



GALATIANS 5:13, NIV

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Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

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Welcome to God's House of Worship!

We consider it a privilege to worship our living Lord with you today! If you have any questions regarding our congregation, please talk with the pastor. We look forward to meeting you. Please come again and worship with us very soon!

- The order of worship is found in this folder.
- Restrooms are located in the entry area.
- Our fellowship hall is equipped with a speaker and child-friendly toys.

Christ Reveals Himself as Prophet

Today we focus on how our Savior was revealed as the Prophet. He was the ultimate teacher of God's promises, because he was the fulfillment of God's greatest promise, to send a Savior from sin. Jesus clearly reveals that message, so that we too might go and tell others about the forgiveness of sins and eternal life in him!

Meditation Before Worship

Lord Jesus, teach me to love others as you have loved me. Help me be more patient and alert to the needs of others, and always ready to serve them with the gifts you have given me. (CW p.137)



*Personal preparation for Holy Communion can
be found in the front of the hymnal on page 156.*

Preservice music will be used to help in quiet preparation for worship.

Divine Service I

*“Divine Service I” is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian Church
found in Christian Worship Supplement.*

OPENING HYMN

Rise, Shine, You People
Christian Worship 556

Please stand

INVOCATION

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: *(spoken)* **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful 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.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

ABSOLUTION

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 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: (*spoken*) **Amen.**

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

GLORY TO GOD (*Gloria in Excelsis*)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely 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.

C: *(spoken)* **Amen.**

Be seated

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 1:4-10 (NIV)

⁴The word of the LORD came to me, saying,

⁵“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
before you were born I set you apart;
I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”

⁶“Alas, Sovereign LORD,” I said, “I do not know how to speak; I am too young.”

⁷But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am too young.’ You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. ⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the LORD.

⁹Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, “I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.”

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 78

Page 95 in the front of the hymnal

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 12:27—13:13 (NIV)

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

²⁸ And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ Now eagerly desire the greater gifts.

And yet I will show you the most excellent way.

¹ If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

⁸ Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. ¹¹ When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. ¹² For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Luke 4:18a cf. (NIV)

M: Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord is on me; he has anointed me to preach good news. Alleluia.

Please stand

GOSPEL

Luke 4:20-32 (NIV)

M: The Gospel according to Luke chapter 4.

C:

²⁰ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. ²¹ He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. "Isn't this Joseph's son?" they asked.

²³ Jesus said to them, "Surely you will quote this proverb to me: 'Physician, heal yourself!' And you will tell me, 'Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.'"

²⁴ "Truly I tell you," he continued, "no prophet is accepted in his hometown. ²⁵ I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah's time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. ²⁶ Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. ²⁷ And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed — only Naaman the Syrian."

²⁸ All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this.

²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. ³⁰But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

³¹Then he went down to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and on the Sabbath he taught the people. ³²They were amazed at his teaching, because his words had authority.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C:

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

Seek Where You May to Find a Way
Christian Worship 395

SERMON

Text: Jeremiah 1:4-10

Theme: Hear the Call of the LORD!

1. Trust it
2. Speak it

Please stand and sing:

Be seated

OFFERING & FRIENDSHIP REGISTERS

The members of St. Mark's have joined together to spread God's message both in this community and around the world. If you are a visitor, please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. You are our guests, and we thank you for giving us the opportunity to share God's Word with you! Please take a moment to sign our friendship register.

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

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

At St. Mark's we practice the custom of Close Communion, inviting to our altar only confirmed members of our church body, the WELS, and of those in fellowship with us. We do this because Communion is also a sign of Christian unity, based upon agreement on the doctrines of the Bible. This is not an insult to our Christian brethren in other denominations, but a recognition of differing church teachings. We, with all Christians, look forward to the day when we will all sit together in peace at the marriage feast of the Lamb. (See 1 Corinthians 10:17 and 1 Corinthians 11:27-29)

PREFACE

Minister: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: *(spoken)* **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 good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (+) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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

C: (*spoken*) **Amen.**

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)

Be seated

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Preach You the Word #544
Blest Be the Tie that Binds #494
O Jesus, King of Glory #94

Please stand

SONG OF SIMEON (*Nunc Dimittis*)

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: **And his mercy endures forever.**

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this Holy Supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *(spoken)* **Amen.**

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: *(spoken)* **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Christian Worship 203

————— *Welcome!* —————

If this is your first time worshiping with St. Mark[®], we pray it will be the first of many times! If you have questions, please feel free to speak with Pastor Zamzow or one of the members. Materials are available in the entry; take as much as you^d like.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Janet Bitzer (with health concerns)

Sally Carroll (with health concerns)

Milo Holderbecker (with health concerns)

Gene Wagner (Brenda[®] brother, with health concerns)

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Early: 57

Late: 58

Total: 115

SERVING THE LORD AND US

Organists: Jan Barckholtz, Julie Bengtson

Greeters: Loren & Belinda B., Tom & Tammy C., Leonard & Debra N.

Communion helpers (Feb): L. Tasa & J. Johnson (early), K. Grob & B. Matzke (late)

Ushers (Feb): J. Mathweg, R. Kuehn, L. Tasa, B. Matzke, B. Boe, T. Mack, J. Kirk

Church cleaning for 2/9: Schroeder*/Ricci/Belleveau/Wyman

Announcements

LADIES GUILD MEETING & POTLUCK

A Ladies Guild meeting will be held next Sunday, February 10th. We will have a potluck meal after second service with the meeting to follow. All women of the congregation are encouraged to attend the Ladies Guild meeting!

SUNDAY SCHOOL SINGING

The Sunday School children will be singing on February 10th at the end of first service and the beginning of the second service. Please have your children at church by 8:45 on February 10th so we can be ready to sing.

VALENTINE'S DAY BABYSITTING

Looking for a babysitter for Valentine's Day? St. Mark's youth group wants to help with that! On February 14, from 5-8 pm, you can bring your children to church and they will have a blast playing with the 6-12 graders and be fed a meal! You MUST sign up in the narthex since there is limited space available. This is a fundraiser opportunity for the youth group, so the cost is up to you as parents. If you have any questions, contact Joy Holderbecker.

SUBCOMMITTEE OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education is forming a subcommittee that will be concentrating on VBS, Sunday School, Youth Group, and Kids Group. If you have any interest in serving on this subcommittee or questions about this subcommittee, please talk to John Konecne.

MEN'S GROUP ACTIVITIES

Mark your calendar! Here are the Men's Group activities for 2019:

February 16.....Men's fishing	June 23.....Golf Outing
March 9Take the kids fishing	August 11.....Golf Outing
May 17 & 18.....Fishing at Ken Grob's	September 15....Trap Shooting
	December 1Wild Game Feed

SHOWING CHRISTIAN LOVE

Our brother in Christ, Karl Brummund, is recovering from some bleeding on the brain which caused some stroke like symptoms. His wife Dianne has moved in with their son Ken, who has been extremely helpful. Pastor asked them if they needed anything specifically, and she said that her kids had been very helpful. That said, if anything they could use some Christian encouragement right now. I (Pastor) think that a simple card that expresses hope for Karl's swift healing would go a long way in encouraging the whole family. Thanks for your consideration!

TELLING THE NEXT GENERATION SEMINAR

On February 9th a seminar called "Telling the Next Generation" is being held in Baxter, MN at Christ Lutheran Church. The seminar offers various outreach strategies and programs to be implemented by a growing Christian Day School like ours. The seminar is open to anyone in the congregation that is interested. Pastor and Principal Bitter will be attending. If you are interested, speak with either of them.

BOXTOPS

It's time to bring in the Boxtops you have been collecting at home! Please drop them off in the next few weeks as the Boxtops will be mailed in at the end of February. In addition to **Boxtops**, we also collect **Our Family UPCs**, **Tyson Project A+ labels**, and **Loaves 4 Learning labels**, with all money going to the school special project fund. Drop off your labels anytime in the labeled drawers in the fellowship hall cabinet.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 3 (Sun)	8:00 a.m.	Worship with Communion
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
	10:30 a.m.	Worship with Communion
Feb 4 (Mon).....	5:30 p.m.	Elders meeting
Feb 5 (Tues).....	7:45 a.m.	Mens Bible Study @ Country Kitchen
	10:00 a.m.	Moms & Tots
	6:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Information Class (BIC)
Feb 6 (Wed).....	10:00 a.m.	Womens Bible Study
	4:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
Feb 7 (Thurs).....	6:00 p.m.	Stewardship meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Council meeting
Feb 9 (Sat).....	9:00 a.m.	School Growth Conference in Baxter
Feb 10 (Sun)	8:00 a.m.	Worship
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study (GPLHS)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:45 a.m.	Potluck followed by Ladies Guild meeting

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St. Mark's Mission Statement

We, the members of St. Mark, are a Christ-centered church family that will **glorify** God, **grow** in His Word, and **go** with it to all.
(1 Corinthians 10:31, 2 Peter 3:18, Matthew 28:18-20)