

*Jesus taught them  
as one having  
authority* MARK 1:22



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**WELCOME** Thank you for being with us.

We are a Christian church within the Lutheran tradition (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America) and we welcome people of all Christian traditions as well as people of other faiths and people of little or no faith. Christian worship has been offered to God in this congregation for 184 years. By worshipping with us today, you become part of that living tradition.

**Restrooms** are available in the Good Shepherd Room (Springettsbury lobby) and the narthex. Baby changing stations are provided in these restrooms.

**Thank you for your faithfulness** in sending your offering through the mail, by using online options from your financial institution, or through the “Donate” now from the church website **stpaulsyork.org**. Your gifts are keeping us current with the commitments associated with St. Paul’s and our ministry partners.

## Guidelines for Worship during the time of COVID-19

### Entering and Leaving the Church:

*Face masks are required inside,*

*Kindly sign in at the door through which you entered. This will help if we need to be in contact.*

*Please take your service bulletin with you and dispose of it properly.*

### Offerings:

*Monetary offerings may be placed in the basins provided at the entrances to the nave prior to the service or immediately following the service. You may also donate via our website at*

*[www.stpaulsyork.org](http://www.stpaulsyork.org)*

### While in the Nave:

*Please wear your mask. Please sit in designated pews only. You may sit together as a family. We ask that you practice social distancing from one family to the next within the pew.*

### Communion Procedure:

- *Ushers will direct you. The pulpit side (left) of the nave communes first followed by the font side (right).*
- *Wearing your face mask, come to the chancel step taking your place at one of the five positions marked on the chancel floor with a green cross.*
- *Your entire household may gather at a position marked by the green cross.*
- *Extend your arms and cup your hands together to receive the host.*
- *Please do not reach out to take the Host from the minister.*
- *Once the minister has moved to the next group, then remove your mask, receive the host, replace your mask and return to your pew by the closest side aisle. There is no need to hurry.*
- *We are receiving communion in one kind only (bread/host).*

Our COVID-19 task force is assisting us as we remain open at St. Paul’s. Please thank Dr. Jessica Ericson, Sheridan Palmer, Norma Shue, Deacon Harold Sargeant, and Dr. Martha Thomas for their dedication and service.

**Sunday, January 31, 2021**  
**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**  
**Holy Communion 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM & 5:00 PM**

**PRELUDE**

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

Wayne Wold

*Stand*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

**KYRIE**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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 mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, you know that we cannot withstand the dangers which surround us. Strengthen us in body and spirit so that, with your help, we may be able to overcome the weakness that our sin has brought upon us; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

*Sit*

## FIRST READING

**Deuteronomy 18:15-20 (back page)**

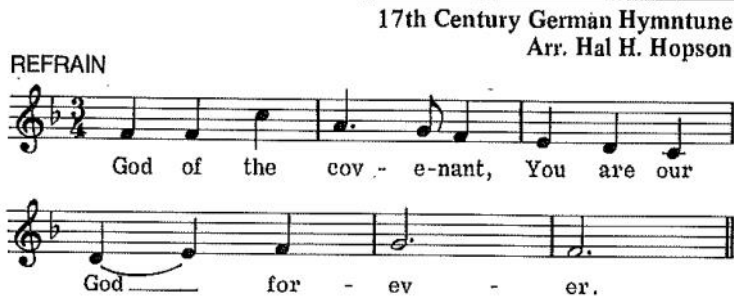
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

**Psalm 111**

**Congregation sings refrain where noted.**



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- <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with | my whole heart,\*  
in the assembly of the upright, in the | congregation.
- <sup>2</sup> Great are the deeds | of the LORD!\*
- They are studied by all who de- | light in them.
- <sup>3</sup> His work is full of majes- | ty and splendor,\*  
and his righteousness en- | dures forever. **REFRAIN**
- <sup>4</sup> He makes his marvelous works to | be remembered;\*  
the LORD is gracious and full | of compassion.
- <sup>5</sup> He gives food to | those who fear him;\*  
he is ever mindful | of his covenant.
- <sup>6</sup> He has shown his people the power | of his works\*  
in giving them the lands | of the nations.
- <sup>7</sup> The works of his hands are faithful- | ness and justice;\*  
all his command- | ments are sure. **REFRAIN**
- <sup>8</sup> They stand fast forev- | er and ever,\*  
because they are done in | truth and equity.
- <sup>9</sup> He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his cove- | nant forever;\*  
holy and awesome | is his name.
- <sup>10</sup> The fear of the LORD is the begin- | ning of wisdom;\*  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding.  
His praise en- | dures forever. **REFRAIN**



## SECOND READING

**1 Corinthians 8:1-13 (back page)**

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA VERSE

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

**St. Mark 1:21-28 (back page)**

The Holy Gospel according to .... **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the conclusion of the Gospel*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

## SERMON

Pastor Stan Reep

*Stand*

## 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**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*A brief silence.*

For all who share the gospel and proclaim freedom in Christ throughout the world: prophets, teachers, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders; for the church and its ministries, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord have mercy.**

For all God's works in creation: plants and animals, water and soil, forests and farms; and for those tasked with protecting our natural resources and all that exists, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord have mercy.**

For government and leaders: cities and nations, rescue professionals and legal aid attorneys, elected officials and grassroots organizers; for all responsible for the well-being of civil society, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord have mercy.**

For those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit: those who are sick and hospitalized, those living with HIV/AIDS, those struggling with mental illness, those who are hungry or homeless, and all in any need (*especially*); for caregivers, hospice workers, and home health aides, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord have mercy.**

For the concerns of this congregation: those who travel, those absent from worship, those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries; for the people of God in this place and for other needs in our community (*especially*), let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord have mercy.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

For the covenant God made with us in the waters of baptism, in thanksgiving for the baptized who have died in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord have mercy.**

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. **Blessed are you,**

**O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## **DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **PREFACE**

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## **SANCTUS**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.  
In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,  
that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.  
We give thanks to you  
for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.  
Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,  
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith  
as he comes to us in his holy supper.  
**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

## **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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**FRACTION RITE** *A brief silence is kept.*

**AGNUS DEI** *Sung by Cantor*



The musical score for the Agnus Dei is written on six staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across measures. The lyrics are: Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men

**Sit** *The pastor cleanses hands and prepares for the distribution of Holy Communion.*

**COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL**

*Instructions for receiving the sacrament are on the inside front cover of the bulletin.*

**Stand**

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray. Lord God, grant that all who have been fed with Bread from heaven may be renewed in the covenant of their Holy Baptism and, following your Son in true faith and obedience, may become your children in name and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



## BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
**Amen**

## HYMN

*On Our Way Rejoicing (LBW 260) stanzas 1*

1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.

Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.

Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;

who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?

*Refrain*

On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,

hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*We are Marching in the Light of God*

Robert Buckley Farlee

***In our prayers we remember...***

***Sandy Dickensheets, Sue Kopp, Judy Himmelwright, Jannette Guetersloh, Erin and Jack Mangan, Denise Appel, Oonagh Newman, Jenny Zimmerman, Rick & Candy Hutton, Connie Reed, Deborah Fulton, Reid Weinbrom, Darrell Kopp, Shawn Sunday, Mike Johnston, Betty Mehring, Drew Herdson, David List, Jessica Ericson, Kristine Gross, Porter Stacey.***

**Food Pantry—February**

**Items needed:** Jelly, peanut butter, mashed potato mix, stuffing mix, canned beans. Anyone able to help can contact Teresa Rohrbaugh or Janet and Larry Moore. Plastic Bags are always needed. Money donations are gratefully accepted. Please place cash or check in a “special” envelope marked “Pantry”.

**2021 Offering booklets** are available in the lobby on Springettsbury Ave.. Remember to pick yours up. Feel free to deliver booklets to those who are staying at home.

The 2021 January, February, March Devotional Booklet, “Christ in Our Home” has arrived. Copies are available in the Narthex and the Good Shephard Room.

**2021 Flower Chart**—The 2021 flower chart is posted on the Springettsbury vestibule bulletin board. The cost of the flowers is \$30 per vase. You are welcome to sign up to provide one or both vases. After you have signed up, simply make a check payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and mark it altar flowers. This is a great way to honor someone, celebrate a milestone in life, or remember a loved one. The flowers may be taken home with you at the conclusion of the 10:30 AM liturgy or you may have them given to someone who is sick, shut it, or hospitalized. If you wish, you can contact the office to reserve a date, and to provide us with all of the correct information for inclusion in the Sunday bulletin. In advance, thank you.



***Today's altar flowers:***

*Byron and Peggy LeCates would like to donate this Sunday's flowers in loving memory of our parents, Raymond and Virginia LeCates and Ralph and Helen Wallace.*

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## CREATE

CREATE will be held on Tuesday evenings via Zoom. Ages 2 through grade 1 will be held 6:00pm till 6:30pm. Grades 2 through Grade 6 will be 6:45pm through 7:15pm. Each participant will receive a group of packets, each containing all the supplies that are needed for the designated weekly lesson. The Zoom sessions will include Bible Stories, Church Seasons, Holidays, Crafts and Art Projects. You can also do these sessions on your own with your children. Please let me know if you are interested in being part of CREATE Zoom. Miss Kelly



**Confirmation Students** will begin their next unit, *The Ten Commandments*, on Sunday, February 21st at 5:00 PM. Packets of material are available from Pastor Reep this morning or they may be picked up during the week from the church office.

**New Members Class** will be held on Sundays during the month of March at 9:15 AM in Christ Hall. If you or someone you know is interested in uniting with our faith community please notify the church office. Masks and physical distancing will be practiced during the four sessions.

**Bible Study In-person** will begin on Wednesday, February 17 at 10:30 AM in Christ Hall. Please look at the Epistle reading from 1 Peter 3:18-22. We will spend most of our time during the Lenten Season on the epistle reading for the up-coming Sunday.

## Adult Faith Formation

***What Can We Learn from Dietrich Bonhoeffer About Living With the Word?*** Join Bishop Carol Hendrix, retired, in conversations on Dietrich Bonhoeffer. We will be looking briefly at Bonhoeffer's writings about daily meditating on the Word, the Psalms as our prayerbook, and the Sermon on the Mount as direction from the Word made Flesh for a life of discipleship. Classes will be on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:00 PM on February 3 and 10. No prereading required. Contact Patty Snyder 717-578-2253 or the church office 717-843-8155 to register and receive the Zoom link.



For about a year now we have heard the word “unprecedented” added to news reporting; from unemployment and stock market highs, to the severity of COVID-19 and the effects of the virus on daily life here and around the globe. And just about the time I am ready to settle into something more a kin to a daily monotony of life, before the calendar year 2020, we encounter something else that is “unprecedented;” the teaching of Jesus.

The teaching of Jesus is “unprecedented” according to the gospel reading from Mark. It is new; A new teaching. Not something chronological through time;

Like a new song by your favorite recording artist,  
or a new hymn composed for an annual competition,  
or a newly released book by a beloved author,  
but a teaching that is “unprecedented.”

Never before or since has anyone heard such teaching. And what is it that makes this teaching of Jesus so unprecedented; it is the authority with which he speaks. Notice, that there isn’t any specific or exact content to the teaching, no textbook or Cliff Notes for us to consult.

Jesus is in the place where teaching has historically taken place, in the synagogue. He is with the scribes, those who historically do the teaching and interpret the scriptural texts. And yet it is a troubled individual (a man with an unclean spirit) who recognizes who Jesus is, announcing that he is “The Holy One of God” to the entire faith community. The people gathered in the synagogue that day were saying among themselves that, “he (Jesus) commands and even the unclean spirits obey!” Because the unclean spirits obey Jesus, imagine how much more those without unclean spirits will obey. Or imagine how those who have been made clean will obey. It is of course all connected to this new teaching, this unprecedented teaching with authority by Jesus.

There are a lot of voices speaking with authority in our daily life, even during this time of pandemic: police, firefighters, teachers, principals, Judges, Supervisors, Bishops, Babysitters, WHO, CDC, TSA, ICE, FBI, CIA, IRS, and as Luther’s Small Catechism reminds us in the explanation of the Fourth Commandment “Honor Your Father and Mother and those in authority over you.”

We have grown weary and even fearful of that word “authority.” In these most recent day’s positions of authority are completely eroded because of inappropriate behavior, abuse, neglect, greed, it seems that authority doesn’t have the clout that it once did in our collective memory. But occasionally even in times such as these a voice rings out, a word is proclaimed, someone speaks and for some reason what is said matters, it changes things, it changes lives. That is what the people gathered in the synagogue when Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum, that’s what they experienced in Jesus. Jesus taught as one having authority. And the authoritative one was recognized by the most unlikely one in the congregation; a troubled individual, a man, with an unclean spirit.

This should give us all cause for hope. The most unlikely one, the one who had people known of his unclean spirit, his defiled ways, his defective stature, would not have been given entrance. They would have barred him from entering. But he is the one who recognizes Jesus of Nazareth, the Holy One of God. The evil spirit doesn't want to be "done in" but knows that if anyone can undo what has been done, if anyone can bring healing and restoration, bring salvation and hope, it is the Son of God, Jesus of Nazareth.

Jesus' response to this, his authority over this situation, his command, silenced the evil spirit and freed the man from what had been convulsing him, what had been holding him, keeping him from living a life full and free. The bystanders were all amazed. They kept asking one another, what is this unprecedented thing that is happening now here among us? A new teaching – with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him."

As you can imagine Jesus' fame began to spread. His reputation as healer, teacher, and one with authority swept through the surrounding region. Those in positions of authority became fearful. They were threatened by what was said. They were threatened by the testimony of the Capernaum crowd. I think they feared the man who had entered the synagogue that Sabbath, the one who was convulsed by an evil spirit, the one who crying with a loud voice found comfort, hope, peace, calm, and relief, through Jesus' rebuke. This was unprecedented. Imagine how a troubled individual's life and health created fear for so many. It threatened those in traditional positions of authority. Their voice was threatened. And fear seized them: fear of Jesus, fear that will create unlikely friendships, fear that will lead them to bring false charges against Jesus, fear that will lead to his crucifixion and death. Fear of his authority. Fear of his unprecedented teaching.

We gather to hear God's Word. We come for healing. We come seeking release from the things that shake us. We come seeking relief from the things that pain us. We come praying for lives that are full and free for ourselves and for those we love and for those we don't even know. We come crying out to the Lord for mercy, for understanding, for patience, for wholeness, for lives that reflect something of his. And we hear again his unprecedented teaching; "your sins are forgiven." And like some distant cousin of the troubled individual in the Capernaum synagogue, our life is restored, hope is renewed, breath enters our lungs and there is a future for us, for you and for me, for the person next to you. Jesus' authoritative word of forgiveness is proclaimed for all. This is unprecedented.

We have heard the voice of the crowd, amazed, and questioning, "What is this, a new teaching – with authority!" And we have heard that "Jesus' fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee" because those who bore witness to what was unprecedented in the synagogue used their voice telling others.

Jesus' response to us through his suffering death and resurrection, his authority over our situations, his word of grace frees us from what shakes us, holds us, and keeps us captive, freeing us for living lives that are full and free. Bystanders will most certainly be amazed. They may well inquire about such an unprecedented teaching of grace. Especially at a time like this when fear seems to dominate holding people captive. Use your voice to tell them of Jesus' unprecedented teaching, love, and grace. Amen.



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

[Moses said:] “The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. <sup>16</sup>This 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.” <sup>17</sup>Then the LORD replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. <sup>18</sup>I 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. <sup>19</sup>Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. <sup>20</sup>But 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.”

**Psalms 111****SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13**

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

<sup>4</sup>Hence, 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.” <sup>5</sup>Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—<sup>6</sup>yet 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.

<sup>7</sup>It 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. <sup>8</sup>“Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. <sup>9</sup>But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup>For 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? <sup>11</sup>So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. <sup>12</sup>But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup>Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

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

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

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39.

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