



**4th Sunday  
after Epiphany**

**January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Opening Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

LSB 790

**Divine Service Setting Four**

LSB 203

**Confession and Absolution**

**Introit**

Psalm 32:1–2, 5–7; antiphon: v. 10



Many are the sorrows of the | wicked,\*  
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts | in the LORD.  
**Blessèd is the one whose transgression is for- | given,\***  
**whose sin is | covered.**  
Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no in- | iquity,\*  
and in whose spirit there is | no deceit.  
**I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my in- | iquity;\***  
**I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity | of my sin.**  
Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you | may be found;\*  
surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not | reach him.  
**You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from | trouble;\***  
**you surround me with shouts of de- | liverance.**  
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**  
Many are the sorrows of the | wicked,\*  
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts | in the LORD.

**Kyrie**

LSB 204

**Gloria in Excelsis**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

- P** The Lord be with you.
- G And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray.  
Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us 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.
- G Amen.**

Old Testament ReadingDeuteronomy 18:15–20

<sup>15</sup>“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—<sup>16</sup>just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’<sup>17</sup>And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken.<sup>18</sup>I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.<sup>19</sup>And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.<sup>20</sup>But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.”

 This is the Word of the Lord.  
 **Thanks be to God.**



Epistle Reading1 Corinthians 8:1–13

<sup>1</sup>Concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up.<sup>2</sup>If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know.<sup>3</sup>But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.<sup>4</sup>Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.”<sup>5</sup>For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—<sup>6</sup>yet for us 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.<sup>7</sup>However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled.<sup>8</sup>Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do.<sup>9</sup>But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak.<sup>10</sup>For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol’s temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols?<sup>11</sup>And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died.<sup>12</sup>Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ.<sup>13</sup>Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

 This is the Word of the Lord.  
 **Thanks be to God.**



Alleluia and Verse

Holy GospelMark 1:21–28

 The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.  
 **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching.<sup>22</sup>And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes.<sup>23</sup>And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out,<sup>24</sup>“What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.”<sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!”<sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him.<sup>27</sup>And they were all amazed, so that they

questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.”<sup>28</sup>And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

 This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
 **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon Hymn: You Are the Way; through You AloneLSB 526

Sermon

Apostles’ CreedLSB 207

Offering

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

PrefaceLSB 208

Sanctus

Prayer of ThanksgivingLSB 209

Lord’s Prayer

The Words of Our LordLSB 209

Pax Domini

Agnus DeiLSB 210

Distribution Hymns

The Infant Priest Was Holy BornLSB 624

O God, My Faithful GodLSB 696

Nunc DimittisLSB 211

Post-Communion CollectLSB 212

Benedicamus & Benediction

Closing Hymn: Lord, Dismiss Us with Your BlessingLSB 924

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**January 28, 2024 – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

## ***Our Lord Jesus Christ, True God in the Flesh, Cleanses Our Consciences from Sin***

As He promised, the Lord our God has raised up “a prophet” like Moses, namely Jesus, our brother in the flesh. “To him you shall listen,” because the Word of the Lord is “in his mouth” (Deut. 18:15–18). Indeed, He is more than a prophet and more than a scribe of the Scriptures; He is the incarnate Word, and He speaks “a new teaching with authority” (Mark 1:22, 27). He enters “the synagogue” of His Church and provides true Sabbath rest, using His authority to silence and cast out “even the unclean spirits” (Mark 1:21–27). By His Word of the cross, He removes the accusations of the Law and of the devil, and He cleanses our consciences before God the Father, “from whom are all things and for whom we exist.” Hence, we are now set free from bondage and commended to God by the one Lord, Jesus Christ, “through whom are all things and through whom we exist” (1 Cor. 8:6). Therefore, use your freedom to care for your brothers and sisters, neither causing them to stumble nor wounding their consciences (1 Cor. 8:9–12), but cleansing and strengthening them with the Gospel.



**WE WELCOME ALL** who worship today, especially guests and visitors, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Guests are invited to sign our guest register. Please include your phone number and address in the guest book located in the Narthex. Thank you for visiting.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Today's altar flowers are provided by Angela Bellantoni in memory of her dad, Merrill Findlay's birthday.

### **IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:**

01/21/2024 Sunday Service

### **Attendance**

83

### **Contributions**

\$2413.00

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR:** Did you know that we sponsor *The Lutheran Hour* locally? As you are getting ready for church or if you are unable to attend worship, consider tuning in to The Lutheran Hour. It can be found on KRLN 1400AM at 8:00am Sunday mornings.



**MISSIONARIES:** Please remember JP and Aimee Cima, the missionaries that our congregation have adopted, asking God to protect them and use them to spread His gospel.

**CONGREGATIONAL SHUT-INS:** Orgene Reimers and Ada Pendarvis

**CONGREGATIONAL SERVICE MEMBERS:** Ryan Lehmpuhl

**SITTING AND STANDING IN CHURCH:** It is customary to stand during the worship service when we address God directly (*Confession, Prayers, etc.*) or out of respect (*Gospel Reading, Creed, etc.*). These actions have purpose and meaning; but they are not meant to be painful or difficult. In contrast, Psalm 51:17 says, “The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.” If at any time during the service, it is too difficult or painful to stand, please remain seated. Our Lord knows your heart.

**SPECIAL PRAYERS:** Please call Pastor prior to the Sunday service for special prayers.

**NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH?** If you or another member who you know needs transportation to church on Sundays, please call Ken Davidson at 719-429-4919.



### **PLEASE PRAY FOR: Sick and/or Recovering:**

Ted Schmidt

Zoe Ward (family member of Chris Pushchak)

Janie Crites (Nate Harms' Aunt)

Chuck Poehlein

Jake Whiteley (Pat Schuch's Son)

Pat Schuch

Rod Willard

Mark (Heather Pegor's Uncle)

Doug Westlund

**PRAYER CHAIN:** If you have a prayer concern and would like to send it through a prayer chain, we have 2 options.

- To send the prayer through a phone prayer chain, please contact Mary Richardson at 719-269-1426.
- To send the prayer via email, please contact Carolyn Westlund at her email address: [1956cew@gmail.com](mailto:1956cew@gmail.com).

If you would like to join either prayer chain, please contact Mary or Carolyn respectively. If you would like a Christian greeting card from St. John sent to your loved one listed on the above prayer list, please contact Mary Richardson with the address where it should be sent.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN -- JANUARY 28, 2024- FEBRUARY 4, 2024**

Office Hours: Monday through Friday — 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Sunday, January 28, 2024**

9:00 a.m.     Divine Worship with Holy Communion  
Reader:     Brandon Booth  
Communion Assistants: Brandon Booth, Allan Tormohlen, & Curtis Eulert  
10:15 a.m.   Fellowship  
10:30 a.m.     Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

**Monday, January 29, 2024**

4:00 p.m.     Canon City Youth Choirs  
6:30 p.m.     Confirmation

**Tuesday, January 30, 2024**



*Collin Leason*

**Wednesday, January 31, 2024**

10:00 a.m.     Bible Study  
6:00 p.m.     Youth Group

**Thursday, February 1, 2024**

7:00 a.m.     Men's Breakfast  
9:00 a.m.     Quilters

**Friday, February 2, 2024**



*Lily Booth  
Alexander Wright*

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**Sunday, February 4, 2024**

9:00 a.m.     Divine Worship  
10:15 a.m.   Fellowship  
10:30 a.m.     Sunday School & Adult Bible Class  
11:30 a.m.     Elder's Meeting



**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Please send all announcements for bulletins to [office@StJohnCanonCity.org](mailto:office@StJohnCanonCity.org). Thank You.

**PARISH PAPER:** The February Parish Paper is now available. If you did not receive one in your email inbox, please make sure to pick up a copy in the narthex.

**FOOD BANK SUNDAY:** Next Sunday is FOOD BANK Sunday. Please remember to bring a can or two of food for the hungry and needy in our community.

**CHURCH NURSERY:** Parents may use the nursery in back of the church. Our monitor with remote control has now been installed to watch the service. Changing tables are available in three of our restrooms.

**CHURCH PUBLICITY:** If you have a meeting or event for the St. John website and / or Facebook page please notify Gail at 720-201- 8743 or [kirkegaard1998@charter.net](mailto:kirkegaard1998@charter.net). Also let her know if it is changed or canceled so our information is correct. Thank you.

# Sermon Notes

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