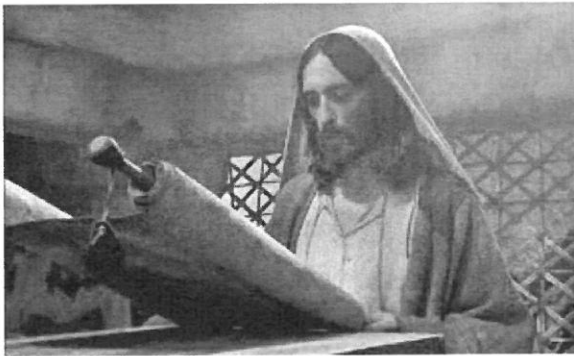


St. Johns Lutheran Church

They Were Astonished



He Taught With Authority

AS WE GATHER

In today's Old Testament, we are reminded that God's word is like a burning fire. His words to the people caused discomfort and rejection, and the prophets suffered for speaking it. But the power and authority the Lord gave Jeremiah as a prophet also foretold of the One who would fulfill all things and destroy His enemies as the long-awaited perfect prophet and Savior. In that power and authority, Christ has won our victory through His death and rising, and we are blessed with freedom in that faith to be used to His glory in service to others.

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME GUESTS

We're glad you are here! Make it a point to introduce yourself to the pastor. *(Please keep your distance though)* Please take time to fill out an attendance card and drop it in the basket during the offering.

PREPARATION

HYMN God Has Spoken by His Prophets *LSB 583*

**God has spoken by His prophets,
Spoken His unchanging Word;
Each from age to age proclaiming
God the one, the righteous Lord.
In the world's despair and turmoil
One firm anchor holds us fast:
God is king, His throne eternal;
God the first, and God the last.**

God has spoken by Christ Jesus,
Christ, the everlasting Son,
Brightness of the Father's glory,
With the Father ever one;
Spoken by the Word Incarnate,
God of God, before time was;
Light of Light, to earth descending,
He reveals our God to us.

God is speaking by His Spirit,
Speaking to our hearts again,
In the ageless Word declaring
His own message, now as then.
Through the rise and fall of nations
One sure faith yet standing fast;
God abides, His Word unchanging;
God the first, and God the last.

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 32:1-2, 5-7, 10*

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

As Moses speaks to the people through God, we confess those
times we do not listen to Your words and close our hearts to You.

Forgive us, Lord.

As Paul warns, we confess those times when our freedom in Christ
causes one who is weak in faith to stumble.

Forgive us, Lord.

As Jesus, the long-awaited Prophet and Savior, taught with and
showed His authority and power, we confess those times when we
allow the forces of evil to make us forget the deliverance and love
of God we have in Christ.

Forgive us, Lord.

With David the psalmist, we humbly come before the Lord.

Silence for reflection

I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with shouts of deliverance.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ is given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

WORD

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST *LSB 170*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

MEMORIZED WORD

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:32

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jeremiah 20: 7-13*

⁷ O Lord, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger than I and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me. ⁸ For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. ⁹ If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. ¹⁰ For I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! "Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" say all my close friends, watching for my fall. "Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him." ¹¹ But the Lord is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. ¹² O Lord of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause. ¹³ Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL *Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8*

Praise the LORD, all * nations!

Extol Him, all * peoples!

For great is His steadfast * love toward us,

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for * ever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory * due His name;

bring an offering, and come in * to His courts!

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 8:1–13*

¹Concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. ²If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³But if anyone loves God, he is known by God. ⁴Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed 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. ⁷However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol’s temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? ¹¹And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹²Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Mark 1:22a*

Alleluia. They were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 1:21–28*

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²²And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴“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 out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Son of God, eternal Savior,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
Hallows all our human race,
You our Head, who, throned in glory,
For Your own will ever plead:
Fill us with Your love and pity,
Heal our wrongs, and help our need.

As You, Lord, have lived for others,
So may we for others live.
Freely have Your gifts been granted;
Freely may Your servants give.
Yours the gold and Yours the silver,
Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of Your bounty
Held in solemn trust will be.

Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
King of Love and Prince of Peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion,
Bid its cruel discords cease.
By Your patient years of toiling,
By Your silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
Stem our selfish greed of gain.

Son of God, eternal Savior,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
Hallows all our human race:
By your praying, by Your willing,
That Your people should be one,
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition;
Here on earth Your will be done.

SERMON

APOSTLE'S 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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come 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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

LSB 176

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, we give You thanks for the gift of the Holy Scriptures, both Law and Gospel, in which we see our sin and see Your love in our Savior. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

As Christ is the true Prophet and Savior of this world, give us faith to continue to hear His voice and find comfort in His work of salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Bless the proclamation of the Word, and raise faithful servants who will share Your commands and the forgiveness that comes through Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Ever-giving Lord, grant continued faith by Your Holy Spirit through the hearing of Your Word that we be fed and nourished. Produce in us good fruit for the sake of selves and others, that we not cause others to stumble but to walk firmly in Your ways.

Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

All-powerful Lord, at whose Word and authority even unclean and evil spirits submit and obey, hinder the work of Satan in our lives that Your kingdom and victory be known to all. Give Your peace and presence to those who suffer any affliction, [*including . . .*]. Enable us to be a blessing to those in their time of need.

Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER *Found in back of hymnbook or on screen*

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless us and keep us.

The Lord make His face shine on us and be gracious to us.

The Lord look upon us with favor and ✠ give us peace.

Amen.

**Praise the One who breaks the darkness
With a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners
Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel,
Healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms, and feeding thousands
With the very Bread of peace.**

**Praise the One who blessed the children
With a strong, yet gentle word;
Praise the One who drove out demons
With the piercing two-edged sword.
Praise the one who brings cool water
To the desert's burning sand;
From this Well comes living water
Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.**

**Let us praise the Word incarnate,
Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose victorious
That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
Seeing what our God has done;
Let us praise the true Redeemer,
Praise the One who makes us one.**

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Liturgist	Dan Reh
Lector	Dan Reh
Elders	Al Bohannon
Organist	Suzanne Manelli
Ushers	Don Osiek, Ben Thomas, and Roger Schmidt
Children's Message	Dan Reh
Acolytes	Tra-Mi and Thao-Vy

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Announcements

Saved to Share Called to Care

Our Response to God's Love Last Week

Attendance Sunday: 35

Communion: 33

ATTENTION: PLEASE TAKE A HYMNAL from the rack nearest to you and leave it on the pew where you are sitting prior to leaving the sanctuary today. This will enable us to be more efficient when we sanitize the pews this week. Thank you.

NT CLASS is at 6:30pm on Wednesday nights. This week will be about Mark. All are invited to learn the overview of each Gospel and letter of the New Testament with its major themes.

PASTOR WILL BE AWAY this weekend, January 30th & 31st. In the case of an emergency, contact Al Bohannon @ 314-401-0628.

VOTER'S MEETING There will be a voter's meeting on February 14th at 11:30pm. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

ST. JOHNS SINGS: This week's hymn has a lovely melody that is familiar to many. We offer hymn 546 - O Jesus So Sweet, O Jesus So Mild. As you follow along in your hymnal, you'll see it is a beautiful meditation on Jesus' incarnation and redemptive work. This is one we should add to our congregation's repertoire!

Prayers

Special Prayer Petitions –**Sue Hampel** Thanksgiving for a successful heart surgery; **Carmen Hobson** with back pain and possible surgery; **Ray** as he goes through treatment for stage 4 lung cancer; **St. Johns** for blessings on our virtual learning center; **For** those infected by the corona virus for quick healing and recovery.

Field-workers and **Vicars** for their class work; **Nepali Congregation** blessings.

Shut Ins – Jeanette Creamer, Carmen Hobson, Bobbie Kepford, Dennis Solomon, Jerry Schmaltz, Carol Carr

Opportunities to Love and Serve Christ this Week

January 31-February 7

Sunday	9:00am Worship 10:30am Bible Study
Monday	8am-2pm Office Open 3pm-5:30pm Virtual Learning Center 7pm Elders
Tuesday	(No Secretary) 3:00pm-5:30pm Virtual Learning Center 6:00pm Seminary Class
Wednesday	8am-2pm Office Open 7:30am-5:30pm Virtual Learning Center 6:30pm ESL 6:30pm NT Class
Thursday	(No Secretary) 7:30am-5:30pm Virtual Learning Center
Friday	8am-2pm Office Open 8am Bible Study 7:30am-5:30pm Virtual Learning Center
Saturday	8am Social Ministry 8:30am Food Pantry
Next Sunday	9:00am Worship 10:30am Bible Study 12:30pm African Worship