

AUTHORITY

"BE QUIET!"

said Jesus sternly.

"COME OUT OF HIM!"

Mark 1:25

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Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 27th & 28th, 2024

The Season

The world is starving for good news. And that is exactly what we get at Christmas. The angel told the shepherds, "I bring you good news of great joy" (Luke 2:10). The angel reported a fact—the birth of One who would make everything right again. This child would remove all our fears and fill our hearts with joy.

The Sunday

There is only one man who has absolute authority. There is no one, not even the demons, who is outside his authority. As the Son of God there is no higher authority than Jesus. And his authority is everlasting. Jesus graciously uses his absolute authority for our benefit and blessing.

The Service

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar in which we joyfully receive Christ's body and blood, in, with, and under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament we also give public confession of our complete unity in the Christian faith. We invite communicant members of St. Lucas Lutheran Church, or of another congregation in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) or of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) to commune. If you are a guest visiting with us today, please refrain from communing until you have spoken with our pastor. The congregation reads the potions in bold print.

Prayer before Worship

Lord Jesus, you have invited me to come and receive your holy Sacrament. I believe that in the bread and wine you give me your true body and blood to eat and drink. Forgive my sins and nourish my faith through this precious meal. I long for the comfort that comes with your promises; I yearn for the assurance of your faithful love. Bless me now as I receive you by faith.

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Timothy Henning	Organist:	Coralee Henning
Ushers:	Chris Peters (6 pm Saturday)		
	Matthew Stoltz (8 am Sunday)		
	Steve Wolter (10:30 am Sunday)		



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In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Confession

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If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord. Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Lord, Have Mercy



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Glory Be to God on High

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The Word

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, look with mercy on our weaknesses, and in all our dangers and needs stretch out the right hand of your majesty to help and defend us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

Hymn

Christ Begins – 8 am Sunday Sixers Singers

First Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15–20

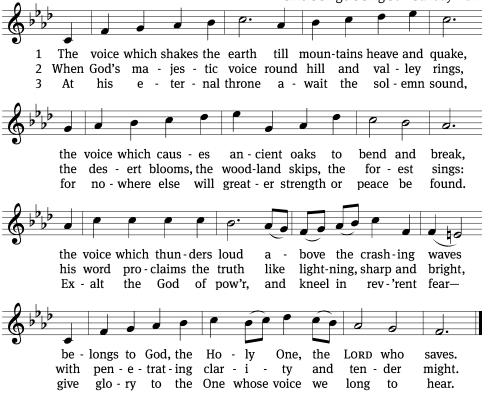
Moses prophesies that the LORD would raise up another prophet who would speak with all the authority of God himself.

¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him. ¹⁶For 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."

¹⁷The LORD said to me: "What they say is good. ¹⁸I 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. ¹⁹I myself will call to account anyone who does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name. ²⁰But 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."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** The Voice Which Shakes the Earth

Psalm 29B Sixers Singers Sing St. 1 Sunday 8 am



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Second Reading

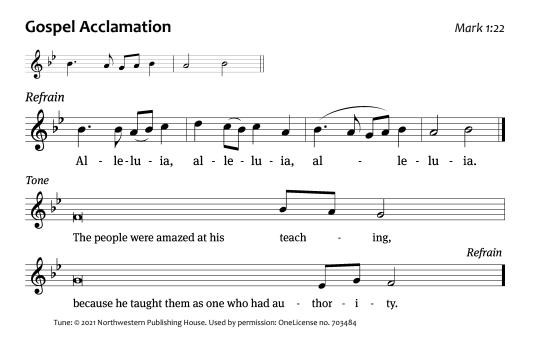
Hebrews 3:1-6

As great as Moses was, Jesus is worthy of infinitely greater honor. For only Jesus has absolute authority.

¹Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest. ²He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house. ³Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself. ⁴For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. ⁵"Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house," bearing witness to what would be spoken by God in the future. ⁶But Christ is faithful as the Son over God's house. And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**





Gospel

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Mark 1:21–28
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Jesus demonstrates absolute authority. Even his enemies, the demons, have to obey him.

²¹They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. ²²The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. ²³Just 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!" ²⁶The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

²⁷The 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." ²⁸News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ!** **Children's Sermon**



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Sermon

Mark 1:21-28 Jesus' Authority Creates Confidence

Stand

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,

of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who in unity with the Father and the Son

is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near. **Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors, *[especially . . . here name the person]*. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

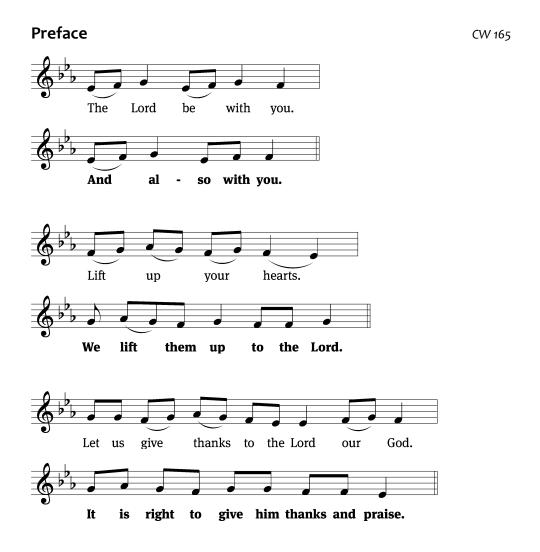
Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again. **Amen.**

Offering God's people offer their first and best to the Lord in response to the Lord's blessings to them. The offering is gathered in a basket in the church entrance before or after the service. If you prefer to give electronically, you may scan this graphic to access www.stlucaswels.org/donate.

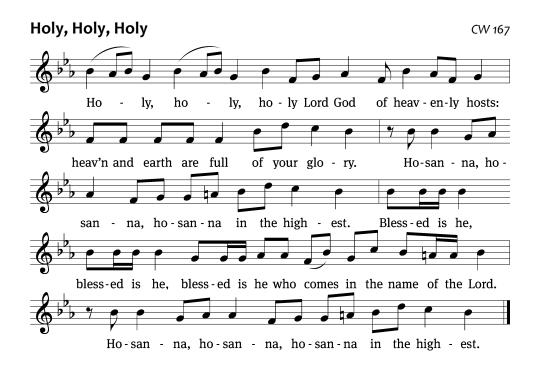


The Sacrament

Stand



It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.

Words of Institution

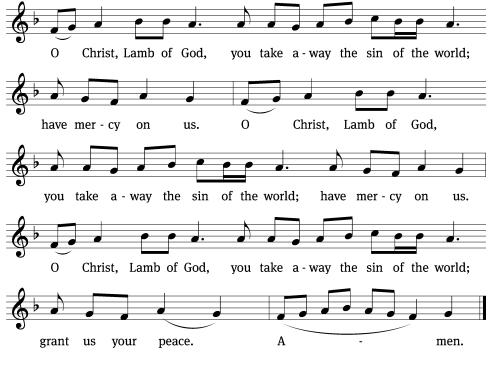
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.**



O Christ, Lamb of God



Be seated

Distribution

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Go + in peace. **Amen.**



Entrust Your Fear and Doubting



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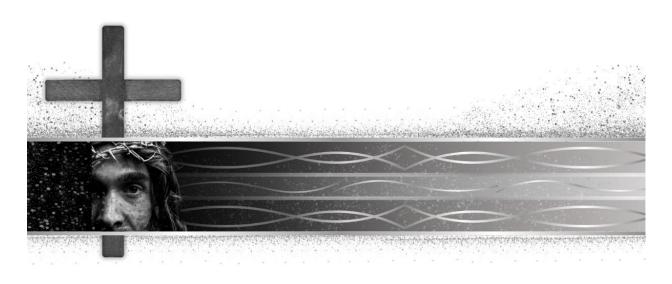
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**



Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



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Setting One from Christian Worship

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Announcements

Usher/Altar Guild Schedule: Copies of the new usher/altar guild schedule for February – August 2024 can be found in the back of church. Please feel free to take one on your way out.

Attendance Cards: We ask that you please fill out a yellow attendance card and place it in the offering basket. Attendance cards are in the pews. Thank you very much!

St. Lucas Women's Retreat: St. Lucas Women's Ministry is hosting their 19 th annual one-day retreat on **Saturday, March 9,2024** titled "Make a Joyful Noise". The retreat will be held at St. Lucas Lutheran School, 1410 Parkview Drive, Kewaskum, WI, in Hoenecke Hall on begenning at 8:30 AM and concluding at about 2:45. A non-refundable registration fee of \$30.00 includes lunch and presentations. This is a one-day retreat filled with speakers, worship, and fellowship. Andy Braun, Rachel Braun, and Jeremy Bakken of Branches Band will be presenting at this year's retreat.

A printable brochure with registration form is available on our website <u>www.stlucaswels.org</u> or can be picked up in the church annex on the left side as you leave church. Registration is also possible at <u>https://Stlucasretreat.eventbrite.com</u> Registrations are due by February 20 th. Please call Sandy Survis 262-483-7988 with questions.

Join Us for Shrek The Musical at KML: Tickets are NOW ON SALE at <u>kmlhs.org/theatre</u> for KML's production of Shrek The Musical!* Performances are at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School on Friday & Saturday, February 16 & 17 at 7:00 PM and Sunday, February 18, at 2:00 PM. All tickets are general admission and \$12 each. Online ticket sales for all shows end at 11:59 PM on Thursday, February 15, 2024. Tickets will also be sold at the door beginning 30 minutes before each performance. We can't wait to share with you "the greatest fairy tale never told!"

*Based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture and Book by William Steig. Book and Lyrics by David Lindsay-Abaire. Music by Jeanine Tesori. Originally Produced on Broadway by DreamWorks Theatricals and Neal Street Productions.

PTO Spring Fundraising Gala – "**Pearl of the Sea**": I know, it's hard to think about spring being right around the corner when the air is getting colder by the day and lingering Christmas decorations still twinkle around town. In reality, St, Lucas Lutheran Grade School's PTO fundraising gala is only two short months away! Make sure you mark your calendars for this fantastic event being held on **Thursday March** 7th, **2024**. The gala aims to raise funds for the school all while providing an enchanting evening for all in attendance. The event will take place at Foundry 45 with food provided by Crave Catering, live music by Whole Yachta Love, and friendly fellowship. In addition to the food, there will be a silent auction as well as a raffle.

The PTO would like to reach out for assistance in making this an enjoyable and successful evening. They are in need of volunteers to assist with various tasks, donations of any size, silent auction items, and gift baskets for the raffle. The PTO will provide a donation receipt for any donations made that will include the PTO's tax-exempt number for your records.

If you are interested in volunteering your time, providing a donation, or have any questions, please contact Liz Dreher at (262) 923-0241 or Jenell Enright at (608) 669-3190 or jenellenright@gmail.com.

KML Job Openings:

<u>Director of Operations</u>: Due to the upcoming retirement of Mr. Jody Hansen, KML is looking to hire a Director of Operations. The Director of Operations has the important role of leading the fiscal and business affairs of KML and includes oversight of the maintenance of the facility. This individual is a member of the 1KML Leadership Team and is directly accountable to the President. The position is full-time with benefits. KML desires this person to start around April 2024. **Please submit cover letters and resumes by** <u>February 5, 2024</u>, to Mr. Jody Hansen, Director of Operations (jody.hansen@kmlhs.org). Questions? Email President Jamie Luehring (jamie.luehring@kmlhs.org) and/or Director of Operations Jody Hansen.

<u>Gift Planning Officer</u>: KML is looking to fill the position of **Gift Planning Officer** due to the upcoming retirement of Mr. Paul Snamiska. The Gift Planning Officer is responsible for supporting the KML Federation through deferred giving, estate planning, and alumni engagement. This individual is a member of the Mission Advancement Team and is directly accountable to the Director of Mission Advancement. The position is full-time with benefits. KML desires this person to start around April 2024. <u>Click HERE for a more detailed job description</u>. Please submit cover letters and resumes by <u>February 5, 2024</u>, to Mrs. Wendy Breimon, Director of Mission Advancement (wendy.breimon@kmlhs.org). Questions? Email Director of Mission Advancement Wendy Breimon.

Study Hall/Commons Supervisor: KML is looking to fill the position of Study Hall/Commons Supervisor. Duties include monitoring students, maintaining an atmosphere conducive to study, issuing student passes as needed, collecting and entering lunch deposits, and depositing money with the fiscal office. Additionally, the person in this position will compile and disseminate school-wide morning announcements. This is a part-time <u>seasonal</u> position of approximately 7:30 AM - 3:00 PM, Monday - Friday, yearly from August through May (during the school year). Proposed start date for this job opening: January 2024. Hourly pay is based on experience. This position does not include benefits. Please submit questions and resumes on or before January 15, 2024, to Mrs. Melanie Schoeneck (262.677.4051 x4018; melanie.schoeneck@kmlhs.org).

<u>Concessions</u>: Work in KML's **concession stand** during home games and tournaments. This entails simple food preparation, customer service, and clean up. The schedule involves nights and weekends. **If interested or for additional information, contact Mr. Jody Hansen, Director of Operations** (262.677.4051 x4004; jody.hansen@kmlhs.org).

Celebrating God's Blessings This Week:

BIRTHDAYS

Jackie Marquardt – 1/30 Bennett Strack – 2/3

CALENDAR

Readings for January 28th - February 4th

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JAN 28 Sunday	Monday	JAN 30 Tuesday	Wednesday
Zechariah 6:1-7:14 Romans 16:17-27	Zechariah 8:1-23 2 Timothy 1:1-18	Zechariah 9:1-17 2 Timothy 2:1-26	Zechariah 10:1-11:13 2 Timothy 3:1-17
Worship w/Communion 8 am - Sixers Singers sing Bible Study - 9:15 am Sunday School - 9:15 am Worship w/Communion 10:30 am		Bible Study - 6:30 pm	Catechism Instruction 6th-8th Grade - 3:30 pm
^{FEB 01} Thursday	FEB 02 Friday	Saturday	FEB 04 Sunday
Zechariah 11:4-17 2 Timothy 4:1-18	Zechariah 12:1-13:9 Titus 1:1-2:6	Zechariah 14:1-21 Titus 2:7-3:15	Job 1:1-22 John 1:1-18
Fuel for Moms - 7:45 am Bible Study - 10 am		Worship 6 pm	Worship - 8 am Bible Study - 9:15 am Sunday School - 9:15 am Worship - 10:30 am
Ushers for 2/3 & 2/4	Ushers for 2/10 & 2/11	St. Lucas Lutheran Church strives to be a congregation that is always inviting, always edifying, and always equipping. <u>www.stlucaswels.org</u>	
Sat. 1/20 6 pm - Beyer Sun. 1/21 8 am - Schacht Sun. 1/21 10:30 am - Strack	Sat. 1/20 6 pm - Butzke Sun. 1/21 8 am - Kempf Sun. 1/21 10:30 am - Koch	Contact Information Pastor Timothy Henning (262) 707-6984 - <u>thenning@stlucaswels.org</u> Principal Mark Hesse (920) 915-1130 - <u>mhesse@stlucaswels.org</u> School/Church Office (262) 626-2680 - <u>church@stlucaswels.org</u>	