

Tuesday Tidings of Grace



This Tuesday is **January 23, 2024**

This past Sunday was:

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

[Sunday Worship on YouTube](#)

[Sunday Sermon on Website](#)

This past Sunday was a brief but welcome interruption in the church year. On the 3rd Sunday in January every year we mark Life Sunday. Pastor preached on Ephesians 2 and highlighted Paul's words calling us the Lord's "workmanship" and how God has given each of us an amazing purpose of fulfilling the good works (loving our neighbor) He has prepared for us.

Next Sunday, January 28 is:

4th Sunday after the Epiphany

Jesus ministry has begun in full force. We go from hearing Him call His first disciples to almost immediately driving a demon from a man in the Capernaum synagogue. The amazing highlight of this week's text is not the exorcism, it is the way in which the people recognized Jesus' spoke with *authority*.

The readings are:

[Deuteronomy 18:15-20](#)

[1 Corinthians 8:1-13](#)

[Mark 1:21-28](#)

The Hymn of the Day is:

"Son of God, Eternal Savior" (LSB #842)

Grace Events This Week

Keep all those travelling and driving about in your prayers this week with the ongoing threats of winter weather threatening us.

Wed 1/24 - (7pm) (Last) **Adult Information Class**

Thu 1/25 - (9:30am) **Lutheranism 101 Study**

Sun 1/28 - (9:15am) **Every One His Witness Bible Study**

Daily Bible Readings

<https://bit.ly/gracedailybible>

4th Sunday after the Epiphany

January 28, 2024

Psalm: Psalm 111

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

As Moses continues his farewell to the children of Israel he reassures them that the Lord will raise up a new prophet who will speak the word of God to them. While this is fulfilled in part by the many prophets who would come throughout the Old Testament era speaking the word, its true fulfillment comes in Jesus, the long-awaited prophet and Messiah. This reading ties nicely to today's Gospel text where Jesus speaks the word with authority to the people of Capernaum, a direct fulfillment of Moses' words.

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Paul's words of 1 Corinthians 8 are an amazing dialogue on living with Christian love. In verse 1 he notes that knowledge alone is not helpful if it benefits us alone. Love on the other hand is to be desired as it "builds up". Paul exemplifies the need for love over knowledge by explaining how Christians can love their neighbors in the realm of foods and foods offered to idols. While knowledge and sound logic might tell the Christian that since there are no other gods it is perfectly harmless to eat foods offered to idols. Paul points out that out of a need to love our neighbor we should avoid any action in their presence that might lead them to sin and doubt.

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:21-28

The wonder of this week's reading is **authority**. In a passage where Jesus miraculously expels a demon it is a real feat that the true miracle was not that but the way the hearers in the synagogue recognized the authority with which Jesus taught. It goes well for us when we spend time in the Word of God to pray the Holy Spirit help us recognize this authority. That all our lives might be directed and governed by the authority of Jesus for our own and our neighbor's benefit. For Jesus alone desires and can bring about the greatest good for us even when our own knowledge or reason think otherwise.