

Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany

February 17, 2019



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OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

We Welcome All who are worshipping 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.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS today are presented to the Glory of God by Jay & Marianne Braun in celebration of the anniversary. Happy Anniversary Jay & Marianne!

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Blessing and Woe

February 17, 2019

AS WE GATHER

These Sundays after the Epiphany give us a glimpse and overview of our Lord's earthly ministry of preaching, teaching, and healing. The people who followed Him have seen Him do many great things. In fact, many followed Him mainly in hopes that they would receive healing or some other gift. But today Jesus has everyone stop in their tracks for some teaching, words of wisdom, words of blessing, and words of warning. The blessing is when you know Jesus' spiritual promises of forgiveness and assurance of eternal life. The warning is the danger of taking your eyes off of Jesus, being concerned only with the gifts and blessings we receive in this life, that is, things of this world that will surely pass away. As Jesus continues to lead us to His goal—His suffering, death, and resurrection—we are being drawn to value the spiritual blessings that in faith will provide us with forgiveness and eternal life.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

PRESERVICE “How Beautiful” & “As the Deer” (arr. Larson) Flutes – Tom Mackin & Becky Shifra

HYMN “Blessed Jesus, at Your Word” LSB 904

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 *Psalm 1:1a, 2; Jeremiah 17:7*

Pastor: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,

People: **but his delight is in the law of the LORD.**

Pastor: Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD,

People: **whose trust is the LORD.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, as we gather to hear the words and teaching of our Lord today, let us prepare by confessing our need to hear Him.

People: **Lord God, heavenly Father, we confess the sins of our minds, our speech, our actions, and even our inactions. We beg Your mercy and forgiveness. We ask for Your grace to fill us with faith in Your Son, our Lord, to lead and guide us through all our days that we rejoice in the new, eternal life He has won for us by His cross and resurrection. Amen.**

Pastor: In His mercy, God has given His Son to die for you and to give you the forgiveness of all your sins. Upon this your confession, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His

authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

People:

✠ WORD ✠

HYMN OF PRAISE “Gloria in Excelsis” LSB 204

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jeremiah 17:5–8* (Trust in man or in the Lord.)

⁵ Thus says the Lord: “Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the Lord. ⁶ He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. ⁷ “Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. ⁸ He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Psalms 1*

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; ² but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

³ He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.

In all that he does, he prospers. ⁴ The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

⁶ for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 15:(1–11) 12–20* (The resurrection of the dead)

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. ³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed. The Resurrection of the Dead ¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM “Come to Jesus” (Rice/arr. Hayes) Women's Choir

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 6:17–26* (Jesus ministers to a great multitude.)

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

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁷ And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸ who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all. ²⁰ And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. “Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. ²² “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! ²³ Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. ²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. “Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. ²⁶ “Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” LSB 699

SERMON “The Brave Little Tree” Jeremiah 17:5-8

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 “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)” (Tomlin/arr. Raney) Women's Choir

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition, please respond with the following:

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

At the end of the prayer:

People: **Amen.**

Early Service please continue with the Sacrament

THE LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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 “On What Has Now Been Sown” LSB 921

POSTLUDE

✠ 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. *Psalms 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; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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 208

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 210

DISTRIBUTION

“In Remembrance” (Courtney/Red/arr. Larson) Women’s Choir; Flute – Tom Mackin

“Come Unto Me, Ye Weary” LSB 684

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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.**

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POSTLUDE

IN HIS SERVICE

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| <u>Elder/Helper</u> | Early – Dick Cherney, Pat Crum Late – Brad Anderson |
| <u>Ushers</u> | Early – Marv Jarvis, Sue Frank, Mark Olson, Dave Kopanski Late – Andy Ellenberger, Gerhard Becker, Bill Reckling, Gerald Yetter |
| <u>Greeters</u> | Early – Don & Kris Secord Late – Hilde Becker, Debbie Holewinski |
| <u>Readers</u> | Early – Mark Olson Late – Rick Behrens |
| <u>Acolytes</u> | Early – Late – |
| <u>Media Operators</u> | Early – Sharon Gifford Late – Mike Rieck |
| <u>Altar Care</u> | – Carol Pluedeman, Penny Finger |
| <u>Nursery</u> | - Education Hour – Marilyn Collins Late Service - Marilyn Collins |

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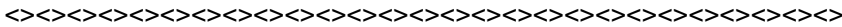
***THE MISSION OF OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH IS TO EQUIP AND ENCOURAGE FOLLOWERS
OF CHRIST TO SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS WITH PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND IN THE
WORLD SO THAT ALL MAY HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.***

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This week at Our Savior:

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| Monday | 18 | 9:00 am Newsletter Articles Due 6:00 pm Evangelism Meeting 7:00 pm New Member Class |
| Tuesday | 19 | 9:00 am Bible Study 9:30 am Quilters 7:00 pm Choir |
| Wednesday | 20 | 3:50 pm Children's Hand Chime Choir 5:30 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Council Meeting |
| Thursday | 21 | 6:00 pm Bible Study |
| Friday | 22 | Office Closed |
| Saturday | 23 | 7:00 am Men's Interdenominational Bible Study, ER Firestation |
| Sunday | 24 | 7:30 am Worship 8:45-9:45 Sunday School, HS Bible Study, Adult Bible Study 10:00 am Worship celebrating Holy Communion |

ATTENDANCE: Early: 64, Late: 133, Communion:108, Sunday Bible Study: 26, Sunday School: 28,
Jr & Sr High School Bible Study: NA, Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study: NA, Tuesday
Bible Study: NA



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

Birthdays:

17 – Dylan Rose, Michelle Klotz **19** – Fritz Campbell, Lois Pietz, Samuel Hanauer, Steven Rieck
21 – Kaylynn Klein **22** – Makenna Duval **23** – Kimberlie Eggleston

Anniversaries:

17 – Jay & Marianne Braun



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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!

*Jack Baer, Christopher Frank Family, Vicki Holewinski, Whitney Levan,
Ryon Ritzer, Renee Rubin, Pam Tomlanovich*

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.

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!

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.

Red Envelope Youth Stock Sale - Hurry! If you'd like to be part of our Red Envelope Youth Stock Sale, the last day to join will be February 28th. Please see the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Choose one envelope and donate the number amount listed on the envelope. Our high school students will send you a postcard from the National Youth Gathering or the Appalachian Servant Event this summer! Thank you for supporting youth ministry!

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!

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/

A Text Database Is Being Created - In order to reach out to our members through the many methods available today, we are working on creating a database of cellular numbers in order that we may reach you through a text message. This may be for emergency notification, board meetings, or just a Bible verse for the day. Although we may already have your cellular number, there is a specific code from your cellular provider that is needed to enable us to send out mass text messages from a computer. Therefore, please text your name to oursavioreagleriver@gmail.com. Thank you!

We Need One More Number From You - You may recall one Sunday last April, we were hit with a snow storm. Many churches in our area were closed due to the weather, and very few members showed up for worship here. Following discussion at an elders meeting, we have decided to partner up with a company to provide a phone blast to our members to let you know if worship has been cancelled due to the weather. We will use the home phone number which we have on record to reach you. If you would rather have us contact your cell phone, please contact the church office to let us know which number you would like to be notified at. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Children's Hand Chime Choir - Students in grades 3-8 are invited to be part of a hand chime choir! We will meet Wednesdays starting February 20th at 3:50 pm. Please let Marlene Rieck know if you are interested!

Faith Legacy Mother/Daughter Retreat - Girls in grades 5-8 and their moms are invited to our Faith Legacy Mother/Daughter Retreat, March 1st-2nd. We will prepare for the teen years and strengthen the bond between mothers & daughters. Please invite family and friends that you know that might be interested in joining us! Please contact Marlene Rieck for more information.

Endowment Fund grant proposal - It is that time of year again when individual congregational members and/or organizations of Our Savior Lutheran of Eagle River can complete a grant proposal for an Endowment Fund grant. This grant money is meant to be used for projects that would not normally be funded by the church's operating budget. An informational letter was emailed to all members who are on the email list, as well as posted to the church website, as to the guidelines of this process. A copy of the letter may also be picked up in the church office. To apply, please request an application from the office or download it from the church website. Endowment Fund information can be found on the website www.oursavioreagleriver.org under the menu "Support" tab. Please note that all applications must be turned in to the church office no later than March 31, 2019. Please prayerfully consider your application request and know that up to \$5100.00 is available for grant disbursements this year.

Adult Choir Begins - Teens and adults are invited to be part of our choir! We will resume rehearsals on Tuesday, February 19th, at 7 p.m. We are preparing for Ash Wednesday, March 6th, and for worship on Sunday, March 10th. Hope you can join us!