

January 28, 2018	WORSHIP CELEBRATION Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany	10:15 a.m.
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† Identifies time to stand, as you are able.

PRELUDE *Largo alla siciliana from Music for the Royal Fireworks* G. F. Handel
Jennifer Yang

† INTROIT *Holy, Holy, Holy!* Sarah A Michal
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. No. 64
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

† CALL TO WORSHIP *Jack Scharf, CLM*
Leader: Holy is your name, Father in heaven!
People: We come to worship today longing for your kingdom.
Leader: What is your will this day for our lives and for our world?
People: In this hour of worship, enlighten us with your Word, inspire us with stirring songs, enfold us with your community, embrace us with a vision so strong.
Leader: That we will go from here with good news for all people.
People: Amen.

† OPENING HYMN *All Creatures of Our God and King* No. 62

† OPENING PRAYER (in unison) *Kevin Vance*
God of all time, we praise and adore you for breaking into the darkness of this world with the glorious light of your presence. A light which made your love for the world visible in the babe born in Bethlehem—Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. A light which guided those gift-bearing travelers from afar to find and worship the Christ-child. A light which leads us to you, now revealed in Jesus Christ. We pray that you will accept our worship for it arises from hearts and minds in awe over the enormity of your gift of pure love to us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.
(Please be seated.)

CALL TO CONFESSION *Kris Hansen*
Creator of the universe, we stand amazed at your power and glory. We are eager to worship you and offer our praise, but we are often reluctant to answer when we hear you calling our name. We sing our songs of tribute in the sanctuary, but shy away from the river, lest we be baptized with the fire of the Holy Spirit. Forgive us when we forget your promise to be with us always, O God. Renew us with the power of your ever-present love, and strengthen us to proclaim your justice throughout the world. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION
WORDS OF ASSURANCE *Kris Hansen*
Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for our sins and rose again that God may free us from the tyranny of judging others to live fully in the power of God's grace.
In the name of Jesus Christ, God forgives your sins and offers you a transformed future.
Live fully in God's grace. Amen.
People: In his grace, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Worthy is the Lamb that was Slain* G. F. Handel
Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S STORYTIME *Kris Hansen*
(Children up to the age of 7 may gather in the Narthex as they go to Room 22 for Children's Time.)

A TIME OF COMMUNITY IN PRAYER *Jack Scharf*
PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER *Jack Scharf*
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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

† HYMN *Trust and Obey* No. 467

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison) *Kevin Vance*
Guide us, O God, by your Word, and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 1:21-28 *Kevin Vance*
They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. **The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law.** Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, "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!**"
"Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!" The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.
The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching—and with authority!" He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him." News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON **The Authoritative Word** *Jack Scharf*

† PASSING THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Jack Scharf*
Jack Scharf
• Reconciling Ministry Exploratory
• Rummage Sale—March 3, 2018

INVITATION TO TITHES AND OFFERINGS *Kris Hansen*
OFFERTORY *Allegro from Music for the Royal Fireworks* G. F. Handel
† DOXOLOGY No. 95

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison) *Kris Hansen*
Loving God, you are never far from us. You are as close as our breathing. We recognize you as the authoritative one who heals the wounded spirit and gives new life to the broken-hearted. We offer these gifts to You, O God, as a sign of our commitment to your grace and authority. Take us and use us and all that we have, so that the Kingdom of Heaven will be realized on earth; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

† CLOSING HYMN

Soon and Very Soon

No. 706

† BENECTION

Jack Scharf

Go forth in God's care, taking love wherever you go.

Go forth in God's name, taking Christ wherever you go.

*Go forth in God's grace, remembering that Christ is the Authoritative Word
for our lives and for our world.*

† POSTLUDE

Menuet from Music for the Royal Fireworks

G. F. Handel

Please feel free to sit and enjoy the postlude, or leave the sanctuary to greet the pastor and other church friends at the door. All are welcome to join for a time of fellowship over refreshments in Fellowship Hall.



THE FLOWERS THAT GRACE THE CHANCEL are given by David and Teresa Mitchell to the glory of God, and in celebration of their 31st Wedding Anniversary today. Happy Anniversary!

THE FLOWER CALENDAR FOR 2018 IS IN PLACE IN THE NARTHEX. Please consider honoring a loved one on any Sunday. The cost for the two arrangements is \$70.00, and any given Sunday may be shared with the agreement of both donors.

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***The mission of our church is to engage all people in knowing,
loving, and serving God to transform lives, communities, and the world.***