

Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

February 3, 2019



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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

We Welcome All who are worshiping with us today. All guests please fill in your complete address. Peace be with you in Christ.

Attention Visitors: Thank you for joining us in Worship today. We invite you to pick up a gift bag, found by both entrances into our church.

Communion is Served at the 7:30 AM Worship Services on the 1st & 3rd Sundays and at the Sunday 10:00 AM Service on the 2nd & 4th Sundays

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Our Savior in the belief that here God offers His very Body and Blood in the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. We are happy to welcome to the Lord's Table those who embrace this understanding of the nature of the sacrament, repent of sins, and seek to forgive and love as Christ forgives and loves us. We believe that such participation is a statement of fellowship and agreement with our church body and its teachings. As the bread and wine are distributed, white grape juice is also available in the individual cup tray for those that prefer an alternative to the red wine. If you have any questions, we ask that you talk with the pastor or one of the elders prior to the service.

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HEARING ASSISTANCE: Our church is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an elder for a receiver. **Large Print Orders of Service with Hymns** are available.

YOUR CHILDREN MATTER TO GOD AND US! A cry room is available for **infants and toddlers** if needed during worship services. The cry room is located close to the front door of the church next to the sanctuary. **A staffed nursery for ages 6-36 months is available during the education hour in the cry room and during the 10 am worship service in the lower level.** Young children can choose one "Jesus Bag" to take with them into church. Please return the bag to the narthex after worship. Children may take a **children's worship bulletin** as they enter church. The yellow bulletin is for ages 3-6 and blue is for ages 7-12.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – All children ages 2 to grade 6 are invited to join us for Sunday school from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. in our lower level. We look forward to seeing you! For more information call Marlene Rieck at (715) 891-0991.

YOUTH BIBLE CLASS – Youth (7-12th graders) are invited to our youth Bible class in our youth room located in our lower level. For more information call Rick Behrens at (715) 617-0114.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High!

February 3, 2019

AS WE GATHER

All three Readings today declare the depth, breadth, and height of God's love for the world. When God's people were drifting away, God sent prophets, such as Jeremiah, to speak God's Word and call the people back to faithfulness. God declares His love for Jeremiah: "I formed you in the womb . . . I consecrated you; I appointed you . . . I am with you to deliver you" (Jeremiah 1:5, 8). God's love is shown forth in Jesus in the Gospel. Jesus casts out a demon from a man, thereby restoring his life. Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law, and He casts out even more demons and heals more diseases. This all points to the restoration of all creation in God's coming kingdom. The Epistle, often read at weddings, calls us toward lives shaped by the depth, breadth, and height of God's love for us.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN "How Wide the Love of Christ" LSB 535 (Tune: "We Give Thee But Thine Own" LSB 781)

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen...without faith it is impossible to please God, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him. *Hebrews 11:1 & 6*

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Based on Jeremiah 1:5, 7–8*

Pastor: The Lord says, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you."

People: **We thank You, O Lord!**

Pastor: The Lord says, "Before you were born I consecrated you."

People: **We adore You, O Lord!**

Pastor: The Lord says, "Whatever I command you, you shall speak."

People: **We praise You, O Lord!**

Pastor: The Lord says, "Do not be afraid, for I am with you to deliver you."

People: **We worship You, O Lord!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Embraced by the love of God through our Baptism into Christ, we confess our sin before God and one another.

A time of silence is observed.

Pastor: Captive to sin, we have sinned against You, God of love, in thought, word, and deed.

People: **In Your great love for us in Christ, forgive our sins and renew our lives.**

Pastor: We have shown lack of trust in Your loving purpose for our lives.

People: **In Your great love for us in Christ, forgive our sins and renew our lives.**

Pastor: We have failed to immerse ourselves in Your Word and to speak it freely in the world.
People: **In Your great love for us in Christ, forgive our sins and renew our lives.**
Pastor: We have failed to love You and to love one another, even using our faith as an excuse not to love our neighbors.
People: **In Your great love for us in Christ, forgive our sins and renew our lives.**
Pastor: We have been envious, boastful, arrogant, rude, insistent, irritable, and resentful.
People: **In Your great love for us in Christ, forgive our sins and renew our lives.**
Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen.**

☩ WORD ☩

INTROIT *Psalms 10:16–18; antiphon: v. 12*

Pastor: Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up Your hand; forget not the afflicted.
People: **The LORD is king forever and ever; the nations perish from His land.**
Pastor: O LORD, You hear the desire of the afflicted; You will strengthen their heart;
People: **You will incline your ear to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed,**
Pastor: so that man who is of the earth may strike terror no more.

GLORIA PATRI LSB 186

KYRIE LSB 186

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS LSB 187-189

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord, You showed Your love for humanity through Jesus, Your beloved Son, who cast out demons and healed the sick.
People: **Empower us by Your Spirit to love You with our whole heart, and to love our neighbors as ourselves,**
Pastor: so that the light of Your love may so shine before others through us that they glorify You;
People: **through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jeremiah 1:4–10 (17–19)*

(The Lord calms Jeremiah's fear with a promise.)

⁴ Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying, ⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." ⁶ Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth." ⁷ But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. ⁸ Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the Lord." ⁹ Then the Lord put out his hand and

touched my mouth. And the Lord said to me, “Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰ See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

¹⁷ But you, dress yourself for work; arise, and say to them everything that I command you. Do not be dismayed by them, lest I dismay you before them. ¹⁸ And I, behold, I make you this day a fortified city, an iron pillar, and bronze walls, against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, its officials, its priests, and the people of the land. ¹⁹ They will fight against you, but they shall not prevail against you, for I am with you, declares the Lord, to deliver you.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 12:31b–13:13 (All about love)

I will show you a still more excellent way. ¹³ If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. ⁴ Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrong doing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SOLO “The Gift of Love” (arr. Hopson) Kristie Ross

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 4:31–44 (Jesus casts out a demon and heals Peter’s mother-in-law.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹ And he went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, ³² and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority. ³³ And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, ³⁴ “Ha! 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.” ³⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent and come out of him!” And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm. ³⁶ And they were all amazed and said to one another, “What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!” ³⁷ And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region. ³⁸ And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon’s house. Now Simon’s mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. ³⁹ And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them. ⁴⁰ Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. ⁴¹ And demons also came out of many, crying, “You are the Son of God!” But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ. ⁴² And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept

him from leaving them, ⁴³ but he said to them, “I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose.” ⁴⁴ And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY “Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me” LSB 722

SERMON “I Knew You When...” Jeremiah 1:4-10

CREED Early Service – Nicene Creed Late Service – Apostles’ Creed
(Creeds can be found on the screens and on the back cover of the hymnal.)

OFFERING “I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus” (arr. Behnke) Organ

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition, please respond with the following:

Pastor: let us pray to the Lord,

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

At the end of the prayer:

People: **Amen.**

Early Service please continue with the Sacrament

THE LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION Jeremiah 1:8

Pastor: Nourished by the Word of Christ, you are sent out into the world to show God’s love in word and action. “Do not be afraid, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD.”

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. Numbers 6:24–26

People: **Amen.**

HYMN “Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service” LSB 848

POSTLUDE “Hymn to Joy” (arr. Travis) Organ

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. Colossians 3:1

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Psalm 136

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who shone forth Your kingdom in this world by teaching, casting out demons, healing the sick, and proclaiming the kingdom from town to town. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS LSB 195

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

LORD’S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI LSB 198

DISTRIBUTION

“Amazing Grace” LSB 744

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Thank You, Lord, for Your patient love demonstrated by Jesus’ death and resurrection for us and delivered to us today through the body and blood of Christ. Stir our hearts by Your Holy Spirit to love others with patience, kindness, humility, peacefulness, and truth; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

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IN HIS SERVICE

<u>Elder/Helper</u>	Early – Don Secord, Dick Cherney Late – Tim Kadlec
<u>Ushers</u>	Early – Dick Cherney, Debbie Holewinski, Dave Goddard, Kris Secord Late – Jack Toivonen, Dave Liedtke, Dave & Lynn Parker
<u>Greeters</u>	Early – Debbie Holewinski Late – Lynn Parker & granddaughter
<u>Readers</u>	Early – Pat Crum Late – Marge Baerenwald
<u>Acolytes</u>	Early – Russell Klein Late – Hunter Behnke
<u>Media Operators</u>	Early – Sharon Gifford Late – Shele Fawcett
<u>Altar Care</u>	– Carol Pluedeman, Penny Finger
<u>Nursery</u>	- Education Hour - Late Service -

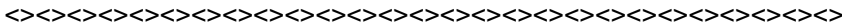
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***THE MISSION OF OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH IS TO EQUIP AND ENCOURAGE FOLLOWERS
OF CHRIST TO SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS WITH PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND IN THE
WORLD SO THAT ALL MAY HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.***

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This week at Our Savior:

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| Monday | 04 | 7:00 pm New Member Class |
| Tuesday | 05 | 9:00 am Bible Study
9:30 am Quilters
5:30 pm Northwoods Share Community Dinner
7:00 pm Women's Choir |
| Wednesday | 06 | 5:30 pm Confirmation |
| Thursday | 07 | 6:00 pm Bible Study
6:30 pm Dad's Bible Study |
| Friday | 08 | Office Closed |
| Saturday | 09 | 7:00 am Men's Interdenominational Bible Study, ER Firestation |
| Sunday | 10 | 7:30 am Worship
8:45-9:45 Sunday School, HS Bible Study, Adult Bible Study
10:00 am Worship celebrating Holy Communion |



God's richest blessings to you on YOUR special day!

Birthdays:

4 – Allison Pearce **6** – Betty Angell, Karla Lokker **7** – Daryl Nikolaus, Naomi Kadlec, Robin Nikolaus
9 – Caroline Anderson, Rebecca Shifra

Anniversaries:

4 – Robert & Karen Winterkorn



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SCRIP sold on
Sunday between services

Prayers For Our Families – Without a doubt, one of the most important aspects of our relationship with the Lord our God is our prayer life with Him. We are instructed to pray without ceasing (1 Thess. 5:17), and to pray for one another (James 5:16). For we are under attack from the devil and his minions constantly, and we need the best protection we can get! At Our Savior, we are blessed to be surrounded by families whom our Lord has called to walk together in the light of Jesus. Each one of our families has good days and bad, and each one of our families deserves our prayers. Each Sunday we will be praying for members of Our Savior. Those whom we will be praying for are selected at random from our membership roster, and don't be surprised if you will be receiving a phone call from Pastor Kufahl to let you know that your family will be in our prayers this week. We encourage you to use this list in your personal, daily prayers as well. Each one of us is precious in God's sight. May our Lord open our eyes to see the gift that each family is!

*John Apfel Family, Glenn & Penny Finger, Cody Holewinski, Shane Levan,
Marilynn Nickolaou-Collins Family, Robert & Hilda Rozga, Tom & Donna Timm*

Our Savior Email List - If you have not yet subscribed to our email list, follow the link on our website to sign up. If you are signed up and did not receive it, please check you spam folder and then make sure oursavioreagleriver@gmail.com is in your address book. Gmail users – these emails will appear in your “promotions” tab.

2019 Offering Envelopes are on the table in the narthex. Please be sure to pick yours up today.

Our **“Words to Live By”** radio broadcast is one of our greatest tools for Evangelism. This certainly is in keeping with God's command to “Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.” (Mark 16:15) This program has touched many people. We have received many good comments and responses to these, a lot from people of other denominations and churches as well as from guests and visitors. We need your help to keep this program operating. There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway (between the narthex and fellowship hall) for anyone who wishes to sponsor one broadcast - or a week - or a Saturday. What a perfect way to honor someone's birthday, anniversary or any special occasion. It could be a memorial or “Thanks to God for His blessings.”

Many Hands Lighten the Load - We know the saying well. When we have a big job that needs to be accomplished, we appreciate additional hands. We have some big tasks here at church where we could use your help. The **Altar Guild** is need of members. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Pastor Kufahl or the church office. Thank you!

Congratulations, you met the challenge! Individual members of Our Savior donated \$11,018 to the Camp Luther Capital Campaign *“Filled with the Spirit”*. This amount, up to \$10,000, was matched by the congregation bringing the total gift for the new Community Center/ Dining Hall to \$21,018.

Ministry & Fellowship Opportunity - Our church family and River Valley Bank will be sponsoring the Northwoods Share community dinner this Tuesday, February 5th, at 5:30 pm with appetizers served at 4:30 pm at The Rock Mission Center located at 1019 E. Wall Street. Community dinners are open to everyone! Come meet new friends and enjoy a lasagna dinner catered by the Friendship House. Special thanks to our Board of Evangelism who will help serve the meal that night!

Bible Study Opportunity - Join us beginning Thursday February 7th from 6 to 7 p.m. as we explore the next chapter of the Bible Study Series, "That the World May Know". Journey back to the time of Jesus as we look at the life and ministry of the Messiah. Filmed on location in the Middle East, you'll discover how the events of Jesus' day impacted His life, ministry and communication. Then let it impact yours. Childcare provided.

Red Envelope Youth Stock Sale - You can help our high school students attend the LC-MS National Youth Gathering or the Appalachian Servant Event this summer by being part of our Red Envelope Youth Stock fundraiser! Please see the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Simply choose one envelope and donate the number amount listed on the envelope. The students will send you a postcard from the events this summer! Thank you for "investing" in our youth!

Nursery Director Needed - We are seeking a director for our nursery for infants & toddlers. This is a paid position. A job description and application are available in the narthex.

Nursery News - Teens and adults are being sought to provide care for our infants and toddlers during the education hour. Taking care of our little ones during the education hour allows parents the opportunity to attend Bible study or teach Sunday school. Please talk to Marlene Rieck if interested. Thank you!

Greeters Needed - When you walk into church each Sunday do you smile and say "good morning" to fellow parishioners? Great. You might enjoy serving as a greeter! If interested, please call Joy Schroeder at 715-490-1463. P.S. Families are welcome to serve together!

Women's Choir - Women's Choir - Adult and teen ladies are invited to join our women's choir! Come on Tuesday at 7 p.m. as we prepare to sing on Sunday, February 17th. Please join us as we praise the Lord!

Parent's Summit Simulcast - Would you like to be equipped and encouraged as a parent? You are invited to attend the Parent's Summit Simulcast on Saturday, February 23rd, at the Three Lakes Evangelical Church from 9 am to 4:30 pm (Doors open at 8:30 am). The Parent's Summit brings in world-class teachers and trainers for a fast paced, exciting day of community, teaching, comedy, and talent. Cost is \$30 single, \$45 per couple which includes lunch and daycare for children under age 4. Learn more at www.parentssummit.com. To register for the simulcast in Three Lakes go to: www.tlefc.org/new-events/

Backpacks Against Hunger - Matthew 25:35 says "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me." That verse describes how the Backpacks Against Hunger program helps children in need with food, and best of all, hope. Feeding those in need is part of serving one another and as we serve others, we are serving Christ. Please serve with the Board of Evangelism as they collect easy to make nutritious food items which will be sent to the schools, and then sent home each Friday with children in need. Such food items as instant oatmeal, granola bars, fruit snacks, or any microwaveable meal are just some of the food items needed. A table has been set up in the Narthex which further explains this program along with other suggested food items. Please review that information and return your donations to that same table. Thank you for sharing your blessings; giving hope to many.