

### Deuteronomy 18:15-20 (ESV)

<sup>15</sup>“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— <sup>16</sup>just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ <sup>17</sup>And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. <sup>18</sup>I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. <sup>19</sup>And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. <sup>20</sup>But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’

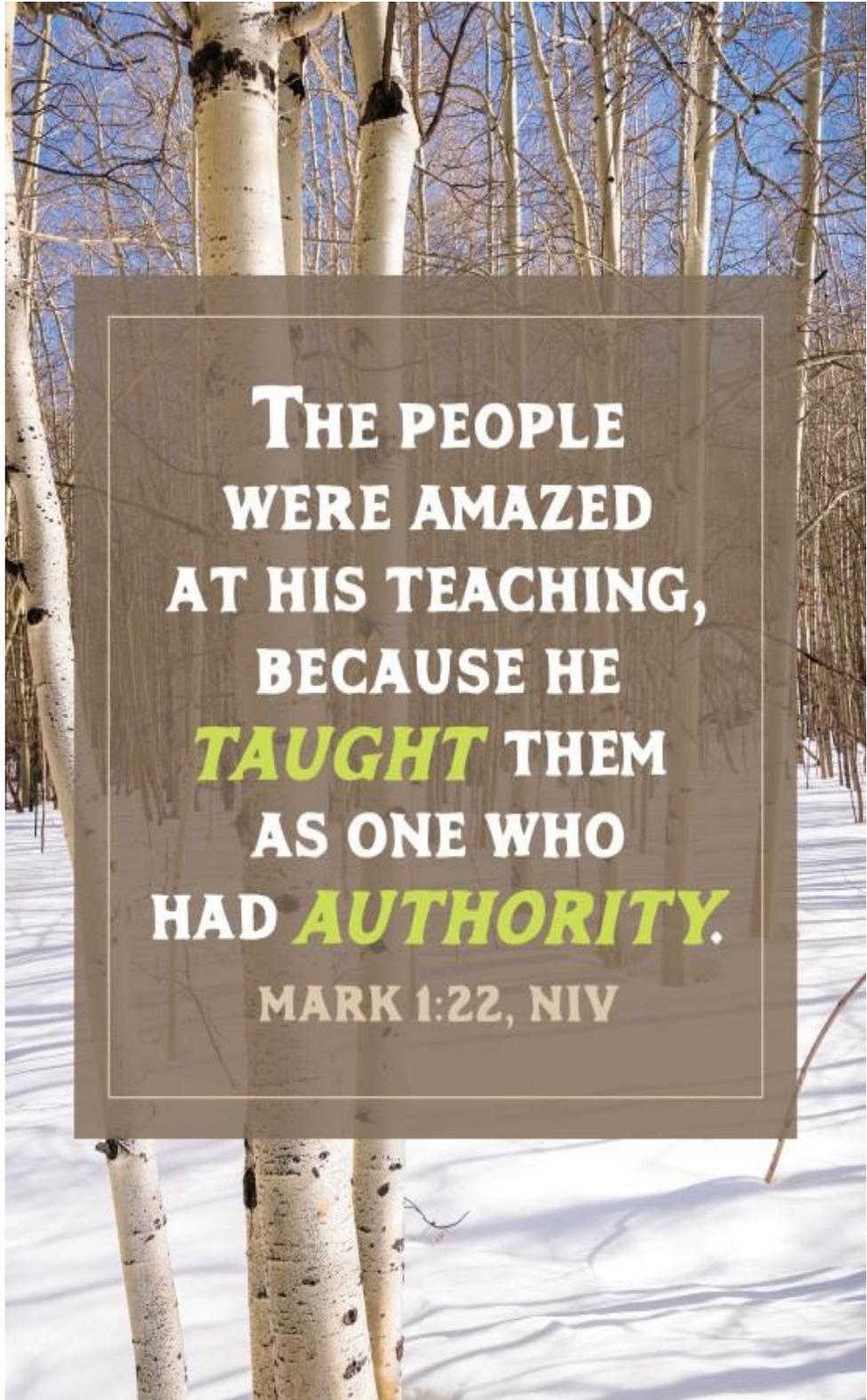
### 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 (ESV)

<sup>8</sup> Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup> If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. <sup>3</sup> But if anyone loves God, he is known by God. <sup>4</sup> Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” <sup>5</sup> For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed 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> However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol,

and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. <sup>8</sup> Food will not commend us 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 right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup> For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? <sup>11</sup> And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. <sup>12</sup> Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup> Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

### Mark 1:21-28 (ESV)

<sup>21</sup> And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. <sup>22</sup> And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup> And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, <sup>24</sup>“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 out with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup> And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” <sup>28</sup> And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.



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January 28, 2018  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

Lutheran Schools Week  
Zion Lutheran Church

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✝ In the Name of Jesus ✝

**Theme of the Day** ~ Our Lord Jesus Christ, True God in the Flesh, Cleanses Our Consciences from Sin. As He promised, the Lord our God has raised up “a prophet” like Moses, namely Jesus, our brother in the flesh. “To him you shall listen,” because the Word of the Lord is “in his mouth” (Deut. 18:15–18). Indeed, He is more than a prophet and more than a scribe of the Scriptures; He is the incarnate Word, and He speaks “a new teaching with authority” (Mark 1:22, 27). He enters “the synagogue” of His Church and provides true Sabbath rest, using His authority to silence and cast out “even the unclean spirits” (Mark 1:21–27). By His Word of the cross, He removes the accusations of the Law and of the devil, and He cleanses our consciences before God the Father, “from whom are all things and for whom we exist.” Hence, we are now set free from bondage and commended to God by the one Lord, Jesus Christ, “through whom are all things and through whom we exist” (1 Cor. 8:6). Therefore, use your freedom to care for your brothers and sisters, neither causing them to stumble nor wounding their consciences (1 Cor. 8:9–12), but cleansing and strengthening them with the Gospel. Today, we celebrate Lutheran School’s and their place in helping support our families in raising up our children in Jesus and His teachings to overcome the demons that are trying to destroy us and our children.

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OPENING HYMN “Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds” LSB 867  
SERMON HYMN “Away From Us!, the Demon Cried” LSB 541  
SERMON “Children vs. Demons” Mark 1:21-28  
CLOSING HYMN “Jesus Loves Me” LSB 588

**Pastor** Paul Hauser  
**Organist** Tami Mosher  
**Elder/Reader** Dick Bluemer  
**A/V** Thomas Hollingsworth  
**Greeters** Elmer Blehm & Myrna Pruitt  
**Acolytes** Gabe Gilbert & Liam Zastrow  
**Altar Guild** Suzanne Schultz & Diane Schuliz  
**Ushers** Paul Bohn & Roger Kade

## Our Measure of Love and Gifts

**Attendance last week** – 86 ~ Needed for The Lord’s Work at Zion \$4,220  
~ Received for the Lord’s Work \$3,370= Loose Plate \$87, Envelopes \$2,858, Mission \$125, Maintenance \$300; Cap Imp. \$15.  
Thank you to all who contributed \$247 to Saginaw County Right to Life.

**Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday:** Feb 2- Dale Diebel, Larry Feusse; Feb 3- Jessica Walton, Leigh Wandzell; Feb 4- Elizabeth Carroll, Judy Leveto, Dick Neuenfeldt (his 81<sup>st</sup>) ; Feb 6- Jonathan Schuler, Jackie Yell; Feb 8- Sally Wietfeldt.

**Today’s Memory Verse** ~ “If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.” I Corinthians 13:4-8a



**Donna Gofton**, faithful member of Zion died January 22 and was given Christian burial on Friday. Donna is survived by her husband, Dick, her sons Mike (Cyndy) Gofton, Dan Gofton, David Gofton, Rick (Monica) Gofton; four grandchildren, Staci Gofton, Kerri (Nick) Browning, Sandra Gofton, Natalie Gofton; great grandchildren Nathan, Rylan and Lydia; her sisters-in-law Flo Gofton, Pat Beck and Ann Pullman. She was predeceased by her parents, four sisters and two brothers. *And I heard a voice from heaven saying, 'Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. Blessed indeed,' says the Spirit, 'that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!'" (Revelation 14:13 ESV).*

**Coach needed:** Valley Lutheran High School is in need of a JV baseball coach for this spring. The ideal candidate should have a working knowledge of baseball fundamentals and the desire to work with high school aged young men. Since a majority of the time commitment is after school each day (3:00 PM onward), availability is a key component to this position. Please call Kurt Hofmeister (225-7385) or Eric Smith (790-1676), if interested.

**Souper Bowl Sunday** ~ A door offering will be taken following the service next Sunday with donations going to East Side Soup Kitchen. Your generosity to those less fortunate is greatly appreciated.