



LORD OF LIFE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

*CELEBRATING & TRUSTING
THE BRIGHT NEW LIGHT
IN THE GRACE OF JESUS CHRIST!*

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2021



LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH
“MAKING GOD FIRST THROUGH HOPE, GROWTH & TOGETHERNESS”

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.-16200 Dodd Lane, Lakeville, MN 55044-(952)-953-4484
Pastor Jamie Thompson Email: info@lordoflifemn.org Website: www.lordoflifemn.org



“CELEBRATING & TRUSTING THE BRIGHT NEW LIGHT IN THE GRACE OF JESUS CHRIST!”

The Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

January 31, 2021

Extended Prelude & Words of Greeting

Song of Light & Grace **“Spirit of Gentleness”**
(Sung by Worship Leaders)

Manley

ref: Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness,
Calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,
Wind, wind on the sea.

vs. 1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
Then you coaxed up the mountains, from the valleys of sleep;
And over the eons, you called to each thing:
“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.” (*refrain*)

vs. 3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
Then you whispered in silence, when the whole world was still;
And down in the city, you called once again,
When you blew through your people, on the rush of the wind. (*refrain*)

Trusting a New Epiphany In Grace & The Bright New Light – Psalm 111

Pastor: Friends, trust and live anew! Today, the Spirit of gentleness blows through the wilderness, calming and free, in new ways, with all The Bright New Light blesses us with, and teaches us, in God’s grace; so we worship, in the name of The Father, and of The Son, and of The Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: People of God: The Lord is full of honor and majesty; his righteousness endures forever. Let us take a moment of silence to confess our sins and those times we have failed to trust the Lord and to make God and our neighbors first. (*silence for reflection*) Dear friends: God’s grace is fulfilled in The Bright New Light of these words: Jesus saves; Jesus forgives you all your sins. We are on our way, renewed with a bright new teaching in God’s grace. We live anew, in a new Kingdom, in the One who is our everything, in the One we adore who reveals the epiphany of God’s glory and light and grace!

Prayer of the Day

All: Almighty and loving God, make known again the light of your glory and grace. Give us a new epiphany today, and increase in us your Holy Spirit, to see the bright new teaching before us, to believe all you reveal, to see all you fulfill, to call on your wisdom and authority, to go into the world, trusting in your Light and the very Kingdom of God. In The Bright New Light of Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Hearing The Word of God

The Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

(all read bold print)

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. **They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.** Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, 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." But Jesus rebuked him saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. 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."** At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee. (New Revised Standard Version)

Children's Sermon & "Jesus Loves Me"
(Sung by Worship Leaders)

Percival & Warner

Sermon

"The Bright New Teacher!"

Pastor Jamie Thompson

Song of Spirit & Grace Anew **"Revelation Song"**
(Sung by Worship Leaders)

Riddle

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain. Holy, holy is He.
Sing a new song to Him who sits on Heaven's mercy seat. (*repeat*)

ref: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
 Who was and is, and is to come.
 With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings.
 You are my everything, and I will adore You.

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder, at the mention of Your name.
Jesus, Your name is power, breath and living water,
Such a marv'lous mystery. (*refrain*)

Sharing Our Needs and Joys with God in Prayer

Pastor: ... as we pray to you, Jesus,

All: Give us a new epiphany, in your bright new light and grace.

Pastor: All these things and whatever else you see we need, grant to us we pray, for into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

We Receive the Gifts of Life from God in Holy Communion

The Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

**All: 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.**

Strengthened to Live Today, All Our Days, In The Grace of Christ

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, for you are blessed with The Bright New Light of God's saving grace in Jesus Christ! In the name of The Father, and of The Son, and of The Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us go in the peace of Christ, celebrating the love of God, trusting anew every epiphany in The Bright New Light, and serving The Lord of life.

All: Thanks be to God!

Going Anew In Light & Hope "Build Your Kingdom Here"

(Sung by Worship Leaders)

Gilkeson

vs. 1 Come set Your rule and reign in our hearts again.
Increase in us, we pray. Unveil why we're made.
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope,
Like wildfire in our very souls;
Holy Spirit, come, invade us now.
We are Your church; We need Your pow'r in us.

- vs. 2 We seek Your kingdom first. We hunger and we thirst;
 Refuse to waste our lives, for You're our joy and prize.
 To see the captives' hearts released;
 The hurt, the sick, the poor, at peace.
 We lay down our lives for heaven's cause.
 We are Your church; We pray, revive this earth.
- ref: Build Your kingdom here; Let the darkness fear.
 Show Your mighty hand; Heal our streets and land.
 Set Your church on fire; Win this nation back.
 Change the atmosphere; Build Your kingdom here, we pray!
- vs. 3 Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r, reaching the near and far.
 No force of hell can stop Your beauty, changing hearts.
 You made us for much more than this;
 Awake the kingdom seed in us.
 Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.
 We are Your church; We are the hope on earth. (*refrain*)

Songs During Holy Communion (*Sung by Worship Leaders*)

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

Kendrick

- ref: Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
 Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
 Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with love and mercy;
 Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!
- vs. 1 Lord, the light of your love is shining,
 In the midst of the darkness, shining;
 Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
 Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
 Shine on me, shine on me: (*refrain*)
- vs. 2 As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
 So our faces display your likeness,
 Ever changing from glory to glory,
 Mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.
 Shine on me, shine on me: (*refrain*)

“In Christ Alone”

Getty & Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless Babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.
‘Til on the cross, as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev’ry sin, on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow’r of Christ in me;
From life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand.
‘Til He returns or calls me home, Here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand!

Here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand!

*Join us next Sunday, February 7, 9:30 a.m., as we share and celebrate
The Fifth Sunday After Epiphany, "The Bright New Finding!"
Worship to include a Children's Message and a Sermon from Pastor Jamie!
Worship to be 30 minutes, and to conclude with Holy Communion!
Join us in-person or via our live stream efforts!*

*As we share worship in this new way, we are seeking volunteers to assist
with greeting, ushering, serving communion,
live streaming, AV ministry, set up, clean up, worship leaders, and more!
You can access details and ways to sign up on our website and Facebook page! Thank you!*

*Friends, today as always, all who proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, are welcome to
God's table of grace as we share Holy Communion. Communion will be offered to you
following the closing song as you exit the sanctuary, as we share pre-packaged single servings
of communion, including a wafer and grape juice. Carefully pull back the first tab
to expose the host, the body of Christ, given for you; then pull back the second tab
to expose the blood of Christ, shed for you!
Please ask for assistance or clarification as you are served!*

*For those sharing their generosity today, we thank you for your faithful giving!
Offering is collected in baskets by the ushers as you exit the sanctuary.*

*For those who are not able to join us for worship, you are invited to receive drive-through
communion, available Sundays, 10:15-10:30 a.m. at the front curb near the church entrance.*

*We hope having the service provided for you in this way, will touch you, comfort you,
reassure you, and grace you in some way! If you believe others you know would be blessed to
receive this bulletin, the sermon notes, or our live stream links, please forward these to them.*

*In this time when we are committed to safety and social distancing, please trust we are equally
committed to keeping us socially and spiritually connected!*

On behalf of the Kingdom of God, thank you for the ways you make God and neighbor first!

*From everyone on every level of leadership and service,
we continue to pray for you and to give thanks to God for each of you!*

Please contact Pastor Jamie if he can serve you in any way: jamie.thompson@lordoflifemn.org

*We pray The Holy Spirit breathes anew on us to be God's people and to be God's Church,
as together we make known and we trust anew
God's gifts of hope, peace, justice, clarity, calm, and comfort forever break forth in new ways
for you and your loved ones, today, and as we share every gift of God's light, love and grace!*

“THE BRIGHT NEW TEACHER!” - JANUARY 31, 2021
THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
DEUTERONOMY 18:15-20; 1 CORINTHIANS 8:1-13; MARK 1:21-28
Promises for your pocket or purse - Take notes and carry them with you.

All kinds of things around us can break us down, tear us down, and wear us down. From the day to day, to the life changing; circumstances and situations can beat us down. How do we get back up? How do you keep going? What raises your spirit, your hope, your energy, your purpose? God raises up Jesus Christ in our midst to raise us up. Even God's people cannot do enough on their own, that is why we needed Christmas, Emmanuel, God with us. God raises us up in Jesus to find heart and spirit, when we thought none was possible. Jesus is God's Bright New Light, our Bright New Teacher, a new authority giving renewed power and hope and grace, to raise us up, to go raise up others, and to raise up the name of Jesus. The best teachers open their students to new epiphanies. The Bright New Teacher is forever opening our heart and soul to the best epiphanies of all, raising us up, to raise up others, to make God first!

1. The bright New Light comes to us, to be our Bright New Teacher, to raise up for us a new teaching, a new authority, to give us power, hope and grace, even when we get tired, feel broken, feel lost, to raise us up.
 - A. What are the demons, spirits, obstacles, circumstances in your life that tire you, tear you down and distance you from God?
 - B. Where does The Bright New Teacher open you to a new epiphany, giving you hope, strength, courage, staying power? Where have you discovered this new teaching, new authority, new outlook? Are you able to trust God is raising you up?
Deuteronomy 8:15,18; 1 Corinthians 8:1; Mark 1:22,27

2. God raises up The Bright New Light, our Bright New Teacher, to raise us up through a new teaching, a new authority, new way of doing things, a new revelation, a new truth, a new power, a new hope, God's grace!
 - A. Jesus raises us up, to be who God wants us to be. Jesus gives us heart and spirit when we are not sure where to get it. Mark 1:21-22
 - B. Jesus raises us up to raise up others - to do what God wants us to do.
Deuteronomy 18:15, 18; 1 Corinthians 8:1, 9-13
 - i. The new prophet, our new teacher and authority, was raised up to raise us up to prophesy, too.
 - ii. The new servant, our new teacher and authority, was raised up to raise us up to serve others, too.

- C. Jesus raises us up to raise up Christ - to teach and live what we know and believe. Deuteronomy 18:19; 1 Corinthians 8:3-6
- i. It can be easy to question authority, to be drawn to other authorities, idols. Daily we make choices that pull us closer to or distant us from The Bright New Teacher, the wisdom we know, what we believe.
 - ii. The Bright New Light blesses us to faithfully and confidently announce, lean on, trust, teach, serve and raise up the new authority and new wisdom of Christ.
 - iii. We are to proclaim and raise up and honor God first.
3. God gives us The Bright New Light in our Bright New Teacher, The Bright New Authority, a new prophet, a new promise that raises us up in grace! Even the evil spirits knew God was doing something new in Jesus Christ. If the evil spirits and demons knew who Jesus was, what his power could offer, let us much more trust and share the hope and power and grace of The Bright New Light! Mark 1:27-28