
Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Epiphany 4 - January 31, 2016

Morning Praise

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Luther's Morning Prayer - *prayed together*

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Morning Hymn

CW 581 Text, Tune, Setting: Public Domain



Fa - ther, we praise you, now the night is o - ver. Ac - tive and
Mon - arch of all things, fit us for your man - sions; Ban - ish our
All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it, Trin - i - ty



watch - ful, stand - ing now be - fore you, Sing - ing, we of - fer
weak - ness, health and whole - ness send - ing. Bring us to heav - en,
bless - ed, send us your sal - va - tion; Yours is the glo - ry,



prayer and med - i - ta - tion; Thus we a - dore you.
where your saints u - nit - ed Joy with - out end - ing.
gleam - ing and re - sound - ing Through all cre - a - tion.

P: O Lord, open my lips.



C: And my mouth shall de-clare your praise.

P: Hasten to save me, O God.



C: O Lord, come quick-ly to help me.

P: The glory of Christ is revealed: let us worship him.



Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord,



let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.



Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing,



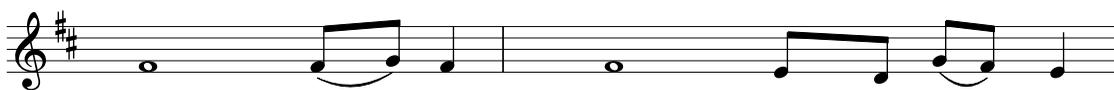
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.



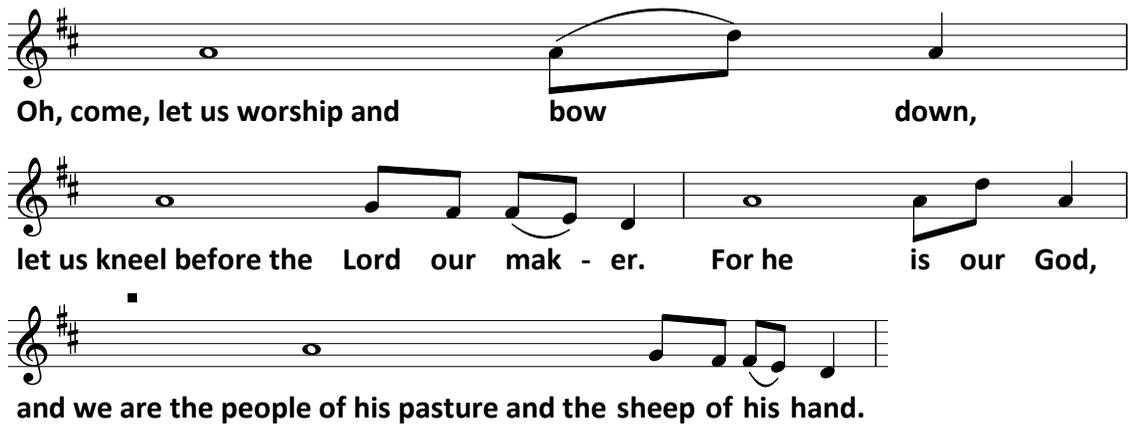
For the Lord is a great God and a great king a - bove all gods.



The deep places of the earth are in his hand; the heights of the hills are al-so his.



The sea is his, for he made it, and his hand formed the dry land.



Oh, come, let us worship and bow down,
 let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,
 and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Text revised from the Lutheran Hymnal, 1941. Music from the Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, revised by Kermit G. Moldenhauer.

Prayer of the Day:

P: 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.

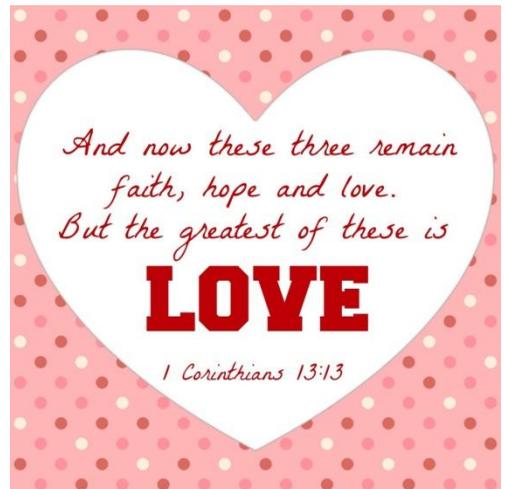
C: Amen.

God's Word - In Jesus faith is rooted,
 love is shown, and
 salvation is known

EPISTLE – 1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13

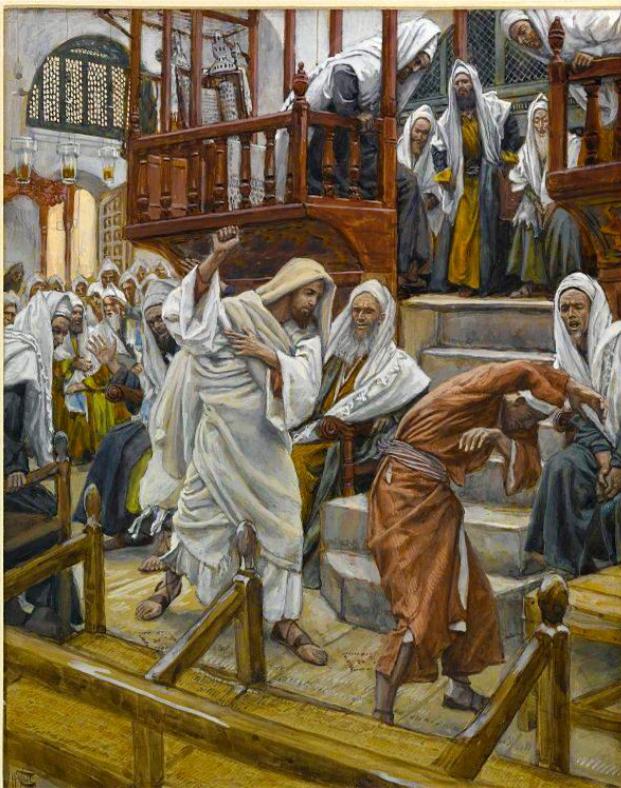
The greatest of all gifts

And now I will show you the most excellent way. If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 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 have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not



delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 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. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. 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 childish ways behind me. Now we see but a poor 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. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

GOSPEL - Luke 4:31-37 - *The power and authority of the word*



Then he went down to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and on the Sabbath began to teach the people. They were amazed at his teaching, because his message had authority. In the synagogue there was a man possessed by a demon, an evil spirit. He cried out at the top of his voice, "Ha! 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!" "Be quiet!" Jesus said sternly. "Come out of him!" Then the demon threw the man down before them all and came out without injuring him. All the people were amazed and said to each other, "What is this teaching? With authority and power he gives orders to evil spirits and they come out!" And the news about him spread throughout the surrounding area.

Seasonal Response: We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Sermon

Tapping In On the Lord's Potential

Jeremiah 1:4-10

The LORD claims us

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."

The LORD is close to us

⁶"Ah, Sovereign LORD," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am only a child."
⁷But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a child.'
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.

The LORD calls us

⁹Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me,
"Now, 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."

Offering and Signing of Friendship Register

Hymn of the Day – "Love in Christ Is Strong and Living"

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Children's Lesson

Lord, Have Mercy

P: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.



C: Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy.

Lord's Prayer: 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.

Prayer for Grace

P: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us praise the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

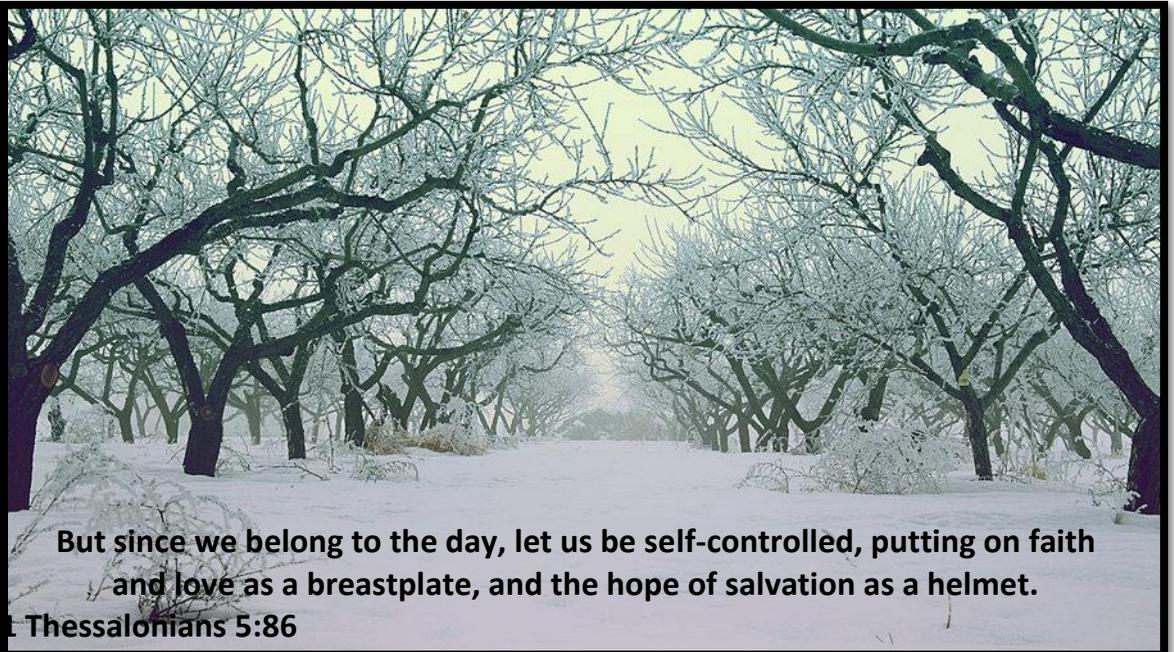
Blessing

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn - "*Though I May Speak With Bravest Fire*"

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But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.

1 Thessalonians 5:86

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR – January 31

Today 8 & 10:30a Worship
9:15a Bible Study & Sunday School
12-1:30p Catechism Class
11:30a potluck

Wednesday 7p COR Sr. Choir

Thursday 8a Bible Study
6p Elders
7p Worship with Communion
7:45p Bible Study

Sunday 8 & 10:30a Worship with Communion
9:15a Bible Study & Sunday School
9:15a Finance Board
11:30a Child & Family Ministry Meeting
12-1:30p Catechism Class

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- A warm welcome to our visitors. May the Lord bless your worship with us today. We ask that you please sign the friendship register located at the end of the pew.
- Children – Activity bags are available in the coat room, off the narthex. During our 10:30a service a staffed nursery is located straight ahead and to your left as you exit the sanctuary. While we encourage young children to be in the service, families may like to use the nursery and are invited to do so.
- Please let an usher know if you require a larger print bulletin.
- Our services can also be viewed online. Go to our website www.corchurch.com and click on Video Broadcast.