

**Salem Ev Lutheran Church
Epiphany 4**

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Hymn 738

In Hopelessness and Near Despair

**In hopelessness and near despair, I cry to you, my Savior!
My guilt is more than I can bear. I have not earned your favor.
You know me as I really am: How much is truth, how much is sham;
Why should you heed my pleading?**

**I see my heart's condition now, My heart's diverse affections.
Why do I love the things you loathe; I'm torn in two directions:
Now prodigal, now Pharisee. O God, be merciful to me;
Who else but you can help me?**

**I tremble as I feel your hand, Expecting retribution,
Yet hear no curse or reprimand, But grace and absolution:
With you there is forgiveness, Lord, You speak the sweet, consoling Word,
And I am sure you love me!**

**Forgiven, free of guilt and shame, Grant me some time to render
A gift to glorify your name, Love to reflect your splendor:
This world must know what I have learned, That you bestow what none has earned:
The joy of full forgiveness!**

The Invocation

- P:** In the name of God the Father:
C: **Who so loved the world that he gave us his Son.**
P: In the name of God the Son:
C: **Who yielded his life an atonement for sin.**
P: In the name of God the Holy Spirit.
C: **Great things he has taught us, great things he has done. Amen.**

**♪ To God be the glory; great things he has done!
He so loved the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give him the glory – great things he has done! (399:1)**

The Confession of Sins

- P:** Let us together confess our sins.
All: **Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and repentant sinner, confess that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, my words, and my actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I am distressed by the sins that trouble me and am deeply sorry for them.**

P: Jesus says to his people: “If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven.” His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

C: **Yes, I believe.**

P: Because of the promise of our Savior Jesus, I forgive you all your sins. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: *♪ Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our joy and our wonder when Jesus we see.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give him the glory – great things he has done! (399:3)*

Prayer of the Day:

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

The Old Testament Lesson

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brother Israelites. Listen to him. That is exactly what you asked from the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly. You said, “Do not let me hear the voice of the Lord my God anymore, and do not let me see this great fire again, or I will die.” Then the Lord said to me, “They have done well by saying what they said. I will raise up a prophet for them from among their brothers, like you, and I will put my words in his mouth, and he will speak to them everything that I command him. Anyone who will not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name, I myself will call him to account. Any prophet who presumes to speak something in my name that I have not commanded him to speak or who speaks something in the name of other gods—that prophet shall die.”

HYMN 82, v 1

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

**Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to you we raise,
Manifested by the star To the Magi from afar,
Branch of royal David's stem, In your birth at Bethlehem.
Anthems be to you addressed, God in man made manifest.**

The New Testament Lesson

Hebrews 3:1-6

Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, focus your attention on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess. He was faithful to the one who appointed him, as also Moses was faithful in God’s whole house. In fact, Jesus is worthy of greater glory than Moses, in the same way that the builder of a house has more honor than the house. For every house is built by someone, and God is the one who built everything. Moses was faithful as a servant within God’s whole house by testifying to the things that would be spoken. But Christ is faithful as a Son over God’s house. We are his house, if we hold on firmly to our confidence and the hope about which we boast until the end.

**♪ Grant us grace to see you, Lord, Mirrored in your holy Word.
May our lives and all we do Imitate and honor you
That we all like you may be At your great epiphany
And may praise you, ever blest, God in man made manifest. (82:5)**

The Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:21-28

Then they went into Capernaum. On the next Sabbath day, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. They were amazed at his teaching, because he was teaching them as one who has authority and not as the experts in the law. Just then there was a man with an unclean spirit in their synagogue. It cried out, "What do we have to do with you, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked the spirit, saying, "Be quiet! Come out of him!" The unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions, and after crying out with a loud voice, it came out of him. Everyone was so amazed that they began to discuss this with each other. They said, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He even commands the unclean spirits, and they obey him!" News about him spread quickly through all the region of Galilee.

Hymn 751, vv 1,2,5

Word of God, When All Was Silent

**Word of God, when all was silent, Source of all that was to be;
With the Father and the Spirit, One throughout eternity:
When you spoke the whole creation Came to birth by your decree.**

**Word made flesh, you came among us Sharing all our joy and pain,
Helping, healing, living, loving, Lamb of God, for sinners slain:
By your body, broken, bleeding, Make creation whole again.**

**Praise the Word for life unending! Praise the Word for truth that heals!
Praise the Word that shines where darkness God's undying love conceals!
Praise the Word whose grace incarnate Still the heart of God reveals!**

Sermon

MOSES vs JESUS

Hebrews 3:1-6

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Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

**Praise the one who breaks the darkness
With a liberating light;
Praise the one who frees the pris'ners,
Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the one who preached the gospel,
Healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms and feeding thousands
With the Father's word of peace.**

**Praise the one who blessed the children
With a strong, yet gentle, word;
Praise the one who drove out demons
With the piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the one who brings cool water
To the desert's burning sand;
From this well comes living water,
Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.**

**Let us praise the Word incarnate,
Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose victorious
That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
Seeing what our God has done;
Let us praise the true Redeemer,
Praise the one who makes us one.**

Prayers

P: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death.

C: **You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.**

P: Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:

C: **You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.**

P: Prince of peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:

C: **Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.**

P: Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn:

C: **Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

P: Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

C: **Amen.**

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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Celebration of Holy Communion

*♪ Your only Son no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side
To walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God.
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.
Oh, wash me in his precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.*

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

*♪ Your gift of love they crucified; they laughed and scorned him as he died;
The humble King they named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God.
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.
Oh, wash me in his precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.*

P: Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

*♪ I was so lost I should have died, but you have brought me to your side
To be led by your staff and rod and to be called a lamb of God.
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.
Oh, wash me in his precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. (CWS 748)*

Distribution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Blessing

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

Announcements

Hymn 84, vv 1,4,5

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

**Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
The pris'ner leaps, unloosed his chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all who suffer want are blest.**

**Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
Worship and honor to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen.**

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This Week at Salem

Sunday	8 & 10:30am	Communion Services
	9:30am	Bible Class
	1:30pm	Public School Confirmation Class
	3:00pm	Pregnancy Care Center Annual Meeting
		Emanuel Lutheran Church 6380 Beecher Rd, Flint
Tuesday	10:30am	Bible Class
Wednesday	6:00pm	Handbells
Thursday	7:00pm	MASK REQUIRED Communion Service
Next Sunday	8 & 10:30am	Communion Services
	9:30am	Bible Class
	1:30pm	Public School Confirmation Class

	Jan 17	To date
Offerings received	\$ 17,033.87	\$31,296.04
FEF/Tuition/ Reg	\$ 0	\$ 2,233.32
Other/ Interest	\$ 0	\$ 340.00
Total:	\$17,033.87	\$33,869.36



Budgetary needs	\$12,497.54	\$37,492.62
Difference	\$4,536.38	-\$3,623.26

Owed to internal line of credit:\$0