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EPIPHANY 4
January 31, 2010

Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 78 (Pew Bible)

Opening Hymn: 447 *Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might*

SERVICE OF THE WORD
 (Worship Supplement, p. 12)

INVOCATION

PASTOR In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
CONGR. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

PASTOR We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

CONGR. Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy upon me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

PASTOR God our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

CONG. Amen.



Bethel is a member of the **Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC)**, an evangelical Lutheran church body that strives to uphold the teachings of Holy Scripture, as set forth in the Lutheran Confessions. Especially do we treasure and proclaim the Gospel of justification by grace through faith in the one and only Savior Jesus Christ.

The CLC has congregations in many states and in Canada, and has affiliated churches in other countries. If you would like more information about our congregation, or if you would like to begin Bible Instruction classes please speak with Pastor Bernthal.



Bethel's Offerings of Thanks to God for - 1/24/10	
Bethel Budget Offerings	732.00
7% Offerings to CLC Missions (CBP)	51.24
<i>Also Given</i>	
Women of Bethel	25.00
ILC Building Fund	10.00

<u>ATTENDANCE</u>		
Sunday - Jan. 24th	Worship - 37	Sunday Bible Class - 18
	Sunday School - 0	Wed. Night (1/27) - 16

Daily Bible Readings for This Week
 February 1st - February 6th

<u>February</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Hymn</u>
1	Job 7:1-7	348
2	John 12:44-50	296
3	1 Corinthians 8	464
4	Mark 8:34-38	346
5	Romans 14:1-10	400
6	1 Corinthians 9:16-23	36

THE BENEDICTION
(Worship Supplement p. 21)

PASTOR The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious
unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you
peace.

CONGR. (sing) *Amen, Amen, Amen.*

Closing Hymn: 435 *My Spirit on Thy Care*

Silent Prayer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: **Austin Services - 6pm**

This Week: **Wed. Prayer - 6:30pm & Bible Study - 7pm - Revelation**
Confirmation Class - Sat. Feb. 6th - 11am

Next Sunday: **Sunday School & Bible Class - 9:15am**
2/7/10 **Worship Service w/ Confirmation & Communion - 10:30am**
Carry-in Dinner - 11:30am

In Your Mailboxes - - Bethel Annual Report 2009
- Bethel Activities Calendar - *February 2010*

CLC News - Grace Lutheran, Sleepy Eye MN, and Faith Lutheran, New Ulm MN, have called Pastor Eric Libby, Jamestown ND. <> St. John's Lutheran, Clarkston WA, and Peace Lutheran, Orofino ID, have called Pastor David Naumann, Fond du Lac WI.

FREE Bibles! - There is a stack of FREE soft-cover Bibles (New King James Version) on the short table in the church entryway. These are



We Welcome Our Visitors who are with us this morning. We hope that you have been uplifted by the Gospel at our worship service and invite you to join us every Sunday. Please sign our guestbook in the entry.

Reception into Membership / Confirmation - Next Sunday, Feb. 7th - Michelle Norton has completed her Bible Instruction classes and will be confirmed into communicant membership here at Bethel next Sunday during our worship service. We welcome Michelle into our Bethel church family! A carry-in dinner welcoming her into our fellowship will follow our worship service next Sunday.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD
(Worship Supplement, p. 13)

KYRIE (LORD, HAVE MERCY)

CONG. (sing) *Lord have mercy on us.*
Christ have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST)

CONG. (sing) *Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise;*
Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing.
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.

Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,
Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.

Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,
At God's right hand in majesty most high:
Who with the Spirit worshiped and adored,
With all the heav'nly host we glorify.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
(Worship Supplement, p. 14)

PASTOR Let us pray...
CONG. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:27-31
27 Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. 28 And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. 29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? 30 Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? 31 But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way.

Hymn of Praise: 465 v. 1-2 *Christ is Our Cornerstone*

Second Lesson: Luke 4:33-44

33 Now in the synagogue there was a man who had a spirit of an unclean demon. And he cried out with a loud voice, 34 saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are -- the Holy One of God!" 35 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him in their midst, it came out of him and did not hurt him. 36 Then they were all amazed and spoke among themselves, saying, "What a word this is! For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out." 37 And the report about Him went out into every place in the surrounding region. 38 Now He arose from the synagogue and entered Simon's house. But Simon's wife's mother was sick with a high fever, and they made request of Him concerning her. 39 So He stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. And immediately she arose and served them. 40 When the sun was setting, all those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them. 41 And demons also came out of many, crying out and saying, "You are the Christ, the Son of God!" And He, rebuking them, did not allow them to speak, for they knew that He was the Christ. 42 Now when it was day, He departed and went into a deserted place. And the crowd sought Him and came to Him, and tried to keep Him from leaving them; 43 but He said to them, "I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent." 44 And He was preaching in the synagogues of Galilee.

PASTOR: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!

CONG. (sing) *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*
These words are written that we may believe
That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE APOSTLES' CREED

We boldly confess what we believe. (Hymnal, page 12)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen

Hymn: 424 *My God, My Father, Make Me Strong*

THE SERMON

Jeremiah 1:4-10

4 Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying: 5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations." 6 Then said I: "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I cannot speak, for I am a youth." 7 But the LORD said to me: "Do not say, 'I am a youth,' For you shall go to all to whom I send you, And whatever I command you, you shall speak. 8 Do not be afraid of their faces, For I am with you to deliver you," says the LORD. 9 Then the LORD put forth His hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me: "Behold, I have put My words in your mouth. 10 See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, To root out and to pull down, To destroy and to throw down, To build and to plant."

Theme: I Can't...God Can!

THE OFFERTORY

(Worship Supplement, page 16)

CONG. (sing) *Create in me a clean heart, O God,*
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence,
Take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation.
Uphold with Your Spirit free.

THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

THE GENERAL PRAYER

(Pastor)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Hymnal, p. 14)

Hymn: 528 v. 1-4, 15 *If God Himself Be for Me*

1st Scripture Lesson: Genesis 3: 1-15

1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?" **2** The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, **3** but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.' " **4** "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. **5** "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." **6** When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. **7** Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. **8** Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. **9** But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?" **10** He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid." **11** And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" **12** The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." **13** Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." **14** So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, **"Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. 15** And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

Hymn of Praise: 465 v. 1-2 *Christ is Our Cornerstone*

2nd Scripture Lesson: Matthew 16: 21-28

21 From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. **22** Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" **23** Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men." **24** Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. **25** For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. **26** What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? **27** For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what he has done. **28** I tell you the truth, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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Confession of Faith: Apostle's Creed

(See Page 3)

Hymn: 424 My God, My Father, Make Me Strong

Sermon Texts: Revelation 12:9

9The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him. . .

1 Timothy 6:6-12

Now godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

Theme: "Satan's Seduction meets Contentment in Christ"

"Seduction" literally means: _____
in this way Satan seduces the world:

"Contentment" literally means:

Two often used and favorite tactics of the Devil:
The Word of God enables us to do what with these lies:

Avoid the "if only"

St. Augustine once said: