

SAINT LUKE CHURCH

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 31, 2021

WELCOME \_\_\_\_\_

Prelude: "The Only Son of God"

Dietrich Buxtehude

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM \_\_\_\_\_

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvations.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

GATHERING \_\_\_\_\_

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Sing praise to God, the highest good, the author of creation!  
O God of love, you understood our need for your salvation.  
With healing balm our souls you fill; all our lament with peace you still.  
*To God all praise and glory!*

What your almighty pow'r has made, in mercy you are keeping;  
by morning glow or evening shade, your eye is never sleeping;  
in the dominion of your might all things are just and good and right.  
*To God all praise and glory!*

We sought the Lord in our distress; O God, in mercy hear us.  
Our savior saw our helplessness and came with  
peace to cheer us. For this we thank and praise the Lord,  
who is by one and all adored.  
*To God all praise and glory!*

All who confess Christ's holy name, give God the praise and  
glory! Let all God's saving pow'r proclaim; give God the  
praise and glory! Cast ev'ry idol from its throne;  
God is the Lord and God alone:  
*To God all praise and glory!*

### Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us pray. Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD \_\_\_\_\_

### First Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

*The reading concludes:*

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm III

Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.  
Great are your works, O Lord,  
pondered by all who delight in them.  
Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,  
and your righteousness endures forever.  
You cause your wonders to be remembered;  
you are gracious and full of compassion.  
You give food to those who fear you,  
remembering forever your covenant.  
You have shown your people the power of your works  
in giving them the lands of the nations.  
The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;  
all of your precepts are sure.  
They stand fast forever and ever,  
because they are done in truth and equity.  
You sent redemption to your people  
and commanded your covenant forever;  
holy and awesome is your name.  
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;  
all who practice this have a good understanding.  
God's praise endures forever.

Second Reading

*The reading concludes:*

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

1 Corinthians 8:1-13



## HOLY GOSPEL



The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

✠ SAINT MARK 1:21-28 ✠

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

### Hymn of the Day

### There Is a Balm in Gilead

#### *Refrain*

*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;  
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,  
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. *Refrain*

If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,  
You can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for us all." *Refrain*

Don't ever be discouraged, for Jesus is your friend;  
And if you lack for knowledge, ne'er refuse to lend. *Refrain*

### Apostle's Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**on the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### Prayers of Intercession

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*After each petition:* Lord, listen to your children pray.  
**Send us love, send us peace, send us grace.**

### Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

### Reflections on God's Grace

"Songs of Thankfulness"

J. Pachelbel

## THANKSGIVING\_\_\_\_\_

### THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Praise and thanks to you, Holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your word of life, O God,  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.  
**Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,  
let us pray as Jesus taught us:  
**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.**  
**Save us from the time of trial**  
**and deliver us from evil.**  
**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,**  
**now and forever. Amen**

SENDING \_\_\_\_\_

Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Blessing

Prayer for Peace

Recession

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Prelude and Fugue in G minor

J.S. Bach



## SAINT LUKE CHURCH

January 31, 2021

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

### PRAYER CONNECTION AND REFLECTION

*Time to reflect and pray individually as you prepare for worship*

#### THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

#### REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE ILL

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully hear our prayers and grant to your servants:

<i>Eve Scheffler</i>	<i>Maryann Palermo</i>	<i>Peter Burkhart</i>	<i>Steve Mead</i>	<i>Abigail Zhang</i>
<i>Patricia Grunde</i>	<i>Janet Hagberg</i>	<i>Christian Long</i>	<i>David Horne</i>	<i>Dale Peters</i>
<i>Shauna Stiglich</i>	<i>Jan Nyberg</i>	<i>Amyyah Robinson</i>	<i>Rosie Diaz</i>	<i>Charlene Grosse</i>
<i>MaryJo McCawley</i>	<i>Neva Geweke</i>	<i>Ray Geweke</i>	<i>Dan Horton</i>	<i>Erika Stampfl</i>
<i>Laurie Strohmayer</i>	<i>Mona Moharrer</i>	<i>Martha Kastigar</i>	<i>Grace Tampa</i>	<i>Rosemarie Morgen</i>
<i>Albester Hall Jones</i>	<i>Ray Wentworth</i>	<i>William A. Jones</i>	<i>Matthew Hage</i>	<i>Karen Sarasin</i>
<i>Linda Planekowsky</i>	<i>Mark Van Scharrel</i>	<i>Michael Holman</i>	<i>Kenneth Markworth</i>	<i>John Holland</i>

the help of your power, that illness may be turned into health and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ. Amen

#### FOR FAITH AND HOPE

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

#### REMEMBER THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

Almighty God, we commit to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad:

<i>Nicholas Bakulinski</i>	<i>Jeremy Strohmayer</i>	<i>Dan McCarthy</i>	<i>Lucas Kratz</i>	<i>Preston Larson</i>
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Defend them with your heavenly grace and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

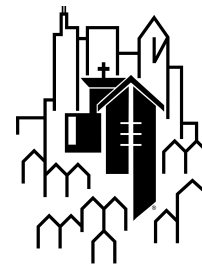
#### PRAYER FOR PEACE

O Almighty God, Creator of all humanity, turn the hearts of all peoples and their rulers that by the power of your Holy Spirit peace may be established among the nations on the foundation of justice, righteousness and truth; through him who was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



# NEWS AND INFORMATION

January 31, 2021



Welcome to Saint Luke

## Sunday Services

Saint Luke has temporarily suspended in person services. Services will continue online only. Please pray for our country and the world as we fight this pandemic.

## Introduction to the Day

In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that trumps any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.

## Today

The joy of Christmas continues! Environmental features remain from that festive season to remind us that we continue in our joy at the birth of God's Son. The "Light to the Nations" now continues his epiphany through his earthly ministry which we follow in the Gospel readings for this season.



## Coffee Hour!

You are invited to Coffee Hour after Church this morning beginning at 10:30 a.m. Join the conversation and check up on people from church you haven't seen in a while!

Here is the link for Coffee Hour: <https://bit.ly/39xYjVS>  
Meeting ID: 948 1158 6701, Passcode: saintluke



Bible Class **will** meet this Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. Get you lunch and join Pastor Bouman to discuss the lessons and Gospel for the Presentation of our Lord.

The lessons are: *Malachi 3:1-4, Hebrews 2:14-18, Saint Luke 2:22-40*

The link for "**Bible Class**" can be found on the website at [stlukechicago.org](http://stlukechicago.org). Click on "Bible Class" or enter the following URL into your browser: <https://bit.ly/3oi0vVR>

Meeting ID: 784 7788 0585, Passcode: saintluke



## Caring and Sharing FOR THE PANTRY

During February we are asking for donations of **special treats**: foodstuffs that are not necessary for survival but add something special to meals -- condiments (ketchup, mustard, etc.), spices, jellies, syrup or honey, crackers and cookies - nice to have but not affordable on a limited income. Please leave your donations in the collection barrel in the church lobby. Items will be distributed through the Lakeview Pantry.



## Caring and Sharing FOR THE HOME

Some of the residents of Saint Luke Renaissance--Greenview Place are in need of **new bed pillows, towels and twin-size sheets, blankets, waste baskets and shower curtains**. Items should be in their original packaging. If you are able to supply any of these items, please bring them to the Church Office.



## The Freedom of a Christian

Amid the pandemic of COVID-19 and the ongoing pandemic of racism and xenophobia, our communities and world are ravaged by illness, death and injustice. We are tempted to turn inward in despair. Five hundred years ago, Martin Luther wrote a treatise titled *The Freedom of a Christian*. In it, he offered his most compelling summary of the Christian life: In Christ we are completely free and at the same time completely bound in love and service to our neighbors. The Lakeview Lutheran Parish (LLP) is sponsoring a study of *The Freedom of the Christian* on Wednesday mornings 10:00 – 11:00 am continuing until February 17. Join via zoom: <https://bit.ly/3luyyJm>. Meeting ID: 987 432 464. Password: 029091. Call-in: 312.626.6799.

Watch a brief video from Bishop Eaton, download the study guide and a free copy of the *Freedom of the Christian* at [elca500.org](http://elca500.org).

## Need a new New Year's Resolution?

Have you already forgotten your resolution for 2021?

Let us help you get back on track.

*Begin 2021 with a New Year's Resolution to help Saint Luke*

Resolve to help raise money to replace a leaking Steam Pipe.

Cost for this repair: \$20,000 *Ouch!*

**Change this:**

**To this:**



With your donation we can  
lower ↓ the temperature ↑ by raising the funds!

The goal is to raise this money by the end of the heating season!

**Spring arrives March 20, 2021**

Make this your **new** New Year's resolution to help raise this money!

Let's get this done!

# THIS WEEK

## at Saint Luke Church

### **The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany – SUNDAY, January 31, 2021**

Holy Communion 9:00 a.m.

<https://bit.ly/3r92TAv>

Meeting ID: 960 5161 1085

Passcode: stluke

*Online*

Coffee Hour 10:30 a.m.

<https://bit.ly/39xYjVS>

Meeting ID: 948 1158 6701, Passcode: saintluke

*Online*

### **MONDAY- FRIDAY, February 1 - 5, 2021**

Morning Care 7:30-8:00 a.m.

School in Session 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

After Care 3:30-6:00 p.m.

### **WEDNESDAY, February 3, 2021**

The Freedom of a Christian Zoom Meeting

<https://bit.ly/3luyyJm>

Meeting ID: 987 432 464. Passcode: 029091. Call-in: 312.626.6799.

*Online*

### **THURSDAY, February 4, 2021**

Bible Class 12:00 p.m.

<https://bit.ly/3oi0vVR>

Meeting ID: 784 7788 0585, Passcode: saintluke

*Online*

### **The Presentation of our Lord - SUNDAY, February 7, 2021**

Holy Communion 9:00 a.m.

<https://bit.ly/3r92TAv>

Meeting ID: 960 5161 1085

Passcode: stluke

*Online*

Coffee Hour 10:30 a.m.

<https://bit.ly/39xYjVS>

Meeting ID: 948 1158 6701, Passcode: saintluke

*Online*