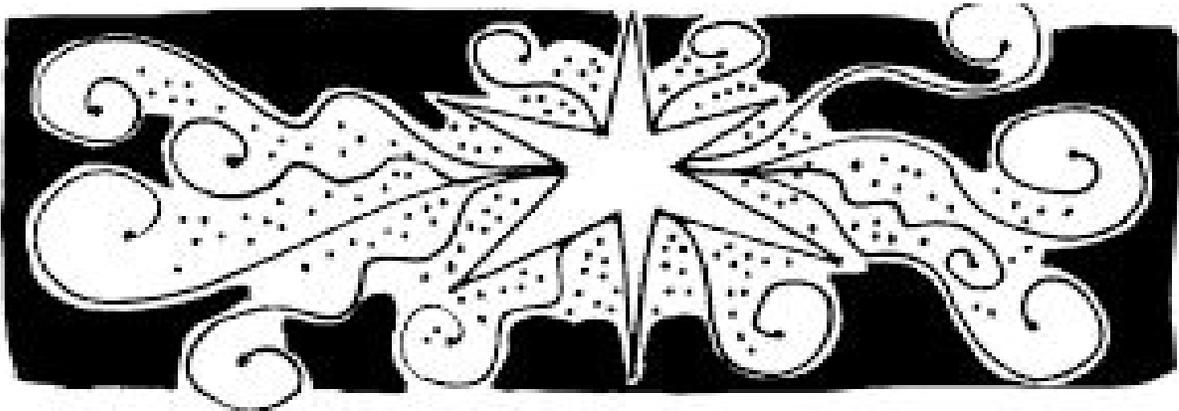




*Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church*

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Epiphany



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4th Sunday After the Epiphany

January 31, 2021

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 am on YouTube

Karyn Dalton - Lay Worship Leader

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Keith Opel - President

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## **WELCOME**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

**C: And also with you**

## **KYRIE (read responsively)**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

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 mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**FIRST READING:** Deuteronomy 18:15-20

A reading from Deuteronomy

15The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. 16This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." 17Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. 18I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command.

19Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. 20But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak — that prophet shall die."

R: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**PSALM: Psalm 111 (read responsively)**

1Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**2Great are the works of the LORD,  
studied by all who delight in them.**

3Full of honor and majesty is his work,  
and his righteousness endures forever.

**4He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;  
the LORD is gracious and merciful.**

5He provides food for those who fear him;  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

**6He has shown his people the power of his works,  
in giving them the heritage of the nations.**

7The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
all his precepts are trustworthy.

**8They are established forever and ever,**

**to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

9He sent redemption to his people;

he has commanded his covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is his name.

**10The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
all those who practice it have a good understanding.**

**His praise endures forever.**

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13**

**A reading from 1 Corinthians**

1Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. 2Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; 3but anyone who loves God is known by him.

4Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." 5Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth — as in fact there are many gods and many lords — 6yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. 7It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. 8Food will not bring us close to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. 9But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. 10For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? 11So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. 12But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ.

13Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

**P: The word of the Lord**

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL:** Mark 1:21-28

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to Mark

**C: Glory to you O Lord**

21They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. 22They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. 23Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, 24and 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." 25But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" 26And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. 27They 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." 28At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

**P:** The gospel of the Lord

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

**SERMON**

Karyn Dalton

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**He descended to the dead**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**And He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**R: Have mercy, O God.**

**R: Amen.**

All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your care through Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

### **BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor (+) and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

### **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Karyn Dalton  
Ann Bolick  
Ross Gosse  
Mike Faggart

Supply Lay Worship Leader  
Worship Assistant  
Streaming  
Sound

## Announcements

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Patti Stuver in honor of Todd Stuver's birthday (1/31) and by Ross Gosse in memory of James Pittman, Susan's father.

**PLEASE** Visit Sign-Up Genius to sign up for **Altar Flowers**...[https://www.signup\\_genius.com/register](https://www.signup_genius.com/register) or call the office to check for dates.

Altar Flowers	
01/31	P. Stuver R. Gosse
2/7	Open
2/14	Linkers Rietfort
2/21	Lent – no flowers
2/28	Lent – no flowers

**WELCA meeting** - February 4th at 10:00 am and 6:30 pm. Please come join in.

**BIBLE STUDY:** The Monday Night Bible Study will continue to meet in January. This group meets on Zoom each Monday evening at 6:00 pm. If you would like to join them (it's a very informal platform) call the church to get the Zoom meeting ID and password.



**Homebound:** Louise Isenhour, John & Brenda Thompson

**In Special Facilities:** Jeanine Woody (First Assembly Assisted Living), Peggy Morgan (5 Oaks Manor)

**Continued Prayers for:** Dick Tolbert, JoAnn Foster, Dan Gleason, Jo-Ann Popham, Nancy Wilcox, Mitch Simpson, Kelly Tanner, Brent Giles, Pastor Michael, Neal Fudge, Jeff Lorenz, Lisa McKinnon and her family, Brenda Cauble

**READINGS FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY**

- January 31** Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28
- Feb 7** Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39
- Feb 14** 2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9
- Feb 21** Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15
- Feb 28** Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

Stewardship Corner	January 24, 2021
Operating Ministry Receipts	\$2,255.00
Weekly Ministry Receipts Needed	\$3,853.37
Total Weekly Over (Under)	(\$1,598.37)
Total for the Month (Under)	(\$4,487.85)