

### **First Reading Deuteronomy 18:15–20**

Moses said: The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. 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." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. 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. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. 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."

### **Second Reading 1 Corinthians 8:1–13**

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

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." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—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. 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. "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. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. 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? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. 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.

## **AGRICOLA LUTHERAN CHURCH**



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

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, 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." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. 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." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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# Welcome to Agricola!

**Presiding Minister:** Rev. Matti Kormano

**Music:** Matti Palonen & Juha Tikkanen

**Power point:** Liisa Nisula

**Livestreaming:** Silja/Noora Väättänen

**TODAY Sun 28.01.** 10:00 Finnish Communion Service  
11:00 Finnish Heritage Day Luncheon and Program  
11:30 English Communion Service  
11:30 Sunday School  
12:30 Coffee Hour  
12:30 Confirmation Class

## 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 prevails over any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.

### Hymns:

*Gathering Song: ELW 846*

*Canticle of Praise: ELW 857*

*Gospel Acclamation: ELW 172*

*HOD: ELW 612*

*Offering Hymn: ELW 674*

*Holy, Holy: ELW 525*

*Communion Song: 465*

*Sending Song: 537*

**Thank you, Agricola volunteers!**

## UP-COMING EVENTS

<b>Tue 30.01.</b>	10:30	Family Club
<b>Wed 31.01.</b>	13:00	Church Choir
	14:30	Program Planning Team
<b>Thu 01.02.</b>	10:30	Prayer Shawl Group
	12:30	Kantele Players
<b>Sun 04.02.</b>	10:00	Finnish Communion Service
	11:00	Coffee Hour
	11:30	English Communion Service
	11:30	Sunday School
	12:30	Coffee Hour, Singing Group
<b>Wed 07.02.</b>	10:00	ALW (Agricola Lutheran Women)
		Annual General Meeting, new members welcome!
	13:00	Church Choir
<b>Thu 08.02.</b>	10:30	Prayer Shawl Group
	12:30	Kantele Players
<b>Sun 11.02.</b>	10:00	Finnish Communion Service
	11:00	Coffee Hour
	11:30	English Communion Service
	11:30	Sunday School
	12:30	Coffee Hour, Confirmation Class



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