



Saturday, January 30, 2021

5:00 P.M.

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

### **GATHERING**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation.  
**Amen.**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

**you search us and know us.**

**You are acquainted with all our ways.**

**We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—  
our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.**

**We turn inward, failing to follow  
your outward way of love.**

**We distrust those who are not like us.**

**We exploit the earth and its resources  
and fail to consider generations to come.**

**Forgive us, gracious God,  
for all we have done and left undone.**

**Even before the words are on our tongues,  
you know them;**

**receive them in your divine mercy.**

**Amen.**

How vast is God's grace!  
Through the power and promise of † Christ Jesus,  
our sins are washed away  
and we are claimed as God's own beloved.  
Indeed, we are forgiven.  
In the wake of God's forgiveness,  
we are called to be the beloved community  
living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.  
**Amen.**

## **GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The God of peace be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us pray... Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **FIRST READING – Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

*Today's reading is part of a longer discourse in Deuteronomy, an updating of the law for the Israelite community as the people wait to enter the promised land. Here Moses assures the people that God will continue to guide them through prophets who will proclaim the divine word.*

[Moses said:] <sup>15</sup>The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. <sup>16</sup>This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." <sup>17</sup>Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. <sup>18</sup>I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. <sup>19</sup>Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. <sup>20</sup>But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

Word of God. Word of Life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 111

- <sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
- <sup>2</sup>**Great are your works, O LORD,  
pondered by all who delight in them.**
- <sup>3</sup>Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,  
and your righteousness endures forever.
- <sup>4</sup>**You cause your wonders to be remembered;  
you are gracious and full of compassion.**
- <sup>5</sup>You give food to those who fear you,  
remembering forever your covenant.
- <sup>6</sup>**You have shown your people the power of your works  
in giving them the lands of the nations.**
- <sup>7</sup>The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;  
all of your precepts are sure.
- <sup>8</sup>**They stand fast forever and ever,  
because they are done in truth and equity.**
- <sup>9</sup>You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever;  
holy and awesome is your name.
- <sup>10</sup>**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures  
forever.**

## GOSPEL – Mark 1:21-28

*Forces that would bring death and disease have taken hold of a man, yet they recognize Jesus and know what his power means for them. Jesus commands these forces to leave and people are amazed at his authority.*

The gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. <sup>22</sup>They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup>and he cried out, "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 with a loud voice, came out of him.

<sup>27</sup>They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” <sup>28</sup>At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

*Reverend Seminarian Melissa Dailey*



## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our praises and prayers for all in need, responding to each prayer with the words, "**Hear us and help us.**"

*A brief silence.*

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **MEAL**

*We practice two sacraments in the Lutheran tradition: baptism and holy communion. These are celebrated in community, in public worship, where we can all participate and remember together: God is known for using ordinary earthly things (like water, bread, and wine) to make extraordinary promises (like forgiveness, salvation, healing and new life) to creation.*

*Today is a good reminder that this simple meal nourishes God's community across time and space - this is why we call it communion. We would rather be with you in person for the sacrament today, but we trust Jesus to show up beyond our limitations, to meet us in this separation with a Spirit that unites, to feed us with the bread of life who is our source and strength.*

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

*We don't serve ourselves communion because there's something holy about that promise coming from outside our own bodies, a perfect declaration from God spoken to us by our neighbor: This is the body of Christ, given for you. This is the blood of Christ, poured out for you. If you are gathered with others from your household, speak these words aloud when you serve each other. If you do not have someone in the room with you while you receive the sacrament, hear my voice as the external word of grace and invitation.*

**+ + *Receive the Meal* + +**

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*We pause for prayer and reflection.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Christ Jesus, at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened for our journey. Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name.  
**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

## **OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **BENEDICTION**

God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you;  
and the Holy Spirit the comforter ✠ keep you in peace.  
**Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**



5252 W. Devon Ave. Chicago, IL 60646  
[www.edgebrooklutheran.org](http://www.edgebrooklutheran.org)  
Office Phone: 773-763-2121 Fax: 773-647-1752  
Email: [office@edgebrooklutheran.org](mailto:office@edgebrooklutheran.org)

**Our Mission:**

Transforming lives by sharing a saving faith in Jesus Christ  
and living the Gospel through service

If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, connect with our ministries,  
meet with one of our pastors, or learn more about ELC and how to join, feel free to  
call or email us. You are always welcome here.

+ Pastor Christina Klein

Reverend Christina Klein	<a href="mailto:pastorchristina@edgebrooklutheran.org">pastorchristina@edgebrooklutheran.org</a>	Pastor
Pat Godek	<a href="mailto:office@edgebrooklutheran.org">office@edgebrooklutheran.org</a>	Office Manager
David Bugher		Contemporary Worship Music Leader
Walt Horn		Traditional Worship Music Leader
Will Santiago		Custodian

From sundaysandseasons.com. © 2021 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Printed by  
permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License # SAS000662  
Used by permission CCLI License #11452969 Used by permission OneLicense.net A-704776

***See you next week for worship at 5pm on Saturday  
and livestream at 10am on Sunday, followed by the annual meeting!  
We continue sharing in communion. Please call/email the church  
office if you need elements brought to you.***



*Thank you for worshipping with us today as we seek to be in community with one another while minimizing physical contact. As a gentle reminder, please continue to wash your hands for the recommended 20 seconds, wear a mask and create safe boundaries through physical distancing.*

*We know that God is with us and God is at work, wherever we worship. With coronavirus cases on the rise, we will continue worshipping online at this time. Please be vigilant and check your email, Facebook, etc., for additional notifications and updates in the coming weeks, and contact the church council ([council@edgebrooklutheran.org](mailto:council@edgebrooklutheran.org)) with any concerns.*

*Stay safe and be well! God's peace to you!!*