



HE HAS CAUSED
HIS WONDROUS
WORKS TO BE
REMEMBERED;
THE LORD IS
GRACIOUS AND
MERCIFUL.
PSALM 111:4

January 31, 2021
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
9:30 AM Worship

First Lutheran Church
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PRELUDE AND BELLS

AS WE GATHER

(There have always been many names and descriptions associated with Jesus Christ, and rightly so. As foretold in Isaiah, He would be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Disciples would call Him Rabbi, Teacher, and Lord. In our creedal confession, we acknowledge He is both true man and true God. All of these are right and proper, yet amid the many names and descriptions found in Scripture and the Confessions, we focus today on the fact that Jesus is both Prophet and Savior. The prophet Moses pointed to the greater Prophet, Jesus, the fulfillment of prophecies as the saving Word made flesh, who came as our Savior.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 32:1-2, 5-7, 10*

P: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

C: Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

P: As Moses speaks to the people through God, we confess those times we do not listen to Your words and close our hearts to You.

C: Forgive us, Lord.

P: As Paul warns, we confess those times when our freedom in Christ causes one who is weak in faith to stumble.

C: Forgive us, Lord.

P: As Jesus, the long-awaited Prophet and Savior, taught with and showed His authority and power, we confess those times when we allow the forces of evil to make us forget the deliverance and love of God we have in Christ.

C: Forgive us, Lord.

P: With David the psalmist, we humbly come before the Lord.

Silence for reflection

P: I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity;

C: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

C: You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with shouts of deliverance.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. To those who believe in His name He gives the power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

P: Many are the sorrows of the wicked,

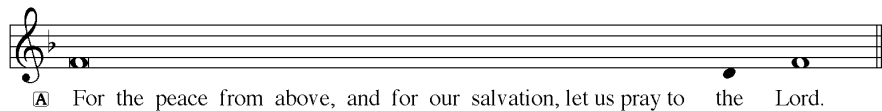
C: but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

SPECIAL MUSIC Orlin Larson
"Far Side Banks of Jordan"

KYRIE



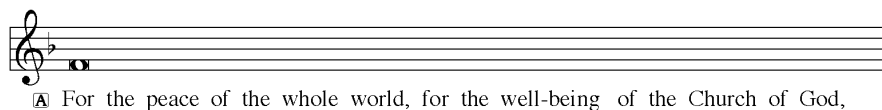
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



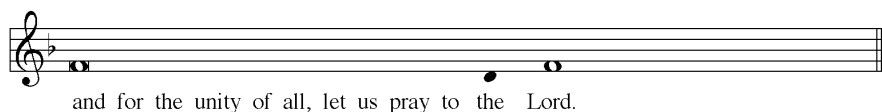
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



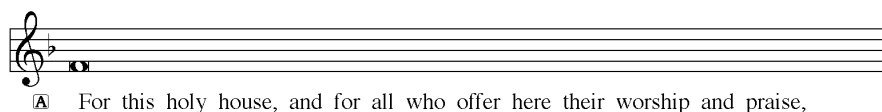
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



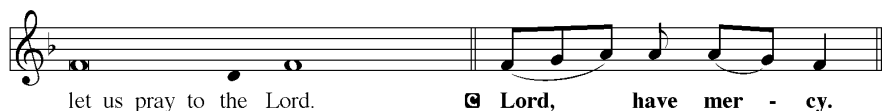
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



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

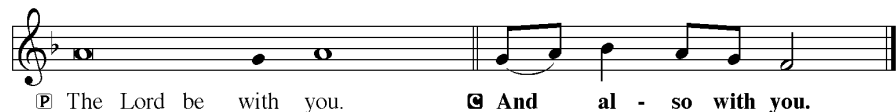


let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



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

SALUTATION



P The Lord be with you. **G** And al - so with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: Merciful One, grant to your church the heart to hear your compassionate healing grace as we gather around your word. Then, as you will, grant us courage and compassion to bear that life-giving word of grace to a world in need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 18:15-20
(Consider all of the prophets that the Lord raised up after Moses. People hoped that each one would be another Moses. But did the people listen? Therefore, God would raise up a new prophet whom the people were to listen to over all the prophets and even Moses (Matt 17:5). Luther said that Jesus was this new teacher; and the early Church also believed Christ was predicted by Moses (Acts 3:22). Are we listening?)

15“The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers — it is to him you shall listen — 16just as you desired of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ 17And the Lord said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. 18I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. 19And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. 20But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’”

PSALM.....Psalm 111
(The great work of the Lord is raising up people who believe and remember all his works. He creates believers by drawing them to himself (John 12:32). We remember in many ways but how could we possibly remember any better than by doing in remembrance at the Lord's table? To “do this in remembrance of me” is to recall the greatest work of mercy and grace—the

final and complete work of redemption in Christ.)

¹ Praise the Lord.

I will extol the Lord with all my heart
in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

² **Great are the works of the Lord;
they are pondered by all who delight in them.**

³ Glorious and majestic are his deeds,
and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴ **He has caused his wonders to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and compassionate.**

⁵ He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.

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

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

⁸ **They are established for ever and ever,
enacted in faithfulness and uprightness.**

⁹ He provided redemption for his people;
he ordained his covenant forever—
holy and awesome is his name.

¹⁰ **The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all who follow his precepts have good understanding.
To him belongs eternal praise.**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

(All too often, particularly in matters religious, people feel the need to be right. They insist on the last word. What is better: to know about such things or to be known by the creator of all things? No matter how much we think we understand, we see very dimly if our focus is on coming out on top in an argument about religious practices instead of on the Lord. Diet does not commend us to God, nor do certain other religious practices. Yet certain practices may mislead the weak in faith, so we must be concerned for their consciences.)

¹Concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. ²If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³But if anyone loves God, he is

known by God. ⁴Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth — as indeed 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. ⁷However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol’s temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? ¹¹And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹²Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

ALLELUIA

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL READINGMark 1:21-28

(The teaching of Jesus must have been immediately astonishing as it evidenced new and fresh understanding of the Word instead of simply rehashing rules. His teaching even drew a man possessed. The spirit 's concern was whether Jesus was there to destroy unclean spirits. This fear was based in knowing who Jesus was: “the Holy One of God.” Jesus rebuked the

spirit and commanded it to come out of the man. The spirit obeyed the voice of authority. May we do the same.)

²¹{Jesus, Simon, Andrew, James and John} went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath {Jesus} entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²²And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴“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 out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SPECIAL MUSIC Orlin Larson & Theresa Petersen
“Leaning On the Everlasting Arms”

SERMON Pastor Chuck Mann

SPECIAL MUSIC Jeff, Ava & Olivia Schmidt
“I Love to Tell the Story”

INSTALLATION OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

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 into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come

again 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

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD’S PRAYER

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

BENEDICTION *Psalm 32:10*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✕ give you peace

Numbers 6:24–26

In the name of the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

HYMN **On next page**
“Take My Life, that I May Be”

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Take My Life, that I May Be

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1 Take my life, that I may be Con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;

Take my mo - ments and my days; Let them flow in cease - less praise.
 Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
 Take my in - tel - lect, and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
 It shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own;
 It shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 At thy feet its treasure store;
 Take myself, and I will be
 Ever, only, all for thee.

*Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.
 Tune: William H. Havergal, 1793-1870*

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Today's Worship Leaders & Volunteers – Thank You!

PASTOR..... Pastor Chuck Mann
 ACOLYTES Kole Albers & Carter Knutson
 READERS First Reading – Brooke Knutson
 Psalm – Kesia Boeshans
 Second Reading – Lily Gardner
 ORGANIST Theresa Petersen
 USHERS/GREETERS Dean & Sonja Bergstedt
 ALTAR GUILD Brenda Suckow & Steph Mann
 SERVICE GROUP COORDINATORS Dean & Sonja Bergstedt

Our Mission

“Working hand in hand to know Christ and make Christ known through Worship, Christian Education, Evangelism, Fellowship, Caring Ministries, and Service.”

Welcome to all who have come to worship.

We are delighted you've joined us. May God's word today strengthen your faith, inspire curiosity and learning, and motivate your service of others.

Visitors

We welcome all visitors to First Lutheran today.

Nursery

The nursery, located beside the narthex, is available for use for any parent feeling the need to use it during worship services with their child.

Prayer Requests

George Sheldon, Jason Sauer – Son of Wes Sauer, Haley Beaudry – Brother to Mac Beaudry, Kathy Solomonson, Mary Ann Beeks, Josiah Johnson – Brother to Steph Mann, Greg Merrill – Uncle to Steph Mann, Wayne & Cindy Vorland – Parents of Aaron Vorland, Shauntaye & Oaklynn Kopecky – Kurle family member, Mary Schulz, Ross Lorentzen, Gwen DeMontigny, Kayla Boger – Family member of Steve & Peggy Wollmuth, Keith Hammerbeck – Family friend of the Kugler's, Robert Walter – Former Professor of Pastor Chuck, Deborah Davenport – Mother of Laura Gardner's friend, Virgie Emineth, Cindy Delmonico – Mother to Melissa Kugler, Glenn Weist, Anna Belle, Ruby from Pine Ridge, Claire Boucher – Friends of Aaron & Lexie Solomonson newborn, Jamie Baumann, James Tolbert, Brad Taylor – Friend of Pastor Chuck, Taylor Gardner, Harold Holtz, Elaine Renfrow – Mother to Lynette Sondrol, Sandi Femling – Cousin to Melanie Beckman, Laren Holznagel, Harlow Tatum – Daughter to Brea (Gutknecht) Tatum, Melisa Chrest, Ruth Lund – Mother to Doddie Kuntz, Derek Laning, Jacklyne Carlson, John Krebsbach – Brother to Peggy Wollmuth, Arlo Omoth – Brother to Jeneen Loe, Shirley Nelson, Bob Miller, Rodney Jaeger

Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to Jim & Kathy Kaiser & family on the death of Jim's brother, Ray Kaiser. Ray passed away January 25th. Service & celebration of life will be at a later date. May God give them comfort in this time of sorrow.

Thank you for your giving

Sunday, January 24th, Attendance – 94

Facebook Online Viewing - 119

General Fund & Plate Giving - \$2,495.40

Pastoral Care

Please call Pastor Chuck if you or a loved one are in the hospital or know you will be going to the hospital. The church does not usually get informed of your stay by any of the hospitals even if you are registered under our congregation's name. We want to make sure you get pastoral care. Thank you!

Steph Mann Phone Number

Please check to make sure you have the correct phone number for Steph Mann. It is 701-891-9413. If you are not getting replies back from her it may be that you have the wrong number that was published earlier.

Baptism

Baptized yesterday, January 30th, was Eleanor Janelle Philbrick, daughter of Sage & Hunter Philbrick. Eleanor was born September 9, 2020. Her sponsors are Shelby Shields, Matt Zimmerman & Katie Wilson. We welcome Eleanor as our newest member of First Lutheran.

FLCW

FLCW Executive Board will meet today following the worship service in the fellowship hall.

Jean Sunday

Today is Jean Sunday. If you wore jeans to church today, consider donating a \$1 or more to FLY to help with expenses for activities throughout the year. Even if you don't wear jeans you are still welcome to donate. A jean's can is on the table with the offering plate.

Call to Prayer

Our missionary, Ruby from Pine Ridge is calling on all congregations near and far and the reservation to join in an hour of prayer where you are on Sunday, January 31, 1-2 pm. Please join in this time for unity and for our Nation.

Council Retreat & Meeting

Church council will have a retreat and meeting this Saturday, February 6th, beginning at 8:30 am.

Secret Prayer Partner Tea (Please note change in time!)

The Secret Prayer Partner Tea will be held on Sunday, February 14th, at **1:00 pm**. If you would like your name removed from the list or would like your name added to the list, please let Jeannette know in the church office no later than February 11th. If you plan to be at the tea, please call Donna at 315-0275 or Judy at 220-4410 by February 7th.

Mailboxes

Please check your mailbox in the narthex. Your 2021 FLCW Books and 2021 offering envelopes are in your mailbox in the narthex for those that have not already picked theirs up. If you do not see a mailbox for yourself, please talk to Jeannette in the church office during office hours to have one made for you. Every member should have one! Your box is the one under your name.

Technology Special Committee

-Mission/Objective: The technology special committee will evaluate current technology resources such as: (program & equipment), use of social media platforms and will make recommendations to the council for better ways to use technology in the future. (Areas to be included but not limited to, FLC website, administration software, Social networking, audio/visual email, network etc.)

We are looking for 1 more younger committee member to join us to help guide meeting the above objective. Meetings will be held once per month possibly beginning in February 2021. We would especially like church members of varying ages to get varying opinions from youth all the way up to our most senior members who would like to help us! Please talk to Pastor Chuck with questions or to volunteer!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

- ⇒ **Class:** We are looking at how many would be interested in a class to be scheduled in the future in learning how to knit or crochet. Please contact Jeannette and specify which you would like to learn and stay tuned for time/date TBA.
- ⇒ **Distribution of Shawls:** There will be a sheet located on top of the prayer shawl box. It will have a place for the *name of the person taking the shawl, number of shawls being taken and the recipient*. You do not need to fill out all of it, please at least fill out the number so we know how many shawls we have been able to provide. If you would like us to add the recipient to the prayer chain, please include the name.

Kitchen Items

Please check the church kitchen and see if you are missing any of your kitchen items from home. Some of the bowls, pots, pans, etc. have been there for over a year. If you took food to the Mann household, your dishes were brought to the church for you to pick up. Items not claimed by March 1st will be given a chance for a free-will offering or given to the McLean County Resource Center.

Clapping During Worship

At FLC, we are so blessed with many gifted musicians that have been so willing to share their gift of music during this unprecedented time of change due to COVID-19. We are especially thankful for their time and energy to share their beautiful music with us each week. To help focus our hearts and minds on Jesus, please refrain from *clapping* during the service as their special music is taking place of the hymns in the normal liturgy of the divine service. The musicians understand that in reverence to God, it is their honor and service to God and congregation to bless us with their harmonious music.

First Lutheran Church Update as of November 17, 2020 regarding Orders from ND Governor's Office and ND Dept. of Health:

As a religious organization, the FLC executive committee has reviewed the subject COVID 19 related materials, and in prayerful consideration we are moving forward with the following guidelines:

Church Services - in-person

- Facemasks will be required in accordance with the Governor's/State Health Officer's orders

- Masks must be worn when *entering* or *exiting* the sanctuary. Please bring your own mask if able, if you do not have one available, the church will continue to provide disposable masks barring any supply/availability issues.
- This does not apply to those who are exempt from ND health order, such as those with medical conditions, children 4 years old and under (children under 2 years old should never wear face coverings), etc.
- Social distancing will be observed, by family unit (maintaining six feet apart).
 - Pews will remain in usual position to allow for the most space per family unit
- Circumstances where mandatory face coverings may be temporarily removed (from state health officer order part 6) that are applicable to our services
 - Pastor Chuck (or others using mics up front) while socially distant in leading the service
 - Musicians to play instruments (as long as they are able to be socially distance)
 - While a family unit is sitting in the pew during the service when social distancing is possible
- After the service has finished, please fellowship outside for adequate space for social distancing.

Sunday School/Confirmation/Other small group activities held at the church

- All small groups are still welcome to meet
- Facemasks will be required when attending any of these activities at the church

All previous guidelines remain in place:

- Every family is encouraged to attend church, Sunday school, or other activities in the manner that they feel most comfortable (whether on-line or in person)
- Hand sanitizer is available at multiple locations within the church.
- No food is to be prepared in the kitchen at this time, and there will be no coffee hour.
- The FLC website (www.flcwashburn.com) and Facebook will be updated as we continue to monitor the situation and

any new developments. Please check these sites for updates or concerns. If you do not see an answer to your concern, please feel free to reach out to Pastor Chuck or Jeannette.

- If you are joining online and would like the Sacrament of Holy Communion, please contact Pastor Chuck.

“May the Lord bless you and keep you; may the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; may the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.” Numbers 6:24-26

THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN

TODAY	9:30 AM	Worship
	10:45 AM	Sunday School Bible Study Led by Alexis Solomonson
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting AI-Anon Meeting
TUES.	8:00 AM	Men’s Bible Study
	10:00 AM	Mommy’s Group
WED.	9:30 AM	Friendship Bible Study
	6:15 PM	Confirmation
	6:45 PM	Bell Choir
	7:15 PM	FLY
	7:30 PM	Choir
SAT.	8:30 AM	Council Retreat & Meeting
SUNDAY	9:30 AM	Worship w/Holy Communion
	10:45 AM	Sunday School Bible Study Led by Alexis Solomonson
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting
	7:00 PM	AI-Anon Meeting

Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany – January 31, 2021

“Be silent, and come out of him.” – Mark 1:25

Anytime a group of people live together, it's only a matter of time before there are debates about who's in charge. Whether in families or societies, on a playground, or at an office – the struggle for power is a real. And what kind of power it is makes all the difference.

The toddler yells, “You're not the boss of me,” and Mom replies firmly “Oh yes I am.” Who's in charge here? Husbands and wives, if you've ever wondered why you clash over the smallest, most insignificant things, it might be because you're still trying to settle the question of who is really in charge! Who's in charge then? Of your morality? Your decisions? Your life? Who's in charge of our life together as church?

Jesus went home to Capernaum, and taught the people gathered there on the Sabbath. His message was astonishing, for he taught as one with authority. So far, so good. But, “Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit.” Have you ever met someone with a dirty spirit? These are folks who are mean and contrary for no apparent reason. Suddenly, when all seems to be going along smoothly, Jesus encounters opposition. We shouldn't be surprised, really. The one anointed with the Holy Spirit of God inevitably encounters the unholy spirit which is opposed to God. Who's in charge here? That's the question. This unclean spirit seeks to overthrow Jesus and dominate him on his own home turf.

And Jesus' answer is, “Be silent, and come out of him.” Immediately, the demon leaves, and the crowd who had been astounded at Jesus' teaching is even more amazed at his authority. But I am confused about the guy with the unclean spirit. Where did he come from? He seems to appear from within the gathering of believers. That this evil spirit manifests itself through one of the congregation's members, during worship, is just... creepy.

But look what Jesus does for him. He doesn't condemn or punish. He simply casts out that which is unclean, so that the man can be truly free. The Bible says all authority in heaven and on earth flows from One Source. It's as simple and as complicated as that. The unclean spirits have not gone away. They are as vocal and violent and life-destroying as ever. But the One who is in charge says, ‘Be silent! Come out!’ And he entrusts us here in this place with a different Spirit by which to live. In Jesus' name. Amen.