



Sunday February 2, 2025

FIRST READING. *Jeremiah 1:4-10*

4 Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, 5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." 6 Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." 7 But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy,' for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. 8 Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." 9 Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. 10 See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

SECOND READING. 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

1 If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing. 4 Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant 5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; 6 it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. 7 It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8 Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. 9 For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, 10 but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. 11 When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. 12 For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. 13 And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

GOSPEL. *Luke 4:21-30*

21 Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." 22 All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is this not Joseph's son?" 23 He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" 24 And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in his hometown. 25 But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months and there was a severe famine over all the land, 26 yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. 27 There were also many with a skin disease in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." 28 When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. 29 They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. 30 But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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Welcome!

We hope our worship will be a blessing to you. Our Lord's Supper is being celebrated today. Everyone is welcome to receive this Holy Sacrament.

Today's Order of Worship and hymns are both located in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

If you missed last week's sermon, it is available on our website.

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Read responsively.

Psalm 71:1-6

1 In you, O Lord, have I | taken refuge;
let me never be | put to shame.

2 **In your righteousness, deliver me and | set me free;**
incline your ear to | me and save me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to | keep me safe;
you are my crag | and my stronghold.

4 **Deliver me, my God, from the hand | of the wicked,**
from the clutches of the evildoer and | the oppressor.

5 For you are my hope, | O Lord God,
my confidence since | I was young.

6 **I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother’s womb you have | been my**
strength; my praise shall be al- | ways of you.

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Offering Prayer

God of heaven and earth,
from the beginning, you have called forth life,
in which you take delight.
The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy.
Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty,
that we may join the chorus of creation
to tell of your salvation from day to day.

Amen.
Upcoming Dates & Things to Remember

Our Annual General Meeting will be today, Sunday, Feb. 2nd, 2025, after the Church Service. A light lunch will be provided, and the newly elected Church Council will meet briefly after the AGM.

GATHERING

Gathering Hymn..... **ELW # 866** We Are Marching in the Light
Prayer of the Day

WORD

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“Alleluia, Lord to Whom shall we go?”

Gospel..... Luke 4:21-30

Sermon

Hymn of the Day..... **ELW # 417** In His Temple Now Behold Him

Prayers of Intercession

“Hear our prayer.”

Sharing the Peace

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Great Thanksgiving.....ELW Page 152

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Communion Hymns **ELW # 633 & 677**

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Hymn..... **ELW # 815** I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Dismissal: Go in peace. Live in hope.

“Thanks be to God”