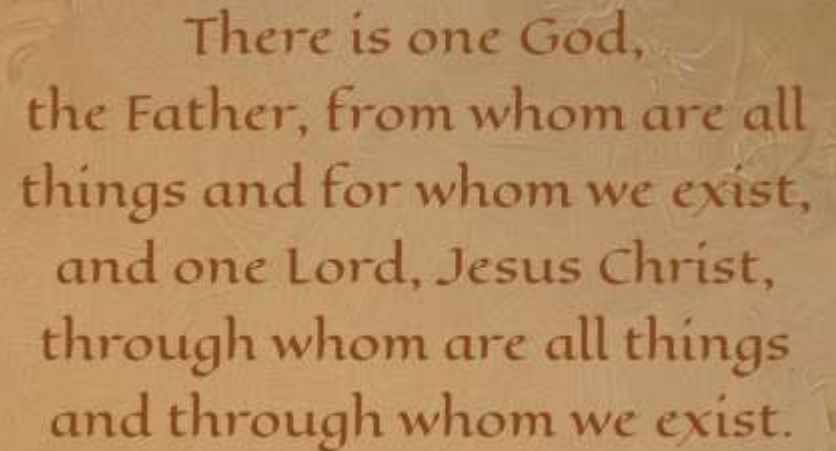


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There is one God,
the Father, from whom are all
things and for whom we exist,
and one Lord, Jesus Christ,
through whom are all things
and through whom we exist.

1 Corinthians 8:6

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 28, 2024

Mission: To proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to all through worship, education, outreach, and fellowship.

Communion celebrated
the 1st and 4th Sundays in January

Please be advised, the service is livestreamed and posted on the internet.

The Holy Gospel according to St Mark the 1st Chapter.

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 impure 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 impure 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 impure spirits and they obey him." ²⁸ News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany **2024**

January 28,

The first lesson is from the 18th Chapter of Deuteronomy

¹⁵ The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. 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 fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him. ¹⁹ I myself will call to account anyone who does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name. ²⁰ But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, is to be put to death."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Let us pray Psalm 111 (read responsively)

¹ Praise the LORD. I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

² **Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them.**

³ Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴ **He has caused his wonders to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and compassionate.**

⁵ He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

⁶ **He has shown his people the power of his works, giving them the lands of other nations.**

⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

⁸ **They are established for ever and ever, enacted in faithfulness and uprightness.**

⁹ He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever—holy and awesome is his name.

¹⁰ **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.**

AMEN

The second lesson is found in the 8th Chapter of 1 Corinthians

8 Now about food sacrificed to idols: We know that “We all possess knowledge.” But knowledge puffs up while love builds up.

² Those who think they know something do not yet know as they ought to know. ³ But whoever loves God is known by God. ⁴ So then, about eating food sacrificed to idols: We know that “An idol is nothing at all in the world” and that “There is no God but one.”

⁵ For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”), ⁶ yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live. ⁷ But

not everyone possesses this knowledge. Some people are still so accustomed to idols that when they eat sacrificial food they think of it as having been sacrificed to a god, and since their conscience is weak, it is defiled. ⁸ But food does not bring us near to God; we are no worse if we do not eat, and no better if we do. ⁹ Be careful, however, that the exercise of your rights does not become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰ For if someone with a weak conscience sees you, with all your knowledge, eating in an idol’s temple, won’t that person be emboldened to eat what is sacrificed to idols? ¹¹ So this weak brother or sister, for whom Christ died, is destroyed by your knowledge. ¹² When you sin against them in this way and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ.

¹³ Therefore, if what I eat causes my brother or sister to fall into sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause them to fall.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Announcements & Activities

Prayer list:

Robin Ciuffetti, Phyllis Disque, Irene Eide, Joyce Greer, Brittney Hawke, Martha Messner, Nicholas Oppman, Allen Peterson, Jean Peterson, Jacob Reupke, and ***our sister churches in the LCMC:*** St. Paul Lutheran Church, Hull, IA, and St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Rolfe, IA.

Please let Pastor Tony know of any prayer requests you may have.

Annual Meeting

(2nd Notice)

**Sunday, February 4th
following Fellowship.**

This Week's Activities

Sun., Feb. 4, 2024

9:00 am	Worship with Communion, fellowship following
10:30 am	<i>Annual Church Meeting</i>
10:30 am	Children's Sunday School

February Volunteers

Fellowship:

- Feb. 4 – Colette Reimann
- Feb. 11 – Sandy and Dave Snider
- Feb. 18 – Janet and John Haugen
- Feb. 25 –

Lector:

Altar Flowers:

Communion Prep & Clean-up: Dave and Sandy Snider

Happy Birthday: Waylon Bromeland (1/30), Anthony Haugen (2/1), Candy Johnson (2/2)

Baptismal Anniversary: Waylon Bromeland (1/30), Julia Holland (2/1), Scott Fruhwirth (2/1), Cody Fruhwirth (2/1), Candy Johnson (2/?)