



TRINITY EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Epiphany 4
Sunday, February 4, 2018
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Welcome! Satan hates it that you are here, but God *loves* it, for Jesus' sake.

Service Theme: Jesus, God's Prophet, is God's Holy One. No demon scares him, or compares to him. No evil touches us as we trust in his blood.

Suggested silent prayer: Hymn 610, "Now Thank We All our God"

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HYMN: 455 *"Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You"*

Stand

M: The grace of our Lord †Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sin-**

ful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

First the pastor sings the refrain. Then all sing.



Glo-ry to God! Glo-ry to God! Glo-ry to God in the high-est!



Glo-ry to God! Glo-ry to God, and peace to his peo-ple on earth!

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father. We worship you, we give you thanks. We praise you for your glory.

All sing refrain.

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.

All sing refrain.

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.

All sing refrain

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

M: Lord Jesus, Holy One of God, terror of the demons and light of the saints and angels, teach us anew your gospel of truth and peace, that we may trust you with all our hearts, love you above all and bring you endless praise; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

Be Seated

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 18:15–20

The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to him.

¹⁶ For this is what you asked of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, “Let us not hear the voice of the LORD our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die.”

¹⁷ The LORD said to me: “What they say is good. ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers; I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him.

¹⁹ If anyone does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name, I myself will call him to account.

²⁰ “But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded him to say, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, must be put to death.”

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SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 8:1–13

Now about food sacrificed to idols: “We all possess

knowledge,” as you say.

Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.² The man who thinks he knows something does not yet know as he ought to know.³ But the man who loves God is known by God.

⁴ So then, about eating food sacrificed to idols: We know that an idol is nothing at all in the world and that there is no God but one.

⁵ For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”),

⁶ yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live.

⁷ But not everyone knows this. Some people are still so accustomed to idols that when they eat such food they think of it as having been sacrificed to an idol, and since their conscience is weak, it is defiled.⁸ But food does not bring us near to God; we are no worse if we do not eat, and no better if we do.

⁹ Be careful, however, that the exercise of your freedom does not become a stumbling block to the weak.¹⁰ For if anyone with a weak conscience sees you who have this knowledge eating in an idol’s temple, won’t he be emboldened to eat what has been sacrificed to idols?¹¹ So this weak brother, for whom Christ died, is destroyed by your knowledge.¹² When you sin against your brothers in this way and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ.

¹³ Therefore, if what I eat causes my brother to fall into sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause him to fall.

VERSE

Refrain (first by pastor, then by all)

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the refrain 'Al-le-lu-ia!'. The first staff is for the pastor and the second is for the congregation. Both staves are in G major (one sharp) and 8/8 time. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia!' are written below each staff, with hyphens under the syllables.

M: “There is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live” (*1 Corinthians 8:6*).

All sing refrain, then all rise.

Stand

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:21–28

They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach.²² The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law.

²³ Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out,²⁴ “What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”

²⁵ “Be quiet!” said Jesus sternly. “Come out of him!”²⁶ The evil spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

²⁷ The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, “What is this? A new teaching— and with authority! He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey him.”²⁸ News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: ♪ **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Be Seated

HYMN: “*Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken*” (*to CW tune 122*)

- 1. Christ, the Lord of hosts, unshaken
By the devil’s seething rage,
Thwarts the plan of Satan’s minions;
Wins the strife from age to age;
Conquers sin and death forever;
Slams them in their steely cage.**
- 2. John saw Michael waging battle,
Soaring angels by his side;
Michael fought the ancient serpent,
Foiled the dragon, full of pride,**

**Cast him earthbound with his demons.
Now he prowls, unsatisfied.**

- 3. Long on earth the battle rages,
Since the serpent's first deceit
Twisted God's command to Adam,
Made forbidden fruit look sweet.
Then the curse of God was spoken:
"You'll lie crushed beneath his feet!"**
- 4. Jesus came, this word fulfilling,
Trampled Satan, death defied;
Bore the brunt of our temptation,
On the wretched tree he died.
Yet to life was raised victorious;
By his life our life supplied.**
- 5. Swift as lightning falls the tyrant
From his heavenly perch on high,
As the word of Jesus' victory
Floods the earth and fills the sky.
Wounded by a wound eternal,
Now his judgment has drawn nigh!**
- 6. Jesus, send your angel legions,
For the foe would us enslave.
 Hold us fast when sin assaults us;
Come, then, Lord. Your people save.
Overthrow at last the dragon.
Send him to his fiery grave.**

SERMON

Mark 1:21-28

"JESUS AMAZED THE PEOPLE"

1. So we would have amazement
2. So we would have more than amazement

Stand

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from

Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be Seated

OFFERING & FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

Stand

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH & THE LORD'S PRAYER

M: Jesus, Holy One of God, for us you laid down your life, only to take it up again, to the amazement of all the demons. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

M: Be kind to those whom demons are possessing and sorely assailing. Give them peace by your gospel. Expose all the deceits of the father of lies. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

M: Be merciful to your children who are severely anxious and deeply depressed. Be their light in the darkness. Keep your promise not to break a bruised reed or blow out a smoldering wick. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

M: For our sick, weak, recovering and grieving ones, including _____ and others we name in our hearts to you now ... we pray, Lord. Amaze us with either your power to heal, or your hand to uphold even in weakness. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: For about to come to your table to receive your body and blood: Take away their sins and their fears. Fill them with hope, and much more than amazement. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: You have taught us in every need ever to pray:

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: ♪ We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: ♪ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He protects and preserves his Church in every age and gives us confidence to lift up our heads and watch for Jesus with joy. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

C: ♪ Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.

**You are my God, and I will exalt you. I will give you thanks,
for you have become my salvation.**

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full
of your glory.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

C: ♪ **O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the
world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take
away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ,
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us
your peace. Amen.**

Be Seated

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: 349 & 340

Stand

C: ♪ **Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev'ryone what
he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly
bear his name. He renews his promises and leads his people
forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have
praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes
which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his com-
ing again, and that all who have received in his true body and
blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a
new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ **Amen**

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. [...] and † give you peace.

C: ♪ **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

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A prayer for willing witnesses of the King:

*Lord, lay some soul upon my heart,
And love him through my love,
And speak through me; give me a part
In leading him above.*

*Peace came to earth when you were born;
Now I can die in peace.
Grant me to feel for all forlorn,
To share divine release.*

*When I get home and you I see,
Your saints all 'round appear,
May someone weep while hugging me:
"Thanks for your invite here."*

WHO IS INVITED TO TAKE THE LORD'S SUPPER WITH US

We invite to the Lord's Table the communicant members of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church and those who are members of other congregations of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS). If you our guest today we ask you to speak with our pastor prior to the service if you would like to join us at the Lord's Table.

Because of the serious nature of this Sacrament, and our Lord's charge that we administer it in accordance with his will, we practice close communion—as did the early Christian Church. We do this out of love for all people to ensure, as far as humanly possible, that all who commune with us:

- ◇ Are baptized.
- ◇ Are aware of the Real Presence of Christ's body and blood.
- ◇ Are trusting only in Christ's merits.
- ◇ Confess with us the truths of Scripture.

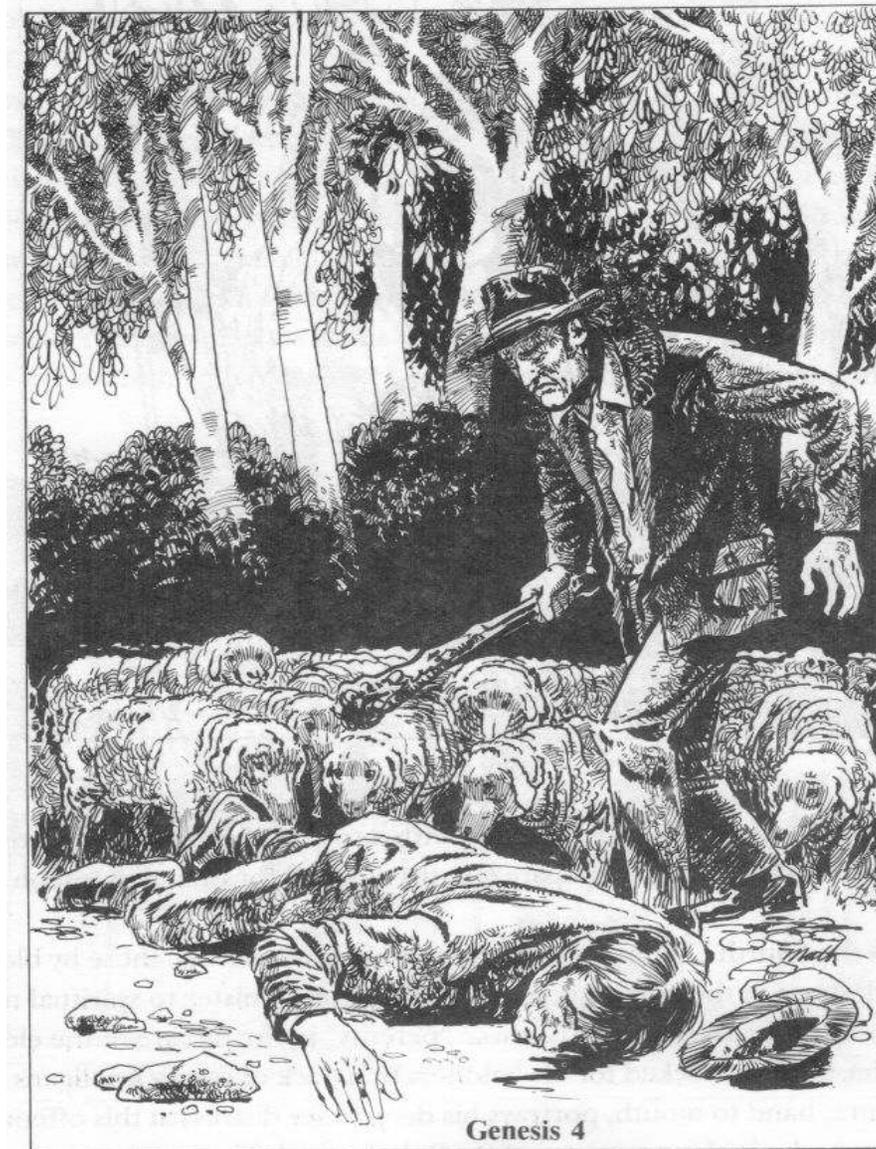
Since the Lord's Supper is a public declaration of unity in faith (1 Corinthians 10:17) we ask our children and our dear guests to make a public declaration of faith before receiving the sacrament with us. Our pastor is are happy to discuss with you what kind of discussion with him or classes this might involve.

Jesus' love and forgiveness are freely offered to all in God's Word whether they commune or not. In Christ we all stand on the same level before God. Our motive and goal is love (1 Timothy 1:5). Our love for God compels us to administer his sacrament according to Holy Scripture. Our love for people compels us to practice close communion so that we will not lead anyone into judgment, or encourage anyone to hypocrisy. If it is not possible today, we would love to have you come to the Lord's Table with us soon

Our Weekly Catechism Review Page

In modern form, we see one of the oldest tragedy in human history: Cain has secretly, brutally killed his brother Abel.

Note the blood. God warns Cain: it cries out to him from the ground. See in that blood another reason not tot hate, hurt or kill friend or foe— a) God forbids it and b) God says he will avenge it.



TRINITY NEWS

YEAR END RECEIPTS are in your mailboxes. Please check that addresses are correct and correspond with your envelope number. Let me know AASAP if any corrections are needed. Thanks!

INTERIOR CHURCH CLEANING is being planned for February 10th beginning at 8 am. Please bring a pail and rags and come help beautify our church!

GAMES & GOSPEL: The next event will be an MSU men's hockey game on Saturday, Feb. 17 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 each. Let JoElyn Krohn know ASAP if you can attend. 612-384-4581 / jkotto21@gmail.com. She will need a final count by next Sunday, February 4.

CEA CARNIVAL: Pies & Baked Goods needed! It's never too early to start thinking about what kind of pie or baked goods you will donate for our annual carnival! The carnival will be held on Sunday, March 4th. We need your pies and baked goods! Please drop off these items the day of the carnival in the church kitchen, starting at 7:30 am Any questions? Contact Julie Schmudlach at 630.202.5637.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS: We are looking for 1 more group or a couple of families to serve on March 14th. Would you be able to help out?

THE MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE WIND SYMPHONY will present *Foundation: A Sacred Concert for Wind Band* on Sunday, February 11th at 2:00 PM in the Chapel of the Christ. Works on the program include Suite from All Night Vigil (Vespers) by Sergei Rachmaninoff; Alleluia! Laudamus Te, by Alfred Reed; and Between the Two Rivers, a theme and variations of Luther's great Reformation hymn, "A Mighty Fortress." The concert will feature the regional premier of *Foundation*, and new work by David Gillingham, based on the hymn tune "The Church's One Foundation." Please join us for these and other works as we celebrate God's glorious gift of music. "It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High!" (Psalm 92:1).

MLC WINTER PLAY: MLC presents *The Crucible*, on Thursday, February 8, at 6:30 pm, Friday and Saturday, February 9-10 at 7:30 pm in the Wittenburg Auditorium.

TRINITY NEWS

MLC VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENTS for the *Men is on Saturday, March 17, 2018 and the Women's is on Saturday, March 24, 2018.* The entry deadline date is *February 9, 2018.* The entry fee is \$50. All info and registration forms will be on the board in the Narthex if you are interested in getting a team together

MINNESOTA OWLS (ORGANIZATION OF WELS LUTHERAN SENIORS) will hold their annual spring rally at Martin Luther College on Monday, April 16. Registration and fellowship will be held in the Chapel of the Christ from 9:00 to 10:20. To register (\$10.00 fee includes lunch in the cafeteria) contact Dale Markgraf at demarkgraf@gmail.com

CAMP SHETEK BIBLE CAMP: On Sunday, January 28, 2018 parents may begin registering their youngsters for Camp Shetek 2018. To do so, all may go to www.campshetek.org where you will find our NEW WEBSITE. Check out the various tabs on the new website. The cost for this one week camp located at Lake Shetek State Park is the same as last year: \$ 215. After April 8, the cost will go up \$ 25 per person. Camp begins around 5 pm on **Sunday, June 17 and runs until 11 am on Saturday, June 23, 2018.**

CAMP CROIX BIBLE CAMP: Bible Camp is Camp Croix's longest standing ministries. It is a great opportunity for youth entering 4th-9th grade to enjoy a week filled with camp activities while growing their faith in their Lord surrounded by friends and Christian role models. Many of our campers come back year after year and make friendships that last long after the week of camp is over. Many campers, when they become old enough, move on to be counselors for other campers. There are 4 session dates: Session 1 July 8-14, 2018; Session 2 July 15-21, 2018; Session 3 July 22-28, 2018; Session 4 July 29-August 4, 2018. Sessions are \$250/camper if you register by April 1. Go to campcroix.org for more info

SW MN AREA LUTHERAN CHORALE: The choir meets at St. John's Lutheran, Redwood Falls, on Sundays, beginning January 28, from 2-5 pm. The concerts are April 8, in Arlington and April 15, in Willmar. All singers are welcome. You don't need to belong to a choir. Contact Gary or Geri Steffen or Lois Luhman for information or carpool.

BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE welcomes applications for a Computer Science Faculty member for our new Computer Science major. This Faculty member will play a critical role in further defining the study of computing at Bethany as well as growing the program for our students. A complete position description and application instructions can be found at <https://www.blc.edu/employment> .

This Week's Calendar

- Sunday:** Worship — 9:00 am
Bible Class & Sunday School — 10:30 am
- Monday:** Bible Study—7:00 pm
Dartball – Nicollet –Bye
- Tuesday:** Trinity BB vs. Immanuel, Courtland 3:30 pm
Elders—7:00 pm
- Wednesday:** Bible study — 9:00 am
Catechism class — 4:30 p.m.
Choir—6:30 pm
- Thursday:** Trinity BB vs. Gaylord—4:00 pm
Council meeting—7:00 pm
- Saturday:** Interior Church Cleaning—8:00 am
Worship—5:30 pm



Our Response to God's Grace

Saturday attendance : 23

Sunday attendance: 163

Operating (General Fund)	\$ 3601.02
Missions:	\$ 233.00
MVL	\$ 120.00
Capital Fund:	\$ 60.00
Electronic Funds:	\$ 110.00
Debt Retire	\$ 20.00
F/W in Christ Magazine	\$ 20.00

Bulletin: Lyle & Carol Wills for their birthdays.

Organist: Lori Enter

Special Thanks to our video coordinators and ushers, singers & greeters.



February 2018

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 9 am Worship Service 10:30 am Bible Study	5 7 pm Bible Study	6 7:00 pm Elders	7 9 a.m. Bible Study 4:30 pm Catechism Class 6:30 pm Choir	8 4:00 pm Trinity @ Gaylord 7:00 pm Council Meeting	9	10 8:00 a.m. Interior Church cleaning 5:30 pm Worship Service
11 9 am Worship Service 10:30 am Bible Study	12 3:05 pm Faculty meeting 7 pm Bible Study	13 7 p.m. Stewardship	14 4:30 pm Catechism Class 6:15 pm Choir 7:00 Ash Wednesday service	15	16 NO School	17 5:30 pm Worship Service
18 9 am Worship Service 10:30 am Bible Study	19 7 pm Bible Study	20 3:30 pm Trinity BB vs. Good Shepherd	21 9 a.m. Bible Study 4:30 pm Catechism Class 6:15 pm Choir 7:00 pm Evening prayer service	22 9-11 am School Open house 5:30-7:00 pm School Open house	23 8 am- Trinity Chapel MLC BB tournament	24 5:30 pm Worship Service
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