

*Second Sunday after the Epiphany*  
*January 19, 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 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 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.

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** today are presented to the Glory of God by Mike & Marlene Rieck in celebration of Amanda's 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. Happy Birthday Amanda!

# SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

It's Not Polite to Point, Unless...

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## AS WE GATHER

The full identity of Jesus, which is revealed during the Epiphany season, demonstrates beyond a doubt that He is both human and divine. In the nativity accounts, the Gospel writers focus on the humanity of Jesus—that He is born a human baby and grows up with full humanity. In Epiphany, His divinity is revealed as well through His miraculous acts. As Paul wrote to the followers of Christ in Colossae of Jesus: “In Him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in Him, who is the head of all rule and authority” (Colossians 2:9–10). We rejoice in coming to know more fully the Christ who fills us with His Spirit and His love.

## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

**HYMN** “Lamb of God” LSB 550

## 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 141:1–2; 144:1a, 15b*

**Pastor:** O LORD, I call upon You; hasten to me!

**People:** Give ear to my voice when I call to You!

**Pastor:** Let my prayer be counted as incense before You,

**People:** and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!

**Pastor:** Blessed be the LORD, my rock,

**People:** blessed are the people whose God is the LORD!

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**Pastor:** O God our Father, we admit and confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought and in word and in deed.

**People:** Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

**Pastor:** We confess that we have not always brought glory to You through our words and our deeds.

**People:** Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.

**Pastor:** We confess that we have been thoughtless in our judgments, hasty in condemnation, grudging in forgiveness, slow to seek reconciliation, unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

**People:** Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.

**Pastor:** We confess that we have not always been defenders of the weak and the needy as advocates of those not yet born and defenders of those in the final stages of life.

**People:** Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.

**Pastor:** We confess that we have not used every opportunity given us to witness to the faith that is ours and have let the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh set the agendas for our lives and actions.

**People:** **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.**

**Pastor:** We repent of all that is sinful in our lives, both that which we know and of those things unknown to us that are against Your righteous Law.

**People:** **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.**

**Pastor:** Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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

**Pastor:** May the God of peace sanctify you wholly, and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, and He will do it.

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

## ✠ WORD ✠

**INTROIT** *Psalm 19:1–4a, b; antiphon v. 14*

**People:** **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

*Women:* *The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork.*

*Men:* *Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.*

*Women:* *There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.*

*Men:* *Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tent for the sun.*

**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.**

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** “In Thee Is Gladness” LSB 818

## SALUTATION

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

**People:** **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Pastor:** Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; 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** *Isaiah 49:1–7* (The Light for the Gentiles has come.)

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. <sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.” <sup>4</sup>But I said, “I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God.” <sup>5</sup>And

now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him— for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength— <sup>6</sup>he says: “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” <sup>7</sup>Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE** 1 *Corinthians 1:1–9* (Paul writes of the Lord’s faithfulness to His people.)

<sup>1</sup>Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, <sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: <sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—<sup>6</sup>even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup>who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL** *John 1:29–42a* (Jesus is proclaimed to be the Lamb of God.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

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

<sup>29</sup>The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” <sup>32</sup>And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>34</sup>And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.” <sup>35</sup>The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” <sup>39</sup>He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). <sup>42</sup>He brought him to Jesus.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" LSB 398

**SERMON** “It’s Not Polite To Point, Unless...” John 1:29-42a

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

**OFFERING**    "Lamb of God"    (arr. Hayes)

## 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

**Pastor:**            Go out into the world in peace, have courage, hold to what is good, return no person evil for evil, strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor all people, love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. The almighty God—the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless you.

**People:**            **Amen.**

**HYMN**    "All Glory Be to God on High"    LSB 947

## ✠ 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 our duty and our delight at all times and in all places to give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Now do we praise You that You did send to us Your only-begotten Son, and that in Him, being found in human form, You did manifest the fullness of Your glory; through whom with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You for Your great majesty.

**SANCTUS**    LSB 161

## 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.**

## **AGNUS DEI** LSB 163

## **DISTRIBUTION**

“I Lay My Sins on Jesus” LSB 606

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby that we are truly members of His Body, the Church. Grant that the incense of our prayers and our expressions of praise come before You and please You. By Your Holy Spirit, help us that we continue in faith and fellowship and do the good works You desire us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, to whom with You and the same Spirit be all honor and glory, forever and ever.

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

## **BENEDICAMUS**

**Pastor:** Let us bless the Lord.

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

## **BENEDICTION**

**Pastor:** Go out into the world in peace, have courage, hold to what is good, return no person evil for evil, strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor all people, love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. The almighty God—the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless you.

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

## **HYMN** “All Glory Be to God on High” LSB 947

## IN HIS SERVICE

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|------------------------|---|
| <u>Elder/Helper</u>    | Early – Dick Cherney, Jim Bonson<br>Late – Gary Fawcett,  |
| <u>Ushers</u>          | Early – Marv Jarvis, Sue Frank, Mark Olson, Bob Merz<br>Late – Andy Ellenberger, Ken Holdmann, Bill Reckling, Gerald Yetter |
| <u>Greeters</u>        | Early – Don & Kris Secord<br>Late – Joan Holdmann   |
| <u>Readers</u>         | Early – Sue Frank<br>Late – Diane Kuntz   |
| <u>Acolytes</u>        | Early – Nicholas Boxrucker<br>Late – Matthew Wilson   |
| <u>Media Operators</u> | Early – Jackie Pearce<br>Late – Dave Parker   |
| <u>Altar Care</u>      | – Bev Ginnow, Dawn Shantz   |
| <u>Nursery</u>         | – Education Hour – Mandy Kersten<br>Late Service – Amy Kufahl   |

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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.***

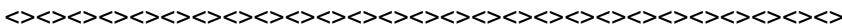
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### **This week at Our Savior:**

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| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>20</b> | 9:00 am Newsletter Articles Due<br>10:00 am Staff Meeting  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>21</b> | 9:00 am Bible Study<br>6:00 pm JuBELLation<br>7:00 pm Women's Choir  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>22</b> | 9:30 am Quilters<br>10:00 am Aging with Grace<br>4:00 pm WOW<br>5:30 pm Confirmation<br>6:00 pm Family Potluck   |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>23</b> | 5:45 pm Back in the Swing of Things  |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>24</b> | Office Closed  |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>25</b> | 7:00 am Men's Interdenominational Bible Study, ER Firestation  |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>26</b> | 7:30 am Worship<br>8:45-9:45 Sunday School, HS Bible Study, Adult Bible Study – Nursery Available<br>10:00 am Worship celebrating Holy Communion – Nursery Available |

**ATTENDANCE:** Early: 74, Late: 154, Communion:130, Sunday Bible Study: 22, Sunday School: 38,  
Sr High School Bible Study: 3, Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study: NA, Tuesday  
Bible Study: NA, Wednesday Morning Bible Study: 4, Thursday Evening Bible Study: 7





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

**Birthdays:**

**19** – Jackie Kolling **20** – Alfred Mattke, Robert Johnson, Ryon Ritzer  
**21** – Brunhilde Petzold, Laura Campbell **22** – Adam Ross, Andy Skarbek, Chuck Schlueter, Jerry Gifford  
**23** – Brodie Crum, Kirk Campbell, Sam Raatz **24** – Carol Litchfield



**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!

*Bill Anderson, Sherri Congleton Family, Bill & Karen Hassey, Jacob Klessig,  
Charles Lucas, Mark & Karen Olson, Ralph Schessler, Kristina 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 your 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** - A new year offers a new start for many of us. Like Paul, we "[forget] what is behind and [strain] toward what is ahead" (Philippians 3:13). Through Christ, Who has paid the penalty for our sins, the slate is clean; we **can** forget about the past. We are new creations in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17), ready to go forward in His strength to serve Him with the gifts He has given us.

**Church Family Potluck** - Our Savior church family and friends are invited to our potluck on Wednesday, January 22nd, from 6 to 7:15 pm. Please bring a favorite dish to share. We will enjoy food, fellowship, and bingo night with prizes! There is childcare for ages 3 and younger after our meal. Hope to see you there!

**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!

**Lenten Dinners** - We are scheduling six Lenten dinners Ash Wednesday February 26, March 4, March 11, March 18, March 25, and April 1 served at 5:15 pm with clean up at 6:00 pm. The meals would be prepared by a committee or group. Here is what it involves - compile your meal, post a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board so church members can donate food items, make the meal and serve with clean up afterwards. The free will offering money can be designated as your committee decides. After you talk to the members of your committee, pick a date and sign up on the sheet on bulletin board in hallway or email me at [gifford.se3@gmail.com](mailto:gifford.se3@gmail.com) or call at 715-617-0308 with that date and your meal choice. As in the past, these dinners have proved to be a great time for fellowship and sharing of some great recipes. Thank you, Sharon Gifford

**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!