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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 28, 2018

Christ's blessings to all! **To our visitors**, we rejoice to have you gathered together with us in our Lord's House this day & look forward to having you with us again. If you are searching for a Church home, **please introduce yourself to Pastor** or indicate such **with your contact information** in the red 'Fellowship Booklets' in each pew.

THE ORDER OF MATINS

+ Prelude

+ Hymn of Invocation #134

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

+ Versicles & Responses – pg. 32 *(stand)*

+ The Venite – pg. 33

+ PSALMODY: Psalm 111, page 147

+ The Catechism Review – The Lord's Prayer

What is The Introduction?

Our Father who art in Heaven.

What does this mean? **With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so**

that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

What is The First Petition?

Hallowed be Thy name.

What does this mean? **God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.**

How is God's name kept holy? **God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!**

+ The Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

- *See enclosed insert for the Readings*

+ Sanctuary Choir (10:30 a.m.)

"All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"
(You may follow the text at Hymn #19.)

+ The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

+ The Holy Gospel: Mark 1:21-28 (stand)

+ Sermon Hymn - #395, v. 1-3, 7, 8

"O God, Thou Faithful God"

+ Sermon: "Live in Christian Freedom and Love"

1 Corinthians 8:8-9

- I. In Christ we have expansive freedom, including freedom from obsolete and man-made religious laws.
- II. Christ wants us to exercise this freedom with love.

+ The Offerings

+ The Te Deum Laudamus – pg. 35

+ The Prayers

- The Kyrie – pg. 39
- The Lord's Prayer – pg. 39
- The Salutation – pg. 40
- Special Petitions
- Collect Of The Day

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

- The Collect for Grace – pg. 40

+ The Benedicamus – pg. 40

+ The Benediction – pg. 40

+ Hymn – #412

“May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill”

+ Silent Prayer & Postlude

+ SOLI DEO GLORIA +

DAILY READINGS

January 28: Zech. 6:1–7:14; Rom. 16:17–27; **29:** Zech. 8:1–23; 2 Tim. 1:1–18; **30:** Zech. 9:1–17; 2 Tim. 2:1–26; **31:** Zech. 10:1–11:3; 2 Tim. 3:1–17; **February 1:** Zech. 11:4–17; 2 Tim. 4:1–18; **2:** Zech. 12:1–13:9; Titus 1:1–2:6; **3:** Zech. 14:1–21; Titus 2:7–3:15.

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