



**Macedonia Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

**February 1, 2009**

**8:15 & 10:30 Worship Services**

# MACEDONIA'S MISSION STATEMENT

**Mission:** A community of believers responding to the Gospel of Jesus Christ through faith, worship and action.

**Vision:** That Christ might have first place in everything. (Col. 1:18)

- *Invest in youth and family life.*
- *Support and develop education programs.*
- *Build community by developing strong Christian fellowship.*
- *Improve communication including the effective use of technology.*

- *Think beyond ourselves to be involved in local synodical and churchwide programs.*
- *Strengthen and develop programs to attract others to Christ.*

- *Increase cooperation and mission opportunities with Lutheran Retirement Ministries.*
- *Encourage an attitude that promotes the development of new ministries.*
- *Identify and use the talents of the congregation to meet the needs of the church and community.*

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### Holy Communion

Setting Two - 8:15 & 10:30 (ELW)

#### The Marks of Discipleship: I will strive to . . .

- + Pray daily
- + Worship weekly
- + Read the Bible daily
- + Serve at and beyond Macedonia Evangelical Lutheran Church
- + Be in Relationship with others to encourage spiritual growth
- + Give of my time, talents and resources in a generous manner and to the glory of God

#### INTRODUCTION

*In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word around which we gather, the word that trumps any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.*

*P = Pastor*

*C = Congregation*

*A = Assistant*

**PRELUDE (8:15)** *Jesus, Priceless Treasure* by J. S. Bach

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(Please prepare yourself for worship during the Prelude)*

**PRELUDE (10:30)** *Lamb of God* Paris, arr. Larson  
*The Reformation Ringers*

#### *Stand*

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

**C** **Amen**

**P** God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen**

**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

***Kneel/Sit***

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**P** Most merciful God,

**C** we confess that we are captive 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.

**P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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.

**C** Amen

**GATHERING SONG**

*Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

**ELW 886** (*Red Hymnal*)

**GREETING**

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

**C** And also with you.

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us  
free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

**C** **Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**C** **Amen**

## FIRST READING *Deuteronomy 18:15–20*

**A** A reading from Deuteronomy chapter eighteen.

*Today's reading is part of a longer discourse in Deuteronomy, an updating of the law for the Israelite community as the people wait to enter the promised land. Here Moses assures the people that God will continue to guide them through prophets who will proclaim the divine word.*

<sup>15</sup>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."

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 8:1–13*

**A** A reading from 1 Corinthians chapter eight.

*Paul is concerned about how some Corinthian Christians use their freedom in Christ as license to engage in non-Christian behavior that sets a damaging example to other, impressionable, believers. Christians have a responsibility to each other that their behavior does not cause a sister or brother to sin.*

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.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

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

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the first chapter.

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

*The story has barely begun, and already the battle is joined. Jesus sides with humanity against every force that would bring death and disease. These forces recognize Jesus and know what his power means for them. This, however, is only the first fight. The war will go on much longer.*

<sup>21</sup>They 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.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Rise, Shine, You People!* **ELW 665** (*Red Hymnal*)

**SERMON** **“ASTONISHMENT!”**  
Text: Mark 1:21–28

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**C** **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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**

**A** Living in the light of Christ, who reveals both our need and God's abundant love, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

**A** Almighty God, you dwell among your assembled people. Help us to welcome the stranger into our midst with graciousness, and give us words to proclaim the good news of salvation. Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

**A** By your word creation came into being. Speak to us by your Spirit when creation is groaning for rescue and relief, that we may commit ourselves to thoughtful care of all you have made. Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

**A** You have authority over all the rulers of the world. Help all people to put their trust in you, even as they support and honor their earthly rulers. Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

**A** You answer those who cry out to you. Care for all those who live with mental illness and those who are sick or hospitalized (*especially*). Speak compassion and healing into their lives. Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

**A** You desire peace among peoples. Promote conversation and acceptance among brothers and sisters of different faiths. Lead us to share what we hold in common and to understand and accept our differences. Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**A** Remembering the prophets, disciples, and saints who came before us, we pray your blessing on saints who live among us, that their commitment may be an example for us and that we may remain faithful to Christ. Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

**P** Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C** **Amen**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

## OFFERING

**ORGAN OFFERTORY (8:15)** *Abide With Us, Our Savior* setting by J. Walther

**CHOIR ANTHEM (10:30)** *The Apple Tree* arr. K. Lee Scott

**OFFERTORY HYMN** *How Good, Lord, to Be Here!* (stz. 1 & 5) **ELW 315** (*Red Hymnal*)

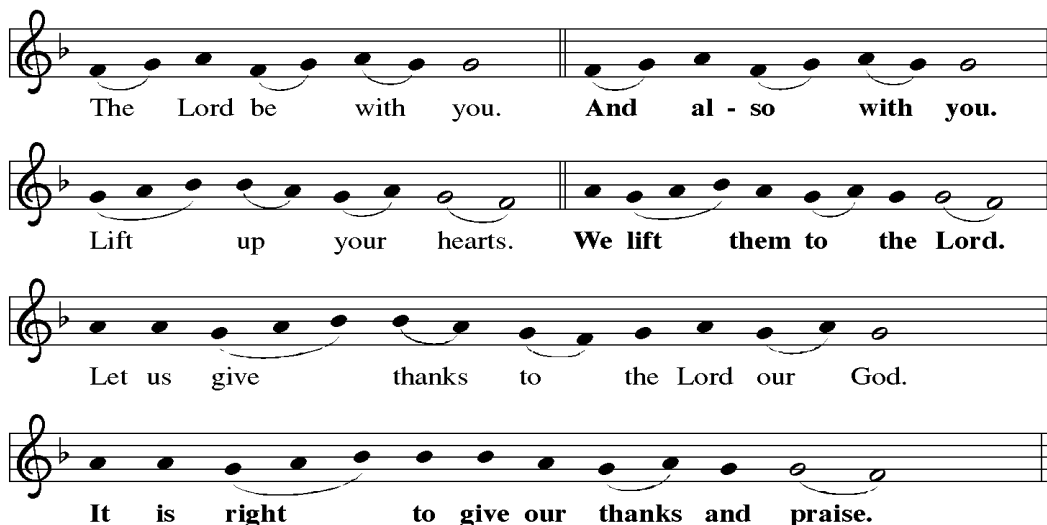
## THE PRAYER

**A** Let us pray.

**A** Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



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

## THE PREFACE (*Spoken by the Pastor*)

**P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the  
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**P** 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.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C** **Our Father in heaven,**  
**hallowed be your name,**  
**your kingdom come,**  
**your will be done,**  
**on earth as in heaven.**  
**Give us today our daily bread.**  
**Forgive us our sins**  
**as we forgive those**  
**who sin against us.**  
**Save us from the time of trial**  
**and deliver us from evil.**  
**For the kingdom, the power,**  
**and the glory are yours,**  
**now and forever. Amen.**

## COMMUNION

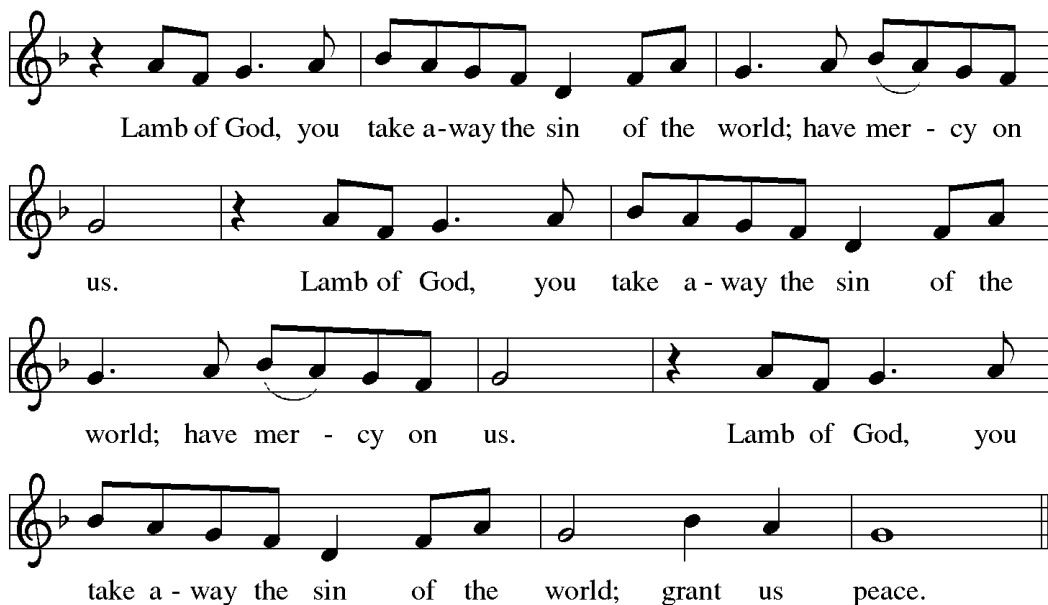
**P** Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for the communion.  
When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

**A** The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*And each person may respond Amen.*

## LAMB OF GOD (Sing Twice)



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.

## COMMUNION HYMNS

*You Are Mine  
Healer of Our Every Ill*

**ELW 581** (Red Hymnal)

**ELW 612** (Red Hymnal)

## POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -



pared in the sight of ev-'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the



na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

### PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

**A** Let us pray.

**A** We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen

### BLESSING

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

**C** Amen.

### SENDING SONG

*We All Are One in Mission*

**ELW 576 (Red Hymnal)**

### DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE (8:15)**

*The Righteous Shall Be Blest*

J. Kimball

**(10:30)**

*We All Are One in Mission*

setting by Benjamin Culli

**Welcome!** We cherish the presence of everyone who has come to worship our loving Creator. May God touch each of our lives today!

The **Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Elizabeth Egerton and Jennings M. Bryan, Jr. by the Bryan family.

**Please remember in your prayers:** Boyd Black, Joan Blomberg, Bobbie Gregoris, Doug Jacobs, George Keck, Susan Lambeth, David McLawhorn, David Millspaugh, Genevieve Stuber. The Family of Payton Brooke Clark. (*Requests are to be renewed weekly by contacting the church office.*)

**Loaves and Fishes** – For the month of February please bring dried milk, Ensure, Boost, etc.

**We are on a mission to fight hunger and poverty. You can help.** Our youth will hold soup pots at the church doors after each service today. They are joining young people in churches across the country to collect money for those who are hungry and hurting. In 2008, over 14,500 groups participated in the **Souper Bowl of Caring** generating over \$10 million dollars. None of the money is sent to the Souper Bowl of Caring headquarters. Organizers only ask that each participant report their collection so national totals can be determined and announced. Souper Bowl of Caring organizers expect this year to be bigger than ever, with young people from 17,000 congregations, schools and civic clubs signed up to participate. Please support the youth of our church in this effort to “love our neighbors” by dropping your dollar in the soup pot. All donations will be given to *Loaves and Fishes*.

**Men of Macedonia, Men in Mission** will meet on Thursday, February 5 at 6:00 p.m. at Mayflower Seafood Restaurant.

**MUSICAL MOMENTS AT MACEDONIA** - will continue on Sunday, March 1 at 4:00 p.m. when the Cathedral Brass present a concert here in our sanctuary. A free will offering will be collected, and the concert will feature both sacred and secular music. Invite your friends! A reception will follow the concert. Mark your calendar; make plans to attend!

**Making your summer plans?** Why not include **Vacation Bible School**? The Christian Education committee is making plans for this summer's VBS. We are looking for a director or co-directors to head up the effort. If you are interested, call Dan Voelkert at 227-5676.

**Attention Macedonians!!!** We have a great opportunity to serve the community while it is being served by others. During the week of March 8 - 14, Habitat for Humanity will host a group of 12 college students from the State University of New York Cortland. These students will spend their Spring Break here building a Habitat house for our community. Twin Lakes has again agreed to house them. Macedonia is to provide the breakfast food. (They want one group to do this). They are not asking for anything fancy ... cereal, pop tarts, granola bars, bagels, cream cheese, jelly, fruit, milk, coffee, etc. When you go shopping in the next few weeks, please think about this and buy an extra box of cereal or a jar of jelly. If you want to provide a perishable item, please let Barbara Lilienthal know (229-0188). All items unused when the students leave will be donated to Loaves and Fishes. There will be a breakfast food collection box in the Narthex for these items.

**YOUTH BEACH RETREAT POLAR PLUNGE** - Calling all Youth Grades 6-12 to mark your calendars for the annual Beach Retreat. We will be going to the Kure Beach Retreat Center the weekend of April 4th - 5th. If you are interested please let Greg Myers know as soon as possible so we can finalize our reservations. We are also looking for parents to volunteer to drive, chaperone, and assist in preparing meals. Final cost per youth should not exceed \$45.00. More details will follow as we get closer to the date.

**PRAYER SHAWL NEWS:** We had a beautiful blessing last week with a record number of shawls. Everyone worked very hard and produced 23 prayer shawls and 4 prayer cloths. Great job everyone!!! Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 10, 7pm at the church. Please bring your completed projects, projects in progress and your family and friends. Meetings last about 1 hour and we work on our current projects and share our friendships, ask questions, make suggestions, share patterns and generally have a good time. If you require any further information please call Sandee Jackson at 329-8388. See you there.

“**The Gift Goes On**” continues to be sold to benefit the youth going to the National Youth Gathering in July 2009. The Christmas CD makes a wonderful gift as well as enjoying one for your own listening pleasure. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will be matching funds, so please support this project! You may purchase a CD for \$20 from Joy Rust or from the church office.



# Souper Bowl of Caring Hunger Quiz

- 1. How many people in the United States live in households considered to be food insecure?**  
a) 7 million    b) 16 million    c) 24 million    d) 35 million
- 2. What percentage of US cities is not able to provide adequate quantity of food to those in need?**  
a) 16%    b) 29%    c) 45%    d) 59%
- 3. True or False? The United States has the highest wage inequality of any other industrialized nation?**
- 4. How much money did it cost to purchase a 30-second commercial during the 2007 Super Bowl?**  
a) 1.5 million    b) 2.2 million    c) 2.6 million    d) 3 million

(Please see back of insert for answers.)

This year marks a special event for the Souper Bowl of Caring. On Super Bowl Sunday it will have been 20 years since the youth of Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC addressed the issue of hunger with this Super Bowl Sunday prayer:

**"Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat."**

The prayer inspired this single church to invite 21 other congregations to join them in collecting \$5,700, which was donated to local charities that provide assistance to the those in need. Over the past 20 years, more than \$50 million has been raised in cash and food for organizations that fight hunger. From a single prayer and a single youth group, the Souper Bowl of Caring has become a powerful nationwide movement that touches more lives each year.

Drop a dollar in a soup pot today as you leave worship. Your donation will go directly to a charity chosen by our church youth. With your help, more dollars will be raised, more lives will be changed, and more young people will experience the joy of serving Christ by serving others.

## Answers to the Souper Bowl of Caring Hunger Quiz

1. **D - 35 Million**

The number of people in the United States that live in food insecure households would fill over 500 NFL stadiums.

*The Food Research and Action Center: Household Food Security in the United States 2005*

2. **C - 45%**

Despite the fact that we live in one of the wealthiest nations in the world, many of our cities are not able to help their citizens meet their basic needs. This is where the local food banks and ministries have to step in. Your donations will be sent directly to the local charity chosen by your youth to help people in need.

*The United States Conference of Mayors: 2006 Hunger and Homelessness Survey*

3. **True**

People can work full-time at minimum wage and still not make enough money to maintain a basic standard of living—buying food, paying their rent and medical bills, buying clothes for their children and affording a car so they can travel back and forth to work.

*Bread.org*

4. **C - 2.6 Million**

This is a day when millions of dollars are spent to enjoy the Super Bowl experience. It is also a day that we can choose to turn our thoughts and dollars towards those without a bowl of soup to eat.

*CNN Money.com*



## ALSO SCHEDULED THIS WEEK

- Today**
- 8:15 Worship/Communion
  - 9:30 Sunday School
  - 10:30 Worship/Communion
  - 4:30 Reformation Ringers
- Monday**
- 4:00 Crossways I, #14
  - 7:00 Boy Scouts
  - 7:00 Evangelism Committee
  - 7:30 Executive Committee
- Tuesday**
- 9:30 Circle #1
  - 4:30 Macedonia Ringers
  - 5:15 Melody Choir
  - 5:30 Cherub Choir
  - 7:00 Social Ministry Committee
- Wednesday**
- 9:30 Circle #3
  - 5:30 BS District Committee
  - 6:00 Worship & Music Committee
  - 7:30 Chancel Choir
- Thursday**
- 6:00 Men In Mission (Mayflower Restaurant)
  - 7:00 Boy Scouts District Roundtable
- Sunday (2/08)**
- WORLD HUNGER SUNDAY
- 8:15 Worship/Communion
  - 9:30 Sunday School
  - 10:30 Worship
- NIGHT SHELTER - Girl Scout Troop 407  
(2:00 - 7:00 Preparing Meal in Kitchen)
- 6:00 Luther League

Offerings: (01/25) General: \$4,058.58 Capital: \$206.00

Pew Torches: \$5,720.00

Hymns For Healing CD: \$3,660.00 The Gift Goes On CD: \$2,626.00

Musical Moments Concert : \$1,500.00

Sunday Attendance (1/25) SS: 71 (8:15): 42 (10:30): 128

## WORD THAT ASTOUNDS

When Jesus arrives at the synagogue, he does not preach and teach like the scribes; instead, he teaches as one who has authority. Although we cannot know precisely how the scribes taught, we can at least surmise that they tended to talk about God, without actually proclaiming the word of God. Jesus, on the other hand, speaks for God, as God. His words have power, they *do* something.



Just when those of us who find ourselves in worship begin to pride ourselves on having done what Jesus does, we learn that a man in the synagogue had an unclean spirit. This raises two questions. First, how did a man with an unclean spirit get in? The ushers should have turned him away, or people in the community should have made sure he felt unwelcome. That is what our culture tells us, is it not? Go to church when you have it all together. Stay home if things are falling apart. Even more to the point, a second question may give us pause. Are we ourselves in church with an unclean spirit? If so, what should we do?

Jesus gives an answer. He proclaims a word of authority, saying to the man, "Be silent, and come out of him!" (Mark 1:25). When we arrived in worship today, we may have had any number of unclean spirits clinging to us. We can expect, however, that in the hymns, in the proclamation of the word, and at the table, there is a new teaching coming at us, a Lord who speaks with authority over unclean spirits. Listen to the Lord speaking to you in worship today. Be amazed. Let it astound you. Be made clean.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**February 1, 2009**

**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

Monday	Psalm 35:1-10, Numbers 22:1-21, Acts 21:17-26
Tuesday	Psalm 35:1-10, Numbers 22:22-28, 1 Corinthians 7:32-40
Wednesday	Psalm 35:1-10, Jeremiah 29:1-14, Mark 5:1-20
Thursday	Psalm 147:1-11, 20C, Proverbs 12:10-21, Galatians 5:2-15
Friday	Psalm 147:1-11, 20C, Job 36:1-23, 1 Corinthians 9:1-16
Saturday	Psalm 147:1-11, 20c, Isaiah 46:1-13, Matthew 12:9-14

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Seminarian (665-0363).....	Intern Vincent Iocona
Director of Church Music.....	Joy H. Rust
Director, Chancel Choir and Reformation Ringers.....	Sylvia R. Crews
Organist (8:15).....	Mary Anne Dettman
Organist (10:30).....	Joy H. Rust
Organist Emeritus.....	Terry G. Woodings
Director, Cherub Choir.....	Joy H. Rust
Director, Macedonia Ringers and Melody Choir.....	Sylvia R. Crews
Sunday School Superintendent.....	Ruth W. Matkins
Crucifer.....	Hannah Black
Acolytes.....	Maddie Johnson, Will Ingle
Lay Reader.....	(8:15) Vera Barker..... (10:30) Shelia Gibson
Communion Preparer.....	Frank Rhue
Communion Assistant.....	(8:15) Cheryl English..... (10:30) Shelia Gibson
Greeters.....	Max Sigmon, Betty Sigmon, Jim Ysteboe, Elaine Ysteboe
Nursery Attendants.....	Stephanie Braxton, Maddie Braxton
Ushers.....	Dale Greeson-Chief
Brett Bass, Harold Fogleman, Charlie Harris, Randy Hunley, Frank Rhue, Danny Van Fleet, Brant Adkins	
Sound System.....	Randi Dunn
Dust Covers.....	Danielle Baker, Ellen Greeson

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