

Martin Luther Church and School (WELS) Oshkosh, Wisconsin

Epiphany 4

January 30-31, 2016

Service of Word and Sacrament, page 26 in the hymnal.

Hymn—94 “O Jesus, King of Glory”

Invocation and Confession of Sins (p. 26)

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First Lesson— Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Listen to and Follow God

¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to him. ¹⁶For this is what you asked of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, “Let us not hear the voice of the LORD our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die.”

¹⁷The LORD said to me: “What they say is good. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers; I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him. ¹⁹If anyone does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name, I myself will call him to account. ²⁰But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded him to say, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, must be put to death.”

Psalm of the Day— Psalm 1, page 64

Second Lesson— Hebrews 3:1-6

Jesus Greater than Moses

Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest. ²He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God’s house. ³Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself. ⁴For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. ⁵“Moses was faithful as a servant in all God’s house,” bearing witness to what would be spoken by God in the future. ⁶But Christ is faithful as the Son over God’s house. And we are his

house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory.

Verse of the Day— Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord is on me; he has anointed me to preach good news. Alleluia. (Luke 4:18)

Gospel— Mark 1:21-28

Jesus has Authority over Evil

²¹They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. ²²The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. ²³Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out, ²⁴“What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”

²⁵“Be quiet!” said Jesus sternly. “Come out of him!”

²⁶The evil spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

²⁷The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, “What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey him.” ²⁸News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

Hymn—85 “O God from God, O Light from Light”

Sermon—Mark 1:21-28

Let the News Spread About Jesus

1. His Word of Authority; 2. His Powerful Love

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Hymn—92 “Brightest and Best”

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Hymn—316 “O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee”