalic

Welcome

**Gathering Hymn : 808: 1 – 2 & 4: Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song**

Call to Worship with words from Psalm 111:

P: Praise the LORD. I will extol the LORD with all my heart

**C: in the council of the upright and in the assembly.**

P: Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them.

**C: Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.**

P: He has caused his wonders to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and compassionate.

**C: He provides food for those who love him and he remembers his covenant forever.**

P; He has shown his people the power of his works, giving them the lands of other nations.

**C: The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.**

P: They are established for ever and ever enacted in faithfulness and uprightness.

**C: He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever—**

P: holy and awesome is his name.

**C: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom.**

**Prayer of Confession:**

P: Gracious God, have mercy on us.

**C: We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do.**

**Turn us again to you and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

**Declaration of Forgiveness:**

God, who is rich in mercy in Christ Jesus, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together in Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Gracious God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **C: Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day**

Reading from the Old Testament, Deuteronomy 18: 15 – 20: About Prophets (short introduction):

*According to Deuteronomy 18:15-20, prophets were a gift from God to the people who needed to hear what God had to say but were not able to do so. To enable communication to continue, God will send a prophet “like Moses” who will act as the mouthpiece for God: “I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to [the people] everything that I command.*

Reading of the Holy Gospel according to Mark 1, 21 - 28:

*Be silent, and come out of him*

**Hymn # 814: Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am**

Sermon

**Hymn of the Day # 612: 1 & 2: Healer of Our Every Ill**

P: With the whole church let us confess our faith:

***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 again to judge the living and the dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.***

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always

**C: And also with you**

Prayers of Intercession, concluding: God, in your mercy

**C: hear our prayer**

Announcements

**Sending Hymn: 612, 3 & 4: Give us strength to love each other**

P: Go in peace. Share the good news - **C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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### **Announcements**

Dear members, dear friends. As decided by the congregation last year, the old parsonage has been put up for sale and was bought by a family within a few days. The closing date is February 29, 2024.

**IMPORTANT:** We would like to ask all members and groups who still have items stored there **to clear them out by January 28, 2024.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please also note the dates in February:

- February 10: Tin's family garage sale
- February 10. and 11.: Church's open home sale



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