



January 28 & 29, 2018 - 4th Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome to worship! To the first time visitor, we extend our sincere greeting. To those looking for a church home, we offer fellowship with a living Savior, membership in His church and citizenship in His eternal kingdom. Parents, there is a "sitting room" with visual and sound of the service along the south wall. **We follow the Service of the Word, starting on page 38.**

We have large print service binders available - please ask an usher for one.

Today's Hymns: #297, #395, #402, #333

Prayer of the Day: 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. **Amen.**

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

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."

Psalm 1 (page 64)

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

¹ 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.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:21-28

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.

Sermon Theme: (based on Mark 1:21-28)

"What's So New About Jesus?"

Thank you to our pianists: Sunday - Amibeth Olderman and Monday - Darci Matzke.



We celebrate the baptisms of Lydia & Lucas Hammel (children of Mark & Kristin) during the 10:45am service today. God's blessings on Lydia & Lucas!

This week - God willing.....

TODAY: Worship 8:00 & 10:45am / Sunday School & Teen Bible Class 9:20am

Adult Bible Study 9:20am & 6:30pm - Study of the prophet Zechariah

Mon: Worship 6:30pm

Tue: Arvon Peter Funeral - visitation 10am, service 11am / Catechism Class 5:30pm

Wed: JLOG "Donuts with Dad" 8:15- 9:00am in fellowship hall

Adult Bible Study 1:30 & 6:30pm - Study of John's Epistles

Thu: First German Lutheran School Kindergarten information night 6:00 pm

Fri: JLOG Super Bowl Party AM

Sun: Worship 8:00 & 10:45am / Sunday School & Teen Bible Class 9:20am

Adult Bible Study 9:20am & 6:30pm - Study of the prophet Zechariah

Mon: Pastors Circuit meeting @ First German 10:00am / Worship 6:45pm

Last Weekend's Attendance: Sunday: 8:00 - #101, 10:45 - #87, Monday - #57, Total - #245

First German Kindergarten Information Night is on Thu, Feb 1 at 6:00pm for parents of any child entering Kindergarten next year. A great opportunity to see what FG is all about!

Lent Midweek services begin on Ash Wednesday, February 14th. We are still looking for people to host the meal between services on Feb 21 & 28. There is a sign-up sheet on the information table. Please note, that if no one signs up by the prior week, there will be no meal that following Wednesday.

Martin Luther College Choir will present a concert "The Way, the Truth, the Life" at First German Church on Saturday Feb 17 at 7:00pm. This concert features music for choir, congregation, and instruments that proclaim Jesus Christ as the only way of salvation. A free will offering will be gathered to support the ministry of MLC.

Red Cross Blood Drive at Grace on Monday, Feb 19 from 2:00 - 6:00pm in the fellowship hall. Sign-up sheets to donate blood or to help with the Registration during the drive are out on the Information Table. You can also go online to www.redcrossblood.org to sign up for an appointment to donate blood.



Kids, adults, parents, grandparents - ALL are invited to join us for our "Grace Family Night" on Sunday, Mar 4 from 4:30 - 7:00pm. There will be something for all ages - from the young to the Young-at-Heart! This is a great opportunity to spend time with your Grace friends, and maybe even make some new friends! Please join us for an evening full of fellowship, food, entertainment and fun! If you would like to be part of the entertainment, please call Ann in the church office at 682-7377. Thank you!

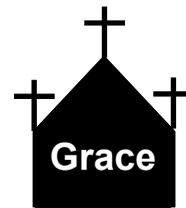
Upcoming Conferences & Retreats - see the round display table

For Men:

- **"Men of His Word Conference" will be on Saturday, Feb 24, 2018 in Oshkosh.** This year's theme is "Get Out of the Boat!" There are handouts available on the round display table with descriptions of the 19 breakout sessions being offered - you pick 3 to attend. Online registration and more details about the schedule, sessions, keynote speaker, etc can be found at www.menofhisword.org
- **Lakeshore WELS Men's "Cross+Men Conference" is being hosted by the Christian Men's Fellowship of St John's Lutheran Church in Two Rivers on Saturday, Mar 17. from 9:00am - 2:00pm.** Early Registration is \$25. For more information and online registration go to www.crossmenconf.org.

For Ladies:

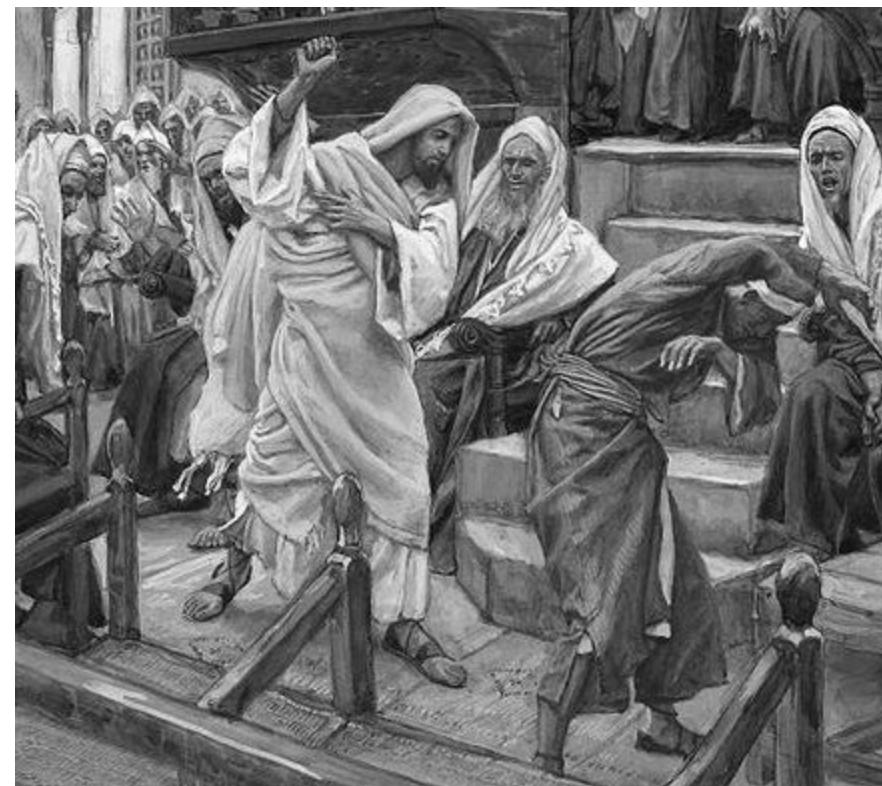
- **"Pathways to Christ Retreat" will take place on March 9-11 in Oshkosh.** The 2018 theme is "Speak O Lord". There are brochures available on the round table display with details about this retreat. Additional information, along with registration forms, can be downloaded at www.pathwaystochrist.org.



Grace Ev. Lutheran Church
2426 North Rapids Road
Manitowoc, Wisconsin 54220
Office Phone 682-7377

Rev. Tom Pankow
Robert Fink, Staff Minister
www.graceLutheran-church.com
gracelutheran@tm.net

Worship Services Sundays 8:00 & 10:45am, Mondays 6:30pm



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." Mark 1:27

January 28 & 29, 2018