

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD
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The Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany January 29, 2017

VISITORS – WE WELCOME YOU to this house of prayer this morning. May you feel at home among friends as we worship together. We invite you to sign your name in the guest book in the back of the church and hope you will return again soon.

Prelude
Welcome
Ring of the Bell
Opening Hymn: #901, "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

Invocation
P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness
P: Brothers and Sisters, humble yourselves before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.
(Silence for personal reflection)
P: O almighty God, merciful Father,
C: I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You and justly deserved Your present and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.

P: As you believe, so let it be. By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Introit of the Day, prayed responsively worship insert

Hymn of Praise: #807, "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

Collect of the Day, spoken by Pastor

Old Testament Reading: Micah 6:1-8

Response

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gradual of the Season, prayed responsively worship insert

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Response

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia #952

Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Responses

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

The Apostles' Creed back cover of the hymnal

Children's Message: "The Cross"

Hymn of the Day: #409, "Hail, O Source of Every Blessing"

Sermon: "When God Calls Us Blessed"

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

The Lord's Prayer back cover of the hymnal

Benediction

Closing Hymn: #533, "Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure"

Chimes/Silent Prayer

Announcements

Postlude

SUPER BOWL SUBS

The mentorship group is once again offering Super Bowl sub sandwiches for purchase (\$3.50 per sub). Subs will be ready for pick up after church on Sunday, February 5th, but your order must be placed today if you want to participate. There may be a few extras that day, but please don't count on it; if you want to be guaranteed a sandwich, please order it today. Payment is due when you pick up your order. Order blanks are available on the table in the narthex where Scrip is sold. Please use one order blank per sandwich for the convenience of those preparing the subs.

NEW SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

The Sunday Morning Bible Class will begin a new study of the book of Job. How do we understand suffering and struggle in the Christian life? How do God's people respond when life hurts? These and similar questions will be explored in this new study. The Sunday Morning Bible Class meets at 9:00 AM every Sunday through the end of May.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Voters' Assembly will take place this Tuesday night, January 31st, at 7:30 PM. All confirmed members of the congregation who have reached the age of 18 are welcome to join! The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

Call to Order

Opening Devotion

Attendance

Acceptance of Minutes

Reception of New Voting Members

Reports

- * Pastor/Elders

- * Treasurer

- * Trustees

- * Scrip Report

- * Cemetery Board

- * Board of Education

- * Properties Committee

- * Other

Old Business:

- * Elevator/Basement

- * Church Organ Maintenance

- * Seal Coating Asphalt

New Business:

- * Election of Officers

- * District Mission Funding from Congregational Fund Interest and Advent/Lenten Midweek Offerings

- * Mission Fund Shortfall

- * Scrip Fund Disbursements/Use

- * Togo Mission Support

- * District Pledge

- * Salaries: Janitor, Organist, Choir Director, Pastor, Treasurer

Adjournment

Prayer