

*Third Sunday after the Epiphany*  
*January 26, 2020*



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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 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 at the Welcome Center.

**Communion is Served at the 7:30 AM Worship Services on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays and at the Sunday 10:00 AM Service on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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, with live streaming of the service on a TV screen. **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 8 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 (9-12<sup>th</sup> graders) are invited to our youth Bible class in our youth room located in our lower level. For more information see Anna Reineke or Brenda Husing.

# THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Caravan

January 26, 2020

## AS WE GATHER

From His very first years on this earth, Jesus was marked for sacrifice and service. Isaiah says of the Lord's anointed that He was "a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief" (Isaiah 53:3). As we reflect on the ministry of Jesus, we can find the theme of sorrows and sacrifice throughout His earthly life. And we can thank Him for carrying our sorrows and bearing our griefs. Scripture shares that those whom He chose to follow Him, including His twelve disciples, also shared in His suffering. We honor their sacrifice as well in this Epiphany season.

**PRESERVICE MUSIC**    Selections by Vivaldi    Flute – Becky Shifra    Piano – Marlene Rieck

**HYMN**    "The People That in Darkness Sat"    LSB 412

## MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.    *Isaiah 41:10*

## INVOCATION

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

**People:**    **Amen.**

**OPENING SENTENCES**    *Psalms 45:6a; 50:6, 14–15*

**Pastor:**    Your throne, O God, is forever and ever.

**People:**    **The heavens declare His righteousness, for God Himself is judge!**

**Pastor:**    Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High,

**People:**    **and call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**Pastor:**    Let us now make confession of our sins to our gracious heavenly Father.

**People:**    **Eternal God, we confess that by nature we are sinful people. We have transgressed Your Law in many ways, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not always been good friends, faithful neighbors, or caring family members. Our motives and thoughts have not always been pure. We deserve Your punishment now and for eternity. O God, in Your mercy forgive our sin and restore us to a full and joyful relationship with You through the merits of Jesus, our Lord. Direct our days by Your Holy Spirit, that we joyfully follow Your will and gladly obey Your commandments as Your redeemed people.**

**Pastor:**    In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Be at peace.

**People:**    **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## INTROIT *Psalm 22:27–31; antiphon: v. 22*

**People:** I will tell of Your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise You.

*Women:* All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before You.

*Men:* For kingship belongs to the LORD, and He rules over the nations.

**People:** All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before Him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.

*Women:* Posterity shall serve Him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;

*Men:* they shall come and proclaim His righteousness to a people yet unborn, that He has done it.

**People:** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.  
I will tell of Your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise You.

## HYMN OF PRAISE “There Is a Redeemer”

There is a Redeemer Jesus, God’s own Son;

Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

### REFRAIN

**Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.**

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names;

Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain. **REFRAIN**

When I stand in glory, I will see His face;

There I’ll serve my King forever in that holy place. **REFRAIN 2X**

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## SALUTATION

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Pastor:** Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

## ✠ WORD ✠

## OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 9:1–4* (A great light is seen by those in darkness.)

<sup>1</sup> There will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. <sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. <sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. <sup>4</sup> For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

**Lector:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE**     *1 Corinthians 1:10–18*     (Paul makes an appeal for unity.)

<sup>10</sup>I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. <sup>11</sup>For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. <sup>12</sup>What I mean is that each one of you says, “I follow Paul,” or “I follow Apollos,” or “I follow Cephas,” or “I follow Christ.” <sup>13</sup>Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup>(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. <sup>18</sup>For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Lector:                This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:**             **Thanks be to God.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**     *Matthew 4:12–25*     (Jesus calls four of His disciples in Galilee.)

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

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

<sup>12</sup>When [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. <sup>13</sup>And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: <sup>15</sup>“The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— <sup>16</sup>the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.” <sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” <sup>18</sup>While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. <sup>23</sup>And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. <sup>24</sup>So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. <sup>25</sup>And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

Pastor:                This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**     "Come Follow Me" The Savior Spake     LSB 688

**SERMON**     “Caravan”     Matthew 4:12-25

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

**OFFERING**     “If Thou Be Near”     (Bach)

## 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.**

***Late 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** “The Church’s One Foundation” LSB 644

## 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, Lord our God, for You have had mercy on us and sent Your only-begotten Son as the perfect sacrifice for our sins. Grant us the gift of Your Spirit, that we receive Your blessings with thankfulness. Grant that we receive the body and blood of our Lord as the guarantee of our salvation and as a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise, together with the Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

**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*

## THE LORD’S PRAYER

### PAX DOMINI

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

**People:** **Amen.**

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

“Your Table I Approach”    LSB 628

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”    LSB 821

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:**        Let us pray. Blessed are You, heavenly Father, for You have once again fed and nourished us at Your Table through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Strengthen and support us, Your pilgrim people, so that we continue to proclaim Your love to all the world. Keep us steadfast in time of suffering and bring us at last to Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:**        **Amen.**

## **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**    “The Church’s One Foundation”    LSB 644

## **POSTLUDE**

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***Thank you, Pastor Baumgarten, for leading us in worship today.***

## IN HIS SERVICE

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|------------------------|--|
| <u>Elder/Helper</u>    | Early – Dan Scafaro<br>Late – Jacob Husing, Gary Fawcett   |
| <u>Ushers</u>          | Early – Don & Kris Secord, Del Keup, Jim Bonson<br>Late – Grant Meyer, Jerry Gifford, Paul Kurth, Glenn Finger |
| <u>Greeters</u>        | Early – Don & Kris Secord<br>Late – Joan Holdmann  |
| <u>Readers</u>         | Early – Kris Secord<br>Late – Marianne Braun   |
| <u>Acolytes</u>        | Early – EJ Apfel<br>Late – RJ Behrens  |
| <u>Media Operators</u> | Early – Dan Scafaro<br>Late – Shele Fawcett  |
| <u>Altar Care</u>      | – Bev Ginnow, Dawn Shantz  |
| <u>Nursery</u>         | – Education Hour – Mandy Kersten<br>Late Service – Laura Lorenz  |

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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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| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>27</b> | 10:00 am Staff Meeting   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>28</b> | 9:00 am Bible Study<br>6:00 pm JuBELLation<br>7:00 pm Choir  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>29</b> | 9:30 am Quilters<br>10:00 am Aging with Grace<br>5:30 pm Confirmation  |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>30</b> | 5:45 pm Back in the Swing of Things<br>7:00 pm Council Meeting   |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>31</b> | Office Closed  |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>1</b>  | 7:00 am Men's Interdenominational Bible Study, ER Firestation  |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>2</b>  | 7:30 am Worship celebrating Holy Communion<br>8:45-9:45 Sunday School, HS Bible Study, Adult Bible Study – Nursery Available<br>10:00 am Worship – Nursery Available |

**ATTENDANCE:** Early: 68, Communion: 65, Late: 101, Sunday Bible Study: 20, Sunday School: 32,  
Sr High School Bible Study: NA, Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study: NA, Tuesday  
Bible Study: 24, Wednesday Morning Bible Study: 3, Thursday Evening Bible Study: 5





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

**Birthdays:**

**26** – Jim Steenport **27** – Gerhard Becker **28** – Barbara Gauger  
**29** – Allison Sauvola, Andrew Ellenberger **31** – Loriann Scafaro

**Anniversaries:**

**31** – Chuck & Karla Healy



**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!

*Brad & Tara Anderson, Marilyn Cooper, Chuck & Karla Healy, Jack & Michelle Klotz,  
Sarah Lukas, Roger Olson Jr, Julia Schilling, Tia Tryggeseth*

**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](mailto:oursavioreagleriver@gmail.com) is in your address book. Gmail users – these emails will appear in your “promotions” tab.

**Disaster Relief** - To help our brothers and sisters whose lives have been disrupted through the recent flooding, call 1-888-930-4438, or text LCMSDISASTERS to 41444, or mail a check to The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, PO Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861 with "Disaster Relief" written in the memo.

**Purple Wristbands** – Harrison (Harry) Meyers, is the grandson of Curt Gerard, Congregation Chairman of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Iron River. Harry has cystic fibrosis. Please take a wrist band (located at the Welcome Center) and pray for Harry. New drugs are currently being discovered but only for children 2-12. If you would like to donate, that is also appreciated. If you would like to donate to offset his medical expenses, please make checks payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church - Harry Meyers. Thank you, Pastor Chuck Sheffler.

**Watch Us On Facebook** - You can find us on the Our Savior Facebook page, and we hope to have a link up soon on our website. We are also in need of someone to assist in running the laptop for this opportunity. If you are interested in learning how to do this, please contact Pastor Kufahl as we are in need of your help!

**Stewardship Corner** - In order to be a credible witness for His Lord, the Apostle Paul asked for no special consideration. Willingly he endured beatings, imprisonment, hunger, and whatever else God saw fit to allow. The secret of his joyful service in the name of Christ lies in his faith. *“Sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing and yet possessing everything”* (2 Corinthians 6:10). How small our sacrifices for the sake of the Gospel are compared to Paul's! Let us joyfully serve Christ in whatever way He gives us opportunity.

**Praise & Worship Team** - Our next rehearsal will be Monday, February 3rd, at 7 pm in preparation for worship on Sunday, February 9th. New vocalists and instrumentalists are welcome!

***Could You Help?*** - Our Altar Guild is in need of new members. What does the Altar Guild do? Our Altar Guild prepares our altar for worship including the linens and candles as well as preparing for the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please prayerfully consider serving in this important ministry. Training is provided and the opportunity to serve with friends in our church family. Please contact our church office if interested or if you have any questions. Thank you!

***JuBELLation Choir*** - Our bell choir has started working on new music! It is not too late to join us! We meet on Tuesday evenings at 6 pm in the fellowship hall. Please contact Vicki Holewinski or Marlene Rieck if you are interested or you have any questions.

***Passover Celebration*** - On Sunday, February 2nd, during the education hour (8:45-9:45 am), adults and children (grade 1 and older; see below\*) are invited to a Passover celebration! Our 1st-8th grade Sunday school students have been studying Moses and the Exodus so we thought this would be a great time to have a Passover celebration. We will learn how God rescued the Israelites from the last plague & slavery and how He rescues us through the shed blood of His Son, Jesus. (\*Children age 5 and under will meet in Sunday school rooms. Kindergarten children are welcome to join in the Passover if accompanied by an adult.) Hope you can join us!

***Endowment Fund grant proposals*** - 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](http://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, 2020. Please prayerfully consider your application request and know that up to \$4000.00 is available for grant disbursements this year.

***Choir*** – Do you love to sing to the Lord? Consider coming to choir! We will resume rehearsals Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. We will prepare for Ash Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>.

***Thank You to Bob Popp and Family*** - Over the past few years, Bob and his family have helped take care of the cleaning around the church. Through the Christmas chaos and the added needs from a week of Vacation Bible School, Bob and his family have been here to make sure that our facilities were clean and presentable. Thank you Bob, Jodi, Mitchell, and Nicole for all of your service!

***In Search of a Custodian*** - At this time, the Board of Trustees are taking applications and interviewing individuals who are interested in part-time employment as a custodian at Our Savior. The 20 hour per week position requires the day-to-day cleaning and maintenance of the facilities, dealing with minor repairs, snow removal and care of the walkways, setting up for various services and events at the church, and the like. If you have any questions, are interested, or know of anyone interested in this position, please contact the church office or Bill Hassey.

***Veterans*** - Are you a veteran of the armed forces? Please give your name, branch of the military, and years of service to the church office. Thank you for sharing so we may thank you for your service!

***Thank You Pastor Tom!*** Greetings and welcome to Pastor Tom Baumgarten! Thank you for your service today and for sharing the Word of God with us!