

**Welcome!** We thank God that you have joined us at worship today. Please sign our guest book near the double door entrance. Restrooms are in the basement near the double stairs.

Today we gather together in the very presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We humbly acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of all of our worship.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany – Series B February 1, 2009

Why follow Jesus? Jesus shows his glory today by his triumph over the devil. In his day he sometimes did that openly for many to see. He still does it as effectively but in a less public way. Just as then, so now, everything is accomplished through his powerful Word!

**OPENING HYMN** 

Hymn 395

STAND



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# COME, OH, COME LET US SING TO THE LORD Venite

#### The congregation will sing the refrain and the verses

Refrain



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# **PSALM OF THE DAY**

Psalm 1 (page 64)

## FIRST LESSON

The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to him. 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."

The LORD said to me: "What they say is good. 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. If anyone does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name, I myself will call him to account. 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."

## GOSPEL

They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out, "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!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!" The evil spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

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." News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

## SEASONAL RESPONSE

M: Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

**HYMN OF THE DAY** 735 (Choir: verse 1; Cong.: verses 2-3)

# Mark 1:21-28

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

#### SERMON

#### Hebrews 3:1-6

Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess. He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house. Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself. For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house, testifying to what would be said in the future. 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.

#### Hold On To Your Courage

Christ the faithful Son Christ the faithful builder

STAND

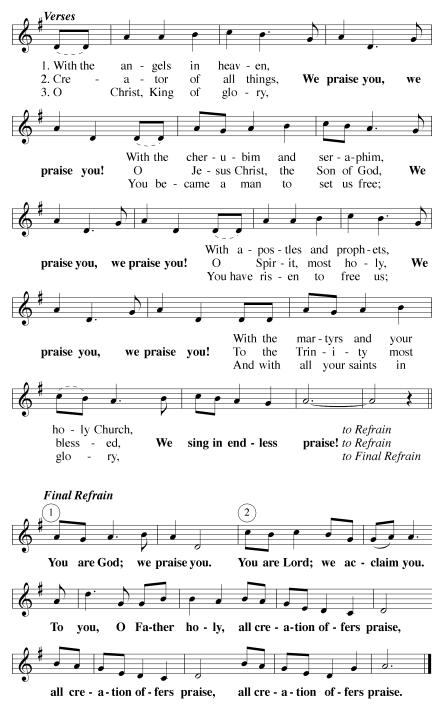
#### YOU ARE GOD; WE PRAISE YOU Te Deum

The choir will sing the verses. The congregation will sing the refrain and bold phrases.

Choir: Refrain

#### Congregation: Refrain





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#### **OFFERING**

#### **MUSICAL OFFERING**

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#### LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

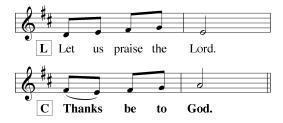
# PRAYER OF THE DAY

- M: 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: (spoken) Amen.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

# PRAYER FOR GRACE

- M: 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: (spoken) Amen.



#### **BLESSING**



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# **CLOSING HYMN**

## Go Now in Peace (Choir)



#### **Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:** 325 (29, 296) Worship: **Communion:** 188 (20, 168) **Bible Study:** 69 (5, 27, 29, 8) Youth Study: 17 Sunday 10:00 a.m. Sunday School, church basement 10:00 a.m. Outreach Meeting, church 7:00 a.m. His Word—My Life Class, church Monday 7:00 p.m. Youth Group Bible Study, commons 2:00 p.m. Prav and Play Women's Study, school Tuesday 2:00 p.m. Bible Study, church basement 6:30 p.m. School Board 6:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee 7:00 p.m. Worship Committee, school 4:45 p.m. Confirmation Class (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) 4:45 p.m. Bible History Class (3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade) Wednesday 5:30 p.m. Bible History Class (1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade) 8:00 p.m. Choir Thursday 1:00 p.m. Ladies Aid, commons 1:00 p.m. Fun Day (3-5 year olds at school) 7:30 p.m. Worship 8:30 p.m. Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, basement Friday 4:00 p.m. A/B Basketball vs. Two Rivers, home (4 games) Saturday 12:00 p.m. Basketball at Rantoul (4 games) 8:00 a.m. Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, basement Sunday 8:00 a.m. Challenges and Blessings Study, commons 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday School, church basement 10:00 a.m. Band Rehearsal, school 10:00 a.m. Athletic Association, church 1:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study, commons 6:30 p.m. His Word—My Life Class, church

- **His Word—My Life** Bible Class will not meet this Sunday evening. We will meet Monday morning. We are studying Our Christian Response To Blessings and Challenges. Join us Monday at 7:00 a.m. in the church basement as we study *Our response When We Struggle with the Desire for Instant Gratification*.
- **Tuesday Bible Study** will continue the study, *The Daze Before Christmas* at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday.
- **Pray and Play** Bible Study for moms and their children will meet at 2:00 p.m. in the Preschool room on Tuesday.
- Worship Committee will meet Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
- Adult Christ-Light Bible Study will meet this Thursday after worship. We will also meet Sunday at 8:00 a.m. in the church basement. Join us!

- **Blessings and Challenges Bible Study** meets Sundays at 8:00 a.m. in the commons. Next week we will study, *Our Christian Response to Blessings and Challenges When We Hurt by others and Hold on to Unresolved Anger.* Join us!
- **MLC Choir Housing** The MLC Choir will sing in a special worship service at Zion on Friday, February 27. We will need 20-25 people willing to house choir members that evening. There is a box in basement for cash donations to purchase the food for the sack lunch we will send with choir members. There is also a sign up sheet for housing choir members.
- **College Bound?** If you, or your child, are interested in learning more about Wisconsin Lutheran College in Milwaukee, check out the new video entitled "R U a Warrior?" can be viewed by going to the Wisconsin Lutheran College Website (www.wlc.edu/movies.r-u-a-warrior).
- **Blindmen's Volleyball.** The Youth Group will be hosting its annual BLindmen's Volleyball Tournament again this year. Put together a team of friends and enjoy this fun-filled weekend. The Youth Tournament is Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> and the Adult Tournament is Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. Sign up information can be found in the church basement or from Mr. Muchka. Registration end February 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- **Christian Life Resources Shoreline, Inc.** annual meeting will be Sunday, Feb. 1, 1:30 p.m. at St. Peter, Mishicot. Lay members of two congregations will express what they have done to initiate/support an annual Life Observance Sunday within their congregation. If life issues are of special concern to you, that is the place to be.

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