

Historic Scripture Lessons for ✨ the Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 43:1-3 NIV

But now, this is what the LORD says - He who created you, O Jacob, He who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are Mine. 2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. 3 For I am the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba in your stead.

Epistle

Romans 13:8-10 Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the Law. 9 The Commandments, "Do not commit adultery," "Do not murder," "Do not steal," "Do not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: "Love your neighbor as yourself." 10 Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the Law.

Historic Gospel

Matthew 8:23-27 Then He got into the boat and His disciples followed Him. 24 Without warning, a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. 25 The disciples went and woke Him, saying, "LORD, save us! We're going to drown!" 26 He replied, "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?" Then He got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm. 27 The men were amazed and asked, "What kind of Man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey Him!"

3-Year C Gospel (Sermon) ↗

Luke 4:31-44 Then He went down to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and on the Sabbath began to teach the people. 32 They were amazed at His teaching, because His message had authority. 33 In the synagogue there was a man possessed by a demon, an evil spirit. He cried out at the top of his voice, 34 "Ha! 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!" 35 "Be quiet!" Jesus said sternly. "Come out of him!" Then the demon threw the man down before them all and came out without injuring him. 36 All the people were amazed and said to each other, "What is this teaching? With authority and power He gives orders to evil spirits and they come out!" 37 And the news about Him spread throughout the surrounding area. 38 Jesus left the synagogue and went to the home of Simon. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Jesus to help her. 39 So He bent over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up at once and began to wait on them. 40 When the sun was setting, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying His Hands on each one, He healed them. 41 Moreover, demons came out of many people, shouting, "You are the Son of God!" But He rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew He was the Christ. 42 At daybreak Jesus went out to a solitary place. The people were looking for Him and when they came to where He was, they tried to keep Him from leaving them. 43 But He said, "I must preach the Good News of the Kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent." 44 And He kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

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BIBLE CLASS 8:30 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM FELLOWSHIP 10:45 AM

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February 3rd, 2019 * Epiphany-4 Trust The LORD

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER: If you are new to the area or our worship and have never communed with us before, please speak with the pastor before the service. If you are not currently a member of an ELS or WELS congregation, we ask that you please **wait to take Communion until you can speak with our pastor.** Out of Christian love and consideration to you the guest, we want you to have the opportunity to learn what our church teaches about the Bible and Sacraments before you unite with us in taking Holy Communion. Thank you for your understanding. LORD's blessings to you.

OUR ORDER OF WORSHIP On silver liturgy sheets or in red TLH Hymnal p.15

Suggested Hymn	TLH# (vv)	...First Line
Opening Hymn	381 (3v)	I Know My Faith Is Founded
Psalm 98	Ps. 98 "4v"	All the Ends of the Earth Have Seen ... 7
Hymn of the Day	429 (3v)	LORD, Thee I Love with All My Heart
Offertory Verses	428 (6v)	Sing v1&6 I Am Trusting Thee Lord Jesus
Distribution Hymn	430 (8v)	What Is the World to Me(?) ...
Closing Hymn	54 (3v)	Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

Suggested Bible readings for the weekdays of the 4th Sunday after Epiphany

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday
 Gen.33:1-20 Gen.35:1-21 Gen. 37:1-36 Gen.29:1-23 Gen.40:1-23 Gen.41:1-37
 Mat.11:11-24 Matt.12:1-21 Mt.12:22-50 Matt.13:1-23 Mat.14:1-36 Mat.15:1-20

PROPERs for FOURTH SUNDAY after EPIPHANY ✦✦✦✦ FEBRUARY 3RD

INTROIT Worship Him, all you His angels. Zion heard and was glad. The daughters of Judah rejoiced because of Your judgments, O LORD. The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice, let the multitude of isles be glad. ...from Psalm 148

COLLECT Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth 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..." C: ♪ A---men.

GRADUAL Alleluia! Oh, praise the LORD, all you nations! Laud Him, all you people. Alleluia! For His merciful kindness is great toward us, and the truth of the LORD endures forever. Alleluia!
 ...from Psalm 102

SCRIPTURE LESSONS *printed on the outside back page of the bulletin* →

O.T. Isaiah 43:1-3 God says via Isaiah, "Fear not!" of water or fire.
 Epi. Romans 13:8-10 Sum up the Law in this: "Love your neighbor."
 Gos. Matthew 8:23-27 Jesus calms the storm on the Sea of Galilee.

SERMON Gospel-C Luke 4:31-44 YES, JESUS: "PREACH TO US"! (...WE NEED IT!)

EPIPHANY Psalm 98: ALL TH' ENDS O' TH' EARTH HAVE SEEN TH' POWER O' GOD

Refrain C: ♪ All the Ends of the Earth, Have Seen the Power of God.
 All the ends of the earth, Have seen the power of God.

Verse 1. Sing to the LORD a new song, ___ for He has done wondrous deeds; ___
 His Right Hand has won the Vict'ry for Him, His ho-ly Arm. _____

♪ All the ends of the earth, have seen the power of God. All the ends...

Verse 2. The LORD has made His Salvation known, His justice revealed to all; ___
 Remembered His kindness and faithfulness, To Is-rael. _____

♪ All the ends of the earth, have seen the power of God. All the ends...

Verse 3. All the ends of the earth have seen, Salva--tion by our God; ___
 Joyfully sing out all you lands, Break forth- in song. _____

♪ All the ends of the earth, have seen the power of God. All the ends...

Verse 4. Sing to the LORD with harp and song, ___ With trumpet and with horn; ___
 Sing in your joy before the King, The King-, our LORD. _____

♪ All the ends of the earth, have seen the power of God. All the ends of the...

TLH #428, 1. I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, - Trusting only Thee;
 Trusting- Thee for full sal-vation, - Great and free.

6. I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus; - Never let me fall.
 I AM- TRUSTING THEE FOR-EVER - AND FOR ALL. (A--men.)

PRAYER REQUESTS: (Member or Relation) Pray for...

Al Avant (George) Health issues (sore toe). Had unscheduled surgery on it
 Dee Kurczewski (David) Dee - rehabbing. David back working
 DuWayne&Shirley Marquardt DuWayne got good news (lungs). Shirley Feb.6
 Jon & Andrea Sawyer Jon's heart, changing work. Andrea home recovering
 James Vanesky & Delores Platt Both rehabbing. We enjoy seeing them
 Steve&Ethel Wendt Drove (fast) to Steve's Mom. She's rallying (sees Steve)

Volunteers	Today	Next Sunday
Greeters	Orpha & John Weber	Pat & Dave Wiesenauer
Treaters	More Fish & Birthday Cake	

Statistics	Last week	Year To Date / Avg.
Sunday, Attendance(Communion)	25 / (- -)	28 / 23
Bible Class Attendance: Sunday	8	8
Sunday Offering (Needed) & YTD	\$(, \$1,3K)	YTD \$,. (\$5.3K)

Calendar of Events		
Today, February 3 rd	8:30 am	Bible Study Salvation Words: Holiness
Epiphany-4 Sunday	9:30 am	Divine Worship (WITH Communion)
☪ Trust in the LORD	10:45 ff...	"FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ... Stay!
Next Sunday 2/10	8:30 am	Bible Study Salvation Words: Redemption
Epiphany-5 Sunday	9:30 am	Divine Worship (NO Communion)
☪ Trust in the LORD	10:45 ff...	"FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ... Stay!

Elders: Tom Temple 213-4622; John Weber 853-5458; Don Wienke 815-8892

* Please stay after Worship for fellowship & help eat more Fish (last last Friday)
 * Pastor will be in Port St Lucie this Wednesday - Friday (substitute teaching).

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EPIPHANY-4C Luke 4:31-44 "CHEAP TALK; POWERFUL WORDS" 02.03.19 OSL

(MADONNA)...APOLOGIES?! *"(Papa) Don't preach to me,"* the teenage daughter says to her mother. *"Pardon me for preaching,"* we say when we've **gotten on our soapbox** and overused our word quotient. Some people say (US) Presidents, in their State of the Union speeches, are too "preachy." You see, preaching has a bad rap these days, doesn't it? Even the Dictionary can't help. To preach – **to give advice or urge a course of action, especially in a meddlesome or tedious manner.** Terrific. This is my chosen vocation. I'm a preacher. You don't hear a carpenter saying, *"Please excuse me for building."* Or a mechanic say, *"I'm sorry for tuning this engine,"* or an accountant say, *"Pardon me for balancing these books."* Imagine a lawyer saying, *"Sorry for arguing your case."* But preaching? That's another story. I almost want to say, *"Pardon me for preaching this morning, but I am standing in a pulpit and this is the time for a sermon and I am, yes, a preacher ... (in fact) your preacher."*

IN/VOLUNTARY (VOCATION) The **Prophet Jeremiah was called to preach.** And he didn't have any choice in the matter. The Lord set him aside and consecrated him before he was even born. Ironically, **Jeremiah is the prophet with the biggest career crisis of any prophet.** This goes to show you that even if God hands you your vocation on a silver platter before you were even conceived or born, **it still won't be easy.** In fact it may even be **more** difficult, since God already knew you wouldn't have taken the assignment voluntarily. And Jeremiah's call was a tough one – preach to people who don't want to hear your message or have anything to do with U.

(NO) WRIGGLE-ROOM In fact, Jeremiah tries to wiggle out of it. *"I'm too young for this,"* he complains. *"No one will listen to me."* You see, we think it's all about the preacher, the image, the style, the delivery. But it's not, at least with the Lord's preachers. It's about the Word, the living and active Word that kills and makes alive, that never comes back empty, that creates and upholds and sustains. This is the Word that does what it says, that speaks light into the darkness.

NUTHIN' BUT THE WORD The Word is what Jeremiah brings as a preacher. The Lord touches the prophet's lips and says, *"Behold, I have put My Words in your mouth."* With those Words, the prophet will be over kingdoms and nations, he will pluck up and break down, destroy and over throw, build and plant. All with nothing but the Word.

WHAT (HE'S HERE) FOR **Jesus came to preach.** He preached in the synagogue at Nazareth, His hometown, and the people almost threw Him over a cliff on account of his preaching. He went to Capernaum, and again He preached the Word in the synagogue. But unlike the synagogue at Nazareth, the congregation at Capernaum was astonished with the authority of Jesus' words. You see, Jesus isn't simply another preacher delivering a sermon, Jesus is the sermon, God's Word in human flesh. He is God's sermon to the world. He was sent to preach the good news. Not the bad

news of religion and politics, but the good news of the reign of God, the end of demonic terror, the end of disease and death, the end of the condemnation of the Law that weighs heavy on humanity.

YOU'RE "UNTOUCHABLE" It's the **Good News** that you are pardoned, that your death sentence has been lifted forever. It is Good News that gives sight to the blind, that opens the ears of the deaf, that causes the mute to shout out with praise and thanksgiving. It's Good News that finds its fulfillment in your hearing, when you hear that God is at peace with you for Jesus' sake, that your sins are forgiven by His Blood, that you are free. Free from the Commandments that condemn you, and make no mistake about it, the Commandments do condemn you ... including the ones **you think you are keeping.** You are free from the death that dogs you, that even though you die yet you live in Christ **by His power over death.** You are free from the darkness and the demons that terrorize this world and may even terrorize you. They must be silent in the presence of Jesus. You are free from the diseases that plague you, all the effects of Adam's sin, humanity's sin, your sin. Yes, you get sick; sometimes you get better, sometimes you don't. **One day you'll die of something.** But Jesus has you covered. **Nothing can harm you because He has your life in His Hands.**

!?!JUST WORDS?! All of this is conveyed by the **humble, lowly preached Word.** Words that sound out of mouths through tongue and teeth. Words that travel across space by rattling air molecules together. Words that bang on eardrums. Never say, "It's only words." **Words are everything; Jesus is the Word,** and His Word packs divine authority and power.

NOT IN NAZARETH, BUT (HERE) IN CAPERNAUM That power was shown in the synagogue at Capernaum. At Nazareth, they clamored for a sign. *"Do for us here in Nazareth what you did in Capernaum,"* they said to Jesus. (We heard that last Sunday.) **There Jesus refused. Yet here in the Capernaum synagogue, Jesus does** what He refused to do in Nazareth. There was a man plagued by an unclean spirit, a spirit that wanted to create disorder, a religious spirit that confessed Jesus of Nazareth to be the Christ, the Holy One. The demons know their Lord and Master, and they tremble. Jesus would not let the demon preach in the synagogue. There would be no demonic sermon, even if it was the truth. With a Word from Jesus' Lips, the demon is silenced and cast away. Just a rebuke. **"Shut up! Come out of him."** And the demon obeys because Jesus is Lord.

WHO'S REALLY IN CHARGE The amazement grows. This is preaching with power. *"He commands the unclean spirits and they come out!"* Of course, they do. (Don't let Hollywood fool you.) The devil isn't in charge. The demons are no match for the Word of Jesus. They cower in fear from Him. We too would we cower in fear, if we didn't believe. **Lord, we do believe, help our unbelief!**

FEVER...BE GONE! Jesus goes and pays a house call on Simon **Peter's mother-in-law.** She couldn't be at church because she was

sick with a fever. He stands over her and rebukes the fever. **Stop there and think.** He rebukes the fever as though it were a demon. Disease and the demons are all cut out of the same cloth. They are all the fallen stuff, the result of life severed from God which Jesus came to restore. And just as the demons are forced to obey Jesus' word, so must disease. He rebukes her fever. He doesn't rebuke her, telling her she should have taken better care of her self, watch her diet, not go out on those cold mornings or she'll catch a death of a cold. **He rebukes the fever, and the fever leaves her.**

SABBATH-"FREE" She is freed by the Word of Jesus. Free to get up, to rise from her bed, and to serve them, even on a Sabbath, a legal day of rest. Jesus is the **Sabbath fulfilled, the Sabbath in the flesh.** Sabbath means **rest**, He is rest from the demons, from disease, from death itself. *"Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest"* He said.

...THEY WILL COME And they came, as the sun was setting on the Sabbath. They came out of all the houses in Capernaum, bringing their sick, their frail, their demonized. And Jesus laid His hands on every one of them and healed them. The demons tried to preach *"You are the Son of God!"* They wanted it known far and wide before Jesus died and rose. They wanted the mystery unwrapped prematurely, like a Christmas present torn open a week ahead of time. But like the fever, Jesus rebukes the preachy spirits and silences them. They are **not** given to preach the Kingdom. **He is.**

ALL-NIGHTER He stayed up **all night tending** to the sick and the demonized. He is Light come into the darkness. By early morning, Jesus snuck out of town and went off into the wilderness. The people followed Him. *"Please stay,"* they said. *"Please don't leave us."* But He had a mission. He had to preach. *"I must preach the Good News of the Kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose."* He was sent to preach. The healing, the demon casting, the displays of Divine Authority were all there to validate the preaching. It's **all about the preaching and hearing of the Word.** That's how the Kingdom comes to us. **Thy Kingdom come,** we pray (2nd Petition). And **how does** God answer our prayers? *"When the Word of God is preached in its truth and purity, we as (baptized) believing children of God believe it and live holy lives according to it."*

THEN & NOW Jesus preached in the synagogues of Judea. He preaches in this synagogue here today. His Word of **Forgiveness.** His renewing Word of **Baptism.** His feeding Word of **His Supper.** He preaches to **your reluctant ears,** dulled by the noise of this world, deaf by birth to the sound of His voice, distracted by the religious demons who want a show instead of death and resurrection. He preaches **to you** (and) **for you.** Good News. The Kingdom of God has come to you. His death and Life **are yours.**

YES. PREACH! *Don't preach to me!(?)... Faith would never say that.* Rather, faith says, *"Preach to us, Lord! Please preach to us! And don't stop preaching to us until we rise to see the Kingdom. Until then, preach to us Good News."* **IJ'N, Amen. SDG**

Possible Prayer of Church +*+* 4th Sunday in Epiphany February 3rd 2019
Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. (Possible Brief silence)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the President of our Synod; for our circuit visitor; for all pastors in Christ; for all missionaries and church workers; and for all the people of God, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the faithful preaching of the cross, for the Spirit to prepare the hearts of those who hear, and for the proclamation of Christ to bear the fruit of faith, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For works of love to accompany the witness in words, for those who show forth the mercy and compassion of God to those in need, and for the witness of hope in a world of fear and anxiety, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, ...**

For our (US) President; for our Florida Governor; for all elected and appointed public servants; and for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the health and support of the sick and for the care of those near death, especially **[OSL Prayer List]** and those we name in our hearts, that they may be sustained in their afflictions, healed according to the Lord's gracious will and brought to perfect healing in the life to come, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord...**

For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord**

For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, for our stewardship of the earth and all the resources God has provided, and for the honest labors in which the Lord is glorified and our families and neighbors are served, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our deliverance from all human and natural disasters, for an end to war and pestilence, and for relief workers in their service to those so afflicted, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord, and for us to follow them in their faithfulness, especially under persecution and threat, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Saints, remembering God's mercy and His present help in time of need, let us commend ourselves, one another, our supplications and prayer, and, indeed, our whole life to Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**