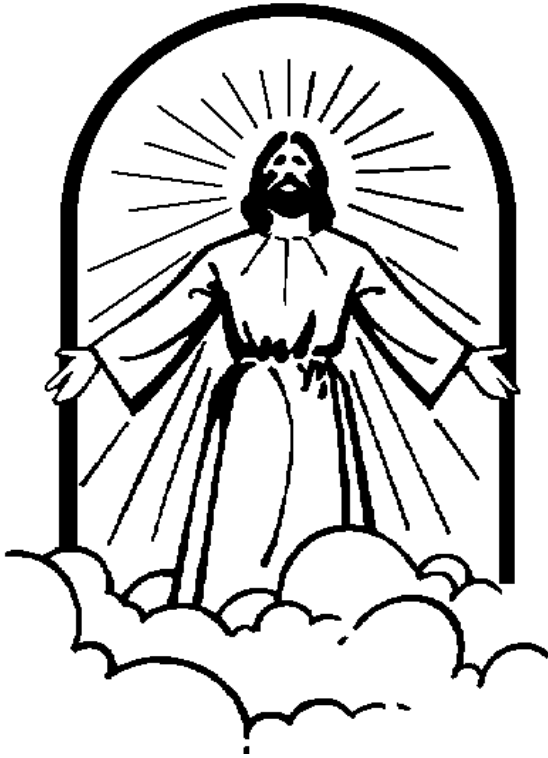


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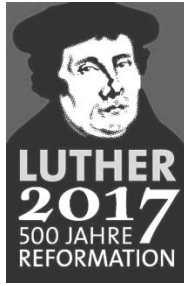
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## The Fourth Sunday In Epiphany

*"For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ." (1 Corinthians 3:11)*

Setting from Worship Supplement, page 12, Service of Word and Sacrament, setting 2. The Lutheran Hymnal (TLH) (hymns 1-660) is the RED book. Worship Supplement (WS) (hymns 701-800) is the TAN book. (If you have difficulty standing, please feel free to remain seated as needed.)

**PRESERVICE MEDITATION:** Psalm 95 (pages 143-144 in TLH)

**HYMN 467** (TLH) *"Built On The Rock The Church Doth Stand"*

**INVOCATION** (page 12, WS)

**M:** In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**M:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

**C: Amen.**

**C: Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us.  
Lord, have mercy on us.**

**Glory to God In the Highest – *Gloria In Excelsis*** Luke 2:14; Revelation 5:8-14

**Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise;  
Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing.  
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,  
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,  
Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.**

**Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,  
At God's right hand in majesty most high;  
Who, with the Spirit worshiped and adored,  
With all the heav'nly host we glorify.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY (page 14, WS)

M: Let us pray ...

...through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

FIRST LESSON: 1 Kings 19:9-18

<sup>9</sup> And there he went into a cave, and spent the night in that place; and behold, the word of the LORD *came* to him, and He said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>10</sup> So he said, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life." <sup>11</sup> Then He said, "Go out, and stand on the mountain before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind

tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the LORD, *but* the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, *but* the LORD was not in the earthquake; <sup>12</sup> and after the earthquake a fire, *but* the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice. <sup>13</sup> So it was, when Elijah heard *it*, that he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. Suddenly a voice *came* to him, and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>14</sup> And he said, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God of hosts; because the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life." <sup>15</sup> Then the LORD said to him: "Go, return on your way to the Wilderness of Damascus; and when you arrive, anoint Hazael as king over Syria. <sup>16</sup> Also you shall anoint Jehu the son of Nimshi as king over Israel. And Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel Meholah you shall anoint as prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup> It shall be *that* whoever escapes the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill; and whoever escapes the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill. <sup>18</sup> Yet I have reserved seven thousand in Israel, all whose knees have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

PSALM OF THE DAY (*responsively*) – from Psalm 62

M: Truly my soul silently waits for God; from Him comes my salvation.

**C: He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be greatly moved.**

M: My soul, wait silently for God alone, for my expectation is from Him.

**C: He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be moved.**

M: In God is my salvation and my glory; the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.

**C: Trust in Him at all times, you people; pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us.**

SECOND LESSON – the Gospel: John 4:15-26 *rise*

<sup>15</sup> The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." <sup>17</sup> The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to

her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband,' <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly." <sup>19</sup> The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you *Jews* say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship." <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. <sup>24</sup> God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup> The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things." <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am *He*."

M: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

**Alleluia** (sung) (page 14, WS)

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**These words are written**  
**that we may believe**  
**that Jesus is the Christ,**  
**the Son of God.**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The 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.

HYMN 473 (TLH) “*The Church’s One Foundation*”

SERMON: 1 Corinthians 3:1-11

### **JESUS CHRIST IS THE FOUNDATION OF OUR FAITH AND TEACHING**

<sup>1</sup> And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual *people* but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. <sup>2</sup> I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able *to receive it*, and even now you are still not able; <sup>3</sup> for you are still carnal. For where *there are* envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like *mere* men? <sup>4</sup> For when one says, “I am of Paul,” and another, “I *am* of Apollos,” are you not carnal? <sup>5</sup> Who then is Paul, and who *is* Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? <sup>6</sup> I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. <sup>7</sup> So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. <sup>8</sup> Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor. <sup>9</sup> For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, *you are* God’s building. <sup>10</sup> According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. <sup>11</sup> For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

M: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will  
guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:7  
OFFERTORY *sung* (page 16, WS)

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Your presence.  
Take not Your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation.  
Uphold with Your Spirit free.**

HYMN 465 (TLH) *“Christ Is Our Cornerstone”*

The Offering from grateful hearts

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION (page 21, WS)

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to  
you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you  
peace.

**C: Amen.**

## HYMN 370 (WS) “My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less”

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WELCOME, VISITORS! You are always welcome. Please leave a record of your visit in our guest book in the narthex.

TODAY our USHER is Tyler Louderman. Our ANNUAL VOTERS MEETING, scheduled for today, has been postponed for a week or two.

SUNDAY: WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:00 AM; SUNDAY SCHOOL and BIBLE STUDY: 11:15 AM.

NEXT SUNDAY is a Communion Sunday.

ASCENSION FRUITS OF FAITH: Last Sunday’s offering was \$665.00, and our attendance was 17.

USHER SCHEDULE: The 2017 usher schedule is posted where the 2016 usher schedule was.

CLC NEWS: Pastor Rob Sauers of Bethel Lutheran Church, Morris, MN, has returned the call to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI. Pastor Neal Radichel of Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, Fond du Lac, WI, has returned the call to the Tri-parish of Grace Lutheran Church, Valentine, NE, Peace Lutheran Church, Mission, SD, and St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, White River, SD. Paul D. Nolting, co-pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN, now has that call. Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN, has called Kristen Friedrichs to teach social studies and Brandan Heinze to teach math and science in its school.