



We're happy that you are with us today! We are delighted to gather together around God's Word with friends! It is our prayer that this morning's worship will bring peace and joy to your heart through Jesus. If you have any questions please ask any one of our ushers or Pastor Thiel. May God bless our time together.

**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
JANUARY 31, 2010**

- Focus:** May we listen to Jesus' words in faith!
- Service:** The Common Service (Hymnal p. 15)
- Hymns:** 283 (vs. 1-3)
556
461
283 (vs. 4)
- God's Word:** Jeremiah 1:4-10* (Pew Bible p. 1168)
Psalm 78 (Hymnal p. 121)
1 Corinthians 12:27-13:13 (Pew Bible p. 1786)
Luke 4:20-32 (Pew Bible p. 1596)
- Sermon:** The Lord's Word anchors your life
1) It holds you securely
2) It equips you boldly

A note about today's worship

The good news that Jesus saved sinners (called: *The Gospel*) is the power God uses to create and strengthen faith in Jesus. So our service (called: *The liturgy*) places the Gospel in central focus. In specially selected Bible readings, in carefully crafted songs, prayers, and confessions, and in today's message our service will point to Jesus as the Savior of all. We pray that you experience meaningful worship with us today! Pastor Thiel will be happy to answer the questions you might have about our worship.

* This is the reading for today's sermon.

FOR MEDITATION AND GROWTH IN GOD'S WORD

Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18)

Personal Prayers for Worship can be found in the hymnal on page 10

Jesus is a Rejected Savior

God's Word for Today

True or false: Jesus' earthly ministry was a huge numerical success. If you think the answer is true, then think again. After Jesus had ascended into heaven, the church gathered at Jerusalem numbered only 120 (Ac 1:15). The fact of the matter is, Jesus wasn't the type of Savior that people were expecting. He wasn't flashy enough. He didn't offer instant gratification. Instead, he promised a life of suffering and sorrow in this world (Mt 16:24). As a result, people in Jesus' time and our own time are hesitant to follow Jesus. Yes, so often Jesus is a rejected Savior.

First Lesson (Jeremiah 1:4-10)

1. When Jeremiah was called to be God's prophet, how did he react?
2. How long had God planned to use Jeremiah as his representative?
3. What promise did the Lord give to this young man?

Second Lesson (1 Corinthians 12:27 – 13:13)

4. What gifts did the Corinthians most desire?
5. What is the greatest Christian gift, according to Paul?
6. Why does love rate as the greatest gift?

Gospel (Luke 4:20-32)

7. When Jesus claimed that he was the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies, what question did the people raise?
8. What did Jesus say that aroused the people's anger?



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<i>Cleaners:</i>	Mary Ann Berens sponsored by Marilyn Meert
Participating last week	
<i>Sunday Worship</i>	124
<i>Sunday School</i>	8
<i>Sunday Bible Study</i>	N/A
<i>Ladies' Monday Morning Study</i>	8
<i>Thursday Morning Bible Study</i>	3
Offerings to the Lord through the Church	
<i>Sunday Offering</i>	\$2,340.25
<i>Budget's assumed weekly offering*</i>	\$3,686.50
<i>Building Fund</i>	\$0.00
<i>Missions</i>	\$3.00
* Provided as a church budgeting aid, not to induce more or less giving. "Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion" (2 Corinthians 9.7)	
Miscellaneous Stewardship Information	
Parsonage Carpet Fund Balance	\$1000.00
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<i>Sunday Bible Study</i>	29
<i>Ladies' Monday Morning Study</i>	8
<i>Thursday Morning Bible Study</i>	11
Offerings to the Lord through the Church	
<i>Sunday Offering</i>	\$4,155.50
<i>Budget's assumed weekly offering*</i>	\$3,686.50
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Parsonage Carpet Fund Balance	\$1000.00
Building Fund Balance	\$82,274.89
Amount Owed to Dedicated Funds	\$54,530.98
October Income	\$12,120.40
October Expenses	\$12,347.21