4th Sunday after Epiphany.....January 31, 2021

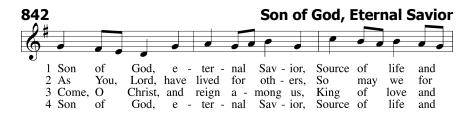
Deuteronomy is, of course, Moses' final oration to Israel before his death—specifically to the "next generation" of Israelites, the children of those who came out of Egypt as adults. For forty years, Moses has been God's prophet to the people, though, in fact, much of the speaking was actually done by his brother Aaron (Ex 4:10–16). Now it is time to pass the prophetic mantle to another, to Jesus, Prophet and Savior

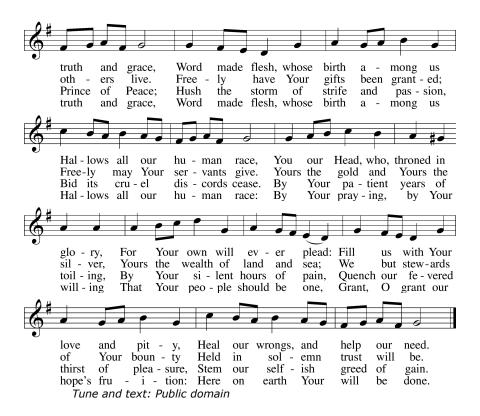
<u>There is a Cry Room</u> available for use during our worship service. It is located just outside the sanctuary.

<u>Children Leaving the Sanctuary:</u> This is a matter of caring concern for your child, or the young child that you are responsible for, age 13 or younger. The Board of Lay Ministry asks that if your child needs to leave the sanctuary during the worship service, you as a parent or responsible adult will need to escort them to and from the sanctuary. Thank you <u>The Lord's Supper</u> is a very special privilege God gives to His people. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because the Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

Bell Choir

"Resounding Joy!"





CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- \mathcal{P} In the name of the Father and of the \top Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- \mathcal{C} who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- \mathcal{C} and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P O almighty God, merciful Father,

- C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ⊤ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

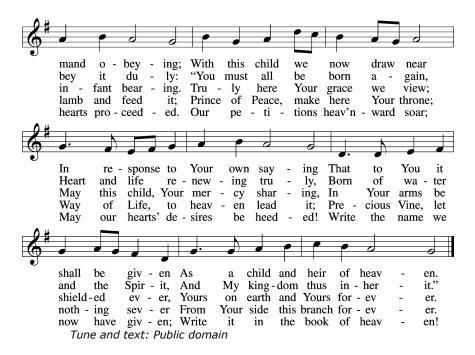
(9:30) Adult Choir

"O Lord, I Meditate on Thee"

O Lord, I meditate on Thee; O Lord, Thy mercy show. Hide not Thy face from me, my God; Teach me Thy way to go. O may I hear in morning's light Thy steadfast love to me. In Thee, O Lord, I put my trust; I lift my soul to Thee. Deliver me from all my foes, For unto Thee I flee. Teach me to do Thy will, O God, Thy spirit lead me. For Thy name's sake, O Lord, I ask that Thou wilt save me. I am Thy servant, Lord, and I will ever serve Thee. Amen.

(11:15) Baptismal Hymn





The Baptism of Ezekiel David, son of Joel & Stacie Sienicki

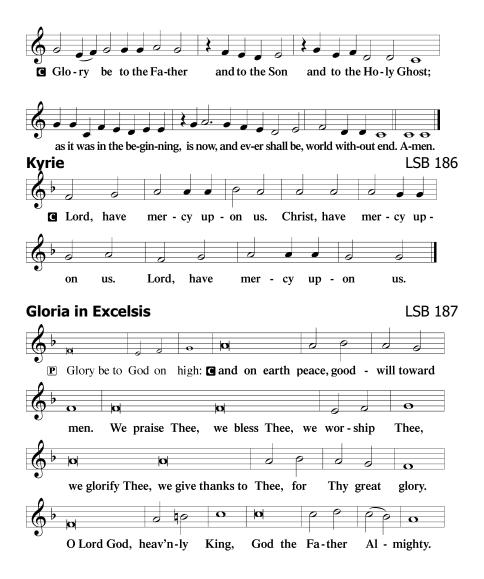
SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

- P Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
- *C* but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.
- P Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
- \mathcal{C} whose sin is covered.
- P Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
- \mathcal{C} and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
- P I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity;
- C I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to You at a time

when You may be found;

- *C* surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.
- P You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble;
- \mathcal{C} You surround me with shouts of deliverance.





Salutation and Collect of the Day



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.



Old Testament Reading

¹⁵ 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—¹⁶ 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.' ¹⁷And the LORD said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. ¹⁸I 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. ¹⁹And whoever will not listen to My words that He shall speak in My name, I myself will require it of Him. ²⁰But 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.'''

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

Epistle

1 Corinthians 8:1–13

Deuteronomy 18:15–20

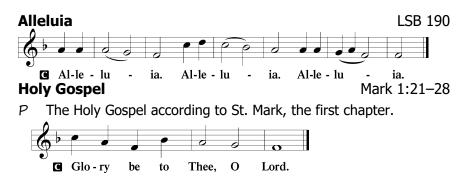
¹Concerning food offered to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." This "knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up. ²If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

⁴Therefore, 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." ⁵For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords"—⁶yet 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.

⁷However, 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. ⁸Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For 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? ¹¹And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹²Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



²¹They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²²And they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴"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." ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷And 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." ²⁸And at once His fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



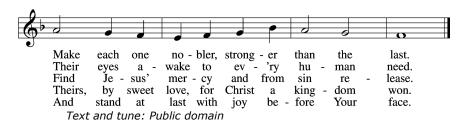
Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life \top everlasting. Amen.

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Sermon Text

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Sermon

"Prophet and Savior"

I. Christ came as a Prophet like Moses, speaking

II. But the Word Christ speaks as Prophet He also had

III. Now, through the Spirit, Christ continues to speak

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Prayer of the Church

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.

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P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ⊤ give you peace.





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<u>ALTAR FLOWERS</u> – This week's altar flowers are provided by Bill and Sharon Latzke in celebration and thanksgiving for their 50^{th} wedding anniversary.

<u>THANK YOU</u> – I would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, cards and phone calls when I had surgery and while I recovered at home. Also, a thank you to Pastor Wonnacott for his visits and phone calls. I thank God for my healing. God's blessings to you all. ~Linda Coffel

For your spiritual preparation for next Sunday, Epiphany 5,

you will want to read Psalm 147:1-11; Isaiah 40:21-31; 1 Corinthians 9:16-27; Mark 1:29-39. Our theme for the day is "Christus Consolator" based on the Gospel reading Mark 1:29-39, so that by seeing the continuity between Jesus' healing and the preaching ministry and the ongoing ministry of the Lord Christ in the Divine Service -thus finding genuine consolation in His death and resurrection and true healing in the reception of His body and blood – we are invigorated in hope and strengthened for coping with adversity.

BUDGET

Operating budget fund balance as of January 28, 2021: \$73,800 This amount represents over 5 weeks of normal day-to-day expenses of the Church and School ministries.

Ladies of St. Paul's: Please join us at the February 8th meeting of the St. Paul's Lutheran Women's Missionary League, beginning at 7:00 pm, in the Jerusalem room. Pastor Wonnacott will lead us in a Bible study called "Encountering "What Ifs" on the Expressway of Life". We will also be assembling boxes of "goodies" for college students. You may bring one dozen of individually wrapped items to the church kitchen by Sunday, February 7th if you cannot attend the meeting. Questions? Please ask Elaine Young, Linda Tinkey, Barb Middaugh, or Shirley Lakins.

Calendar of Events

Today	February 7, 2021
Sunday School & Bible C	lasses8:30 am
Worship Service	9:30 am
Worship Service	11:15 am
Men's Group	
Bell Choir practice	5:00 pm
Adult Choir practice	6:00 pm
Monday:	
LWML meeting mov	ed to Wednesday
Tuesday:	
7 th Grade Confirmation	4:30 pm
Prayer meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday:	
Men's Bible Study	
Day School Chapel	8:05 am
LWML meeting	7:00 pm
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Preschool Chapel9:30 ar	n
8 th Grade Confirmation	n
Next SundayFebruary 14, 202	1
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<u>Voters' Assembly Minutes</u> – Copies of the minutes from the January 25 Voters' Assembly meeting are available on the tables in the narthex. If the supply has run out and you desire a copy for yourself, please contact Ken Eichinger. If you prefer an electronic copy, email Ken. These minutes contain information regarding the call of Pastor Conner, the delay of the synod convention, and other business brought up at the meeting.

150 Psalms in 151 Days

Sunday -February 7	Psalm 38	Thursday-February 11 Psalm 42
Monday-February 8	Psalm 39	Friday-February 12 Psalm 43
Tuesday-February 9	Psalm 40	Saturday-February 13 Psalm 44
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14 Psalm 45		

The entire Psalter may be divided into five classes. First, some psalms prophesy. They speak of Christ and the church or what will happen to the saints. This includes all the psalms that contain promises and warnings- promises for the godly and warnings for the ungodly.

EXTENDED CARE, a part of the educational ministry in our school, has been growing steadily in the last month. It has become necessary to **hire additional staff** to help in this ministry. There are two shifts available: 11:30 am to 3:00 pm or 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. If anyone would be interested in working at Extended Care for 1 or 2 days a week please contact Heather Middaugh.

CHANGE: LWML is moving their meeting from Monday, the 8th to Wednesday, February 10th because of pending weather.

For your spiritual preparation for next Sunday,

Transfiguration Sunday, you will want to read Psalm 50:1–6; 2 Kings 2:1-12; 2 Corinthians 3:12–18; 4:1–6; Mark 9:2–9. Our theme for the day is "Elijah, the Shadow Man" based on the Old Testament reading 2 Kings 2:1-12, so that we would recognize God's ongoing ministry to open our eyes to see His eternal majesty, dominion, and glory in the crucified body of our King. This is also our youth service where the youth of our congregation will be involved in the service.

Budget: Operating budget fund balance as of February 2, 2021: \$66,100

This amount represents just under 5 weeks of normal day-to-day expenses of the Church and School ministries.

Lenten Midweek Series 2021 – Four Significant

Days

Ash Wednesday – February 17th Significant Problem—Last Day in the Garden, Genesis 3:19 Lenten Midweek 2 – February 24th Significant Action—Monday of Holy Week, Mark 11:15–19 Lenten Midweek 3- March 3rd Significant Questions—Tuesday of Holy Week, Mark 12:28 - 37Lenten Midweek 4 – March 10th Significant Teaching—Tuesday of Holy Week, Matthew 23:1-12 Lenten Midweek 5 – March 17th Significant Final Appearance—Tuesday of Holy Week, John 12:23-36 Lenten Midweek 6 – March 24th Significant Deal—Wednesday of Holy Week, Luke 22:1–6 All midweek services start at 7pm; there are no Lenten dinners

Servants for Today's Worship

Assistant Pastor: Neil Wonnacott 546-2332 or 574-301-9291 Organist: Anita Eichinger Usher: Mark Wildauer

Acolyte: Kila Foster

Elder: 1st Dave Burcham 2nd Dennis Sienicki