



EPIPHANY 4

January 31, 2021



**SAINT PETER
LUTHERAN
CHURCH & SCHOOL**

Welcome!

The members of Saint Peter Lutheran Church welcome you! If you have no church of your own, we encourage you to worship with us again and consider making this church your home.

TODAY'S THEME *The Authority of Jesus' Words and Works*
Jesus shows his glory by his triumph over the devil. In his own day he sometimes did that openly for many to see. He still does it just as effectively but in a less public, less obvious way. Just as his victory made manifest his glory then, so it does now. Just as then, so now, everything is accomplished through his Word.

THE EPIPHANY SEASON The season of Epiphany (the Greek for "appearance") celebrates God's revealing of Jesus' identity as true God and Savior of the world. Epiphany not only commemorates the fact that Jesus appeared to save us, but that God revealed the identity of Jesus to the world. The Epiphany season will conclude on February 14, with the festival of the Transfiguration of our Lord.

Saint Peter Lutheran Church

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| Public Worship | Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. (during Advent and Lent) Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. |
| Online streamed services | Sundays at 10:30 a.m. (see our Facebook page) |
| Serving Today: | Preacher - Pr. Jack Kelly Liturgist - Pr. Justin Heise Organ/piano - Michelle Yotter A/V Technician- Steve Willett |

Our Worship

ORDER OF SERVICE

Word Gathering Rite—*Christian Worship Supplement*, pg. 11

Service of the Word—*Christian Worship*, pg. 38

GATHERING RITE ON THE WORD OF GOD

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Introduction to the hymn.

♪ **Blessed Jesus, at your Word
We are gathered all to hear you.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred
Now to seek and love and fear you,
By your teachings, sweet and holy,
Drawn from earth to love you solely.**

P: Oh, how I love your law!

C: I meditate on it all day long.

P: Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,

C: For they are ever with me.

P: I have more insight than all my teachers,

C: For I meditate on your statutes.

P: How sweet are your words to my taste,

C: Sweeter than honey to my mouth! *(Psalm 119:97-99,103)*

♪ **All our knowledge, sense, and sight
Lie in deepest darkness shrouded
Till your Spirit breaks our night
With the beams of truth unclouded.
You alone to God can win us;
You must work all good within us.**

P: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

C: So that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. *(2 Timothy 3:16,17)*

P: Yet so often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his 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.

♪ **Gracious Savior, good and kind,
Light from Light, from God proceeding,
Open now our heart and mind;
Help us by your Spirit's pleading.
Hear the cry your people raises;
Hear and bless our prayers and praises.**

P: God gave his Word so "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" *(John 20:31)*. The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. 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: Amen.

♪ **Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Praise to you and adoration!
Grant that we your Word may trust,**

**Confident of our salvation,
While we here below must wander,
Till we sing your praises yonder.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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: **Amen.**

The Word

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

A prophet like Moses will come.

¹⁵ 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."

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 1

P: Blessed are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.

C: Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners.

P: But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

C: He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.

P: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

C: For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 3:1-6

Jesus is worthy of greater glory than Moses.

¹ Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess. ² He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house. ³ Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself. ⁴ For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. ⁵ Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house, testifying to what would be said in the future. ⁶ But Christ is faithful as a son over God's house. And we are his house, if we hold on to our courage and the hope of which we boast.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Luke 4:18 (*Read Together*)

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

GOSPEL

Mark 1:21-28

Jesus' words and works have authority.

²¹ 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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Rise, Shine You People"

Christian Worship #556

- 1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered
Our human story; God in him is centered.
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,
With grace unbounded.**
- 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;
He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,
Now are forgiven.**

- 3** Come, celebrate, your banners high unfurling,
Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story
Of Jesus' glory.
- 4** Tell how the Father sent his Son to save us.
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation
His new creation.

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Sermon

Text: Mark 1:21-28

“Be Amazed at Jesus' Teaching”

1. Because there is a devil in the house
2. And only Jesus can rid us of the evil

We Respond to God's Word

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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 (taken at the door)

The members of Saint Peter Lutheran Church have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world.

May God bless us as we do his work! To give an offering with your smartphone, text "givesplc" to 77977 and click on the link that you receive. Offerings can be given by credit card, debit card, or your bank account. Offerings can also be given by going to our website (saintpeterlutheran.org) or mailed to 427 W. Mulberry, Saint Peter MN 56082.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death:

C: You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.

P: Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:

C: You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.

P: Prince of Peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:

C: Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.

P: Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn:

C: Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

P: Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

C: Amen.

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.

HYMN

"Speak, O Lord"

Christian Worship Supplement #735

- 1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you
To receive the food of your Holy Word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All your purposes for your glory.**
- 2 Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail,
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.**
- 3 Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.**

**And by grace we'll stand on your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, as your Church is built
And you fill the earth with your glory.**

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CLOSING PRAYER

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"Songs of Thankfulness"
Christian Worship #82, v. 3,5

**3 Manifest in making whole Palsied limbs and fainting soul;
Manifest in valiant fight, Quelling all the devil's might;
Manifest in gracious will, Ever bringing good from ill.
Anthems be to you addressed, God in man made manifest.**

**5 Grant us grace to see you, Lord, Mirrored in your holy Word.
May our lives and all we do Imitate and honor you**

**That we all like you may be At your great epiphany
And may praise you, ever blest, God in man made manifest.**

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| Sun | 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. | Worship |
| | 9:10 a.m. | Adult Bible Study and Sunday School |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Livestream Worship on Facebook |
| | 12 p.m. | Annual Voter's Meeting |
| | 6 p.m. (Fellowship Hall) | Women's Bible Study - Book of Daniel |
| | 8 p.m. (Zoom) | Women's Bible Study - Book of Ephesians |
| Mon | 3:15 p.m. | Lutheran Pioneers |
| Wed | 10:00 a.m. | Bible Study |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Called Worker Care Committee |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Confirmation Class |
| Thurs | 6:30 p.m. | Education Committee |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Outreach Committee |
| Fri | 6:00 a.m. | Men's Bible Study |
| Sun | 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. | Worship with Communion |
| | 9:15 a.m. | Adult Bible Study and Sunday School |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Livestream Worship on Facebook |
| | 6 p.m. (Fellowship Hall) | Women's Bible Study - Book of Daniel |
| | 8 p.m. (Zoom) | Women's Bible Study - Book of Ephesians |