

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2016

4th SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 1:4-10

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

GOSPEL Luke 4:21-30

Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



January 31, 2016

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

January 31, 2016
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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An epiphany (revelation of God) is always a surprise. Jeremiah is surprised that God would call him, but God has had his eye on Jeremiah for a long, long time. If God puts his Word in our mouths, we too can share the gospel with the world, no matter what our age, experience, or gifts. We are all called!

Prelude

Announcements

Choral Call to Worship

God, Our Father

Traditional

Children’s Choir (8:30)

***Processional Hymn**

Rise, Shine, You People!

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***Apostolic Greeting**

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***Kyrie**

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***Hymn of Praise**

Glory to God

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***Prayer of the Day**

P Let us pray. . . .

C Amen

Anthem

Let Us Walk in the Light of the Lord

Vicki Wright

Children’s Choir (8:30)

I Love to Tell the Story

arr. John Leavitt

Adult Choir (11:00)

First Lesson

Jeremiah 1:4-10

God calls Jeremiah to be a prophet and consecrates him in the womb. Jeremiah’s task is to preach God’s word in the midst of the difficult political realities of his time, before the Babylonian exile. He is to make God known not only to Judah, but also to the nations.

(Congregational response after reading: **Thanks be to God**)

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Christians in Corinth prided themselves on their spiritual gifts. Paul reminds them that God gives us many gifts through the Holy Spirit, but the purpose behind all of them is love, the kind of love that God showed us in Jesus Christ.

(Congregational response after reading: **Thanks be to God**)

Fellowship and Refreshments are served this morning in the narthex between services by the families of Grace, Jacob & Luke Opatz and Matthew Oehler.

Sympathy to the family of Audrey Torgerson who passed away on Wednesday. Funeral plans are pending.

Altar Flowers are given in honor of the baptism of Amelia Joyce Harig from Grandma Mary and family.

Radio Broadcast is sponsored in memory of Boyd Johnson from the Johnson family. His birthday would have been on Monday, February 1st.

Roses on the Altar are in celebration of the baptisms of Amelia Joyce Harig, daughter of Chris & Amanda Harig, and Louis Alexander Carlson, son of Dane & Hannah Carlson. Sponsors for Amelia are Mike & Kayla Harig and Cory Amundson. Guardian Angel is Emilie Koch. Sponsors for Louis are Curtis & Heather Sandahl.

Visitors! If you didn’t get a “Visitors Bag” when you came in this morning please pick one up on your way out after worship. You’ll find them in a basket located on the small table on the ramp coming up from the narthex into the sanctuary.

Large Print Edition of the order of worship, the lessons, and the hymns for today are available. If you would like copies for worship, please ask an usher.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS: Scholarship Application forms for the 2015 ELCA \$1,000.00 Scholarship are now available in the church office. Applications must be completed and returned to the church office by April 15, 2016.

VALENTINE PARTY FOR THE OWLS (Older Wiser Lutherans) (Anyone who is eligible to order from the “senior menu at Perkins” is eligible to be an OWL) Come join in the fun! Saturday, Feb 13—11 a.m. at Café 116—Lunch and Entertainment-- The small side room is reserved for us. Sign up at the Info Counter before Tues., Feb 9, so we have a count. Questions? Call Margaret Kratzke at 218-736-3697.

Join Us Today for the church potluck at noon and the Annual meeting to follow. If you forgot to bring a dish to pass, no worries, there will be plenty of good ole’ Lutheran hotdish for everyone. We hope you can make it!

Luther Crest Early Bird Deadline Approaching: This is your friendly reminder to get registered for Luther Crest Bible Camp this summer! The early Bird Deadline is coming up on February 14th. Scholarships of 1/2 the cost of camp (up to \$300) are available from the First Lutheran Foundation (email Pastor Jennifer for details at pastorjenniferrose@gmail.com) and there are also additional scholarship funds available - ask Pastor Jennifer! Sign up today!

This Week at Lutheran:

Today: 8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
NOON Potluck followed by Annual Meeting in Fellowship Hall

Monday: 9:00 a.m. WELCA Love Days
5:00 p.m. Al-Anon
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
5:30 p.m. Education Committee Meeting
6:00 p.m. Property Committee Meeting

Wednesday: **7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study @ LRH**
9:30 a.m. Al-Anon
10:00 a.m. AA
3:45-4:30 p.m. Children's Choir
4:30-5:15 p.m. FLY 57
6:30 p.m. Confirmation
7:30 p.m. Senior FLY
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

Thurs.: 8:45 am Morning Watch – Pastor Saul – KBRF AM 1250
9:30 a.m. Sr. Bible Study & Coffee

Friday: CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Next Sunday, February 7:

8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study

***Gospel Acclamation**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

(Congregational response read after Gospel is announced: **Glory to you, O Lord.**)

***Gospel**

Luke 4:21-30

People in Jesus' hometown are initially pleased when he says that God will free the oppressed. Their pleasure turns to rage when he reminds them that God's prophetic mission typically pushes beyond human boundaries so that mercy and healing are extended to those regarded as outsiders.

(Congregational response read after Gospel is read: **Praise to you, O Christ**)

Sermon

Called

Pastor Saul

Hymn of the Day

Borning Cry

ELW 732

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

ELW Page 227

***The PEACE is shared**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Offering

***Offertory**

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir -
it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the
joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

***The Prayers**

P ...Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

OR

P ... Let us pray to the Lord,
C Lord, have mercy.

***The 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

***Blessing**

***Threefold Amen**

***Sending**

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

***Closing Hymn**

O Jesus, I Have Promised
(Sung with alternate tune)

ELW 810

Postlude

*denotes when to stand

Senior Pastor:	Saul Stensvaag
Associate Pastor:	Jennifer Rose
Visitation Pastor:	Stan Satre
Sunday School Superintendent:	Cindy Larson
Council President:	Lisa Wolfe
Organist:	Keith Melberg
Children's Choir Director:	Mary Kay Stensvaag
Adult Choir Director:	Erik Vigesaa
Lectors:	8:30 –Harriet Wicklund 11- Carmon Jackson
Acolytes:	8:30- Brandon Hinsverk 11- Andreya Lockett
Cantors:	8:30-Svea Smestad 11- Mike Wicklund
Greeters:	8:30- Kevyn Heck & Angie Bowman
Sacristan:	8:30 – Mark & Susan Hermes
PA Operator	8:30- Margaret Ness-Ludwig

Children Anthem Lyrics:

- 1 When the first sunrise awoke all creation, God smiled and declared, "This is good." Sun bringing brightness, light spilling from heaven, God's love touching all that it could.
- 2 When you see someone who seems sad and lonely, and needing a friend just like you, God gives you guidance to light up the darkness; God's love touching others through you.

Refrain Let us walk, in the light of the Lord
Let us walk, in the light of the Lord
Feel God's love shining in us, around us, and through us
Let us walk, in the light of the Lord

Lent/Easter Task Force needs old trunks or chests to support our theme Lent: Discovering the Treasure. We have a sign up on the information counter; please sign up if you are willing to let us use yours for 6 weeks.

PioneerCare is providing CAN training for people ages 16 and older, opening doors to many career choices in healthcare and other fields. Apply online at www.pioneercare.org/careers by Monday, **February 22nd**. Classes begin **March 8th** and go through April 2nd. See the kiosk poster for more information.

Fergus Falls Noon Kiwanis Pancake and Sausage Feed (All you can eat) on Sunday, February 7th, 2016 at the YMCA from 8 am-12:20 pm. Adults cost is \$6 – Children 12 and under cost is \$3. Proceeds to benefit children in Fergus Falls and surrounding communities. Tickets are available from noon Kiwanis members or Fergus Falls Chamber of Commerce.

Mark your calendars! Giving Hearts Day(GHD) 2016 will be Thursday, February 11 for 24 hours. (GHD) is co-hosted by Dakota Medical Foundation, Impact Foundation and the Alex Stern Family Foundation. LB Homes' Lakeland Hospice of Fergus Falls will again be participating. By going online at www.impactgiveback.org for 24 hours from midnight to midnight, people can give as little as \$10 and have their donations matched up to \$4,000. If you don't have computer access or would like to donate in person please call (218) 998-1423 or stop by the LB Homes offices at the Eisenhower complex at 805 East Channing Avenue for more information.

Our First Lutheran Church **Relay for Life** Team will be selling Herberger's Community Days Coupon Books as a fund raiser until February 21 between church services. Please show your support for our team by purchasing \$5 coupon books which are available on the info counter on Sundays and in the office during the week at church.

If you would like to receive any of the following only electronically, please select below and put this form in the offering plate. Thank you!

_____Messenger

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And if you no longer need envelopes, please check the following:

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