

Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany

February 24, 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.

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Giving Love

February 24, 2019

AS WE GATHER

In these Sundays after the Epiphany, we have observed many of the miracles of our Lord, who came to save us in body and soul. We give thanks for His many gifts of life and health and daily bread, but especially for our new birth in Holy Baptism—the forgiveness of our sins and the promise of eternal life. Today we are reminded that because we have received such great, generous, and life-giving blessings from God, we now are enabled to give and share the love of God with others who need God’s blessings.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN “Love in Christ is Strong and Living” LSB 706

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 37:4; 103:13*

Pastor: Delight yourself in the LORD, and He will give you the desires of your heart.
People: **As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: As the patriarch Joseph received his brothers in spite of their sin because of God’s gracious providence, so we are called this day to be renewed by the forgiveness of our sins. Let us then confess our sins to God our gracious Father.

People: **Almighty God, we confess that we have sinned against You and against one another by our thoughts, words, and deeds, by what we have done and by what we have failed to do. We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. By Your grace revealed to us in Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant us Your deliverance and forgiveness. Renew a right heart within us by Your love and mercy. Amen.**

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

KYRIE LSB 152-153

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; 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 *Genesis 45:3–15* (Joseph provides for his brothers and family.)

³ And Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence. ⁴ So Joseph said to his brothers, “Come near to me, please.” And they came near. And he said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. ¹⁰ You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.’ ¹² And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. ¹³ You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” ¹⁴ Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 15:21–26, 30–42* (The resurrection body)

²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

³⁰ Why are we in danger every hour? ³¹ I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! ³² What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.” ³³ Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.” ³⁴ Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame. The Resurrection Body ³⁵ But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” ³⁶ You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ³⁹ For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰ There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. ⁴¹ There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and

another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory. ⁴² So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO “A Gift of Love” (Hopson) Kristie Ross

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 6:27–38 (Love your enemies.)

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

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

²⁷ “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. ³¹ And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. ³² “If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. ³⁵ But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. ³⁶ Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. ³⁷ “Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us” LSB 851

SERMON Wake Up! 1 Corinthians 15:21-26. 30-42

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

OFFERING “Chorale Prelude” (Buxtehude) Organ

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.**

Late Service please continue with the Sacrament

THE LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION *Psalms 67:1, 6–7*

Pastor: May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make His face to shine upon us.
God, our God, shall bless us.

People: **God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear Him!**

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 “Gather Your Children, Dear Savior, in Peace” (Tune: Slane)

Gather Your children, dear Savior, in peace.
And draw us to You with Your passionate pleas;
Still seek us and call us to come and be blessed,
To find in Your arms, Lord, safety, comfort, and rest.

Knowing You, loving You, naming You Lord,
We cluster around You and grow by Your Word,
One day to remember these moments so rare,
Of caring and closeness, just because You are there.

Love be our banner, forgiveness our theme,
Compassion our nature, Your vision our dream;
Who knows what the Spirit of God yet can do,
What joy may be tasted, or what promise come true?

Host at our table in our house and Yours,
Here bind us together with love that endures;
Like parents, like children, let this be our fame:
That, blest, we bless many, to the praise of Your name.

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POSTLUDE “Psalm 19” (Marcello)

✠ 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 161

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 163

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus” LSB 685

“Rock of Ages” LSB 761

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE LSB 164

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.

He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

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.

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IN HIS SERVICE

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| <u>Elder/Helper</u> | Early – Don Secord
Late – Tim Kadlec, Jacob Husing |
| <u>Ushers</u> | Early – Don & Kris Secord, Del Keup, Jim Bonson
Late – Bill Reckling, Jerry Gifford, Mark Hiller, Glenn Finger |
| <u>Greeters</u> | Early – Carol Pluedeman
Late – Joan Holdmann, Dawn Shantz |
| <u>Readers</u> | Early – Mary Malinsky
Late – Nicole Popp |
| <u>Acolytes</u> | Early –
Late – Krystal Kasmarek |
| <u>Media Operators</u> | Early – Dan Scafaro
Late – Jackie Pearce |
| <u>Altar Care</u> | – Carol Pluedeman, Penny Finger |
| <u>Nursery</u> | - Education Hour – Mandy Kersten
Late Service – Mandy Kersten |

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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 | 25 | 7:00 pm New Member Class |
| Tuesday | 26 | 9:00 am Bible Study
9:30 am Quilters
7:00 pm Choir |
| Wednesday | 27 | 3:50 pm Children's Hand Chime Choir
5:30 pm Confirmation
6:30 pm National Youth Gathering Night |
| Thursday | 28 | 6:00 pm Bible Study |
| Friday | 01 | Office Closed
ASE Registration Deadline
6:30 pm Mother/Daughter Retreat |
| Saturday | 02 | 7:00 am Men's Interdenominational Bible Study, ER Firestation
9:00 am – 4:00 pm Mother/Daughter Retreat |
| Sunday | 03 | 7:30 am Worship celebrating Holy Communion
8:45-9:45 Sunday School, HS Bible Study, Adult Bible Study
10:00 am Worship |

ATTENDANCE: Early: 81, Communion: 78, Late: 151, Sunday Bible Study: 27, Sunday School: 30,
Jr & Sr High School Bible Study: 3, Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study: 6, Tuesday
Bible Study: 17

ACTUAL to DATE (as of January 31, 2019)

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| TOTAL GIVING | \$ 28,388.56 |
| OPERATION EXPENSES | \$ 23,112.76 |
| BALANCE | \$ 5,275.80 |



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

Birthdays:

24 – Tammy Levan 28 – Bonnie Jozwowski, Samuel Gensler

1 - Dean Gillman, Dolores Hintz 2 – Alex Gensch, Stacey Klein



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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!

*Gerald & Margaret Baerenwald, Susan Frank, Barry Holtzman, David & Donna Liedtke,
Lauren Ritzer, Ashley Sauer Family, Rev. William & Gail Trosien*

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."

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!

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.

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.

Choir - Choir has started again! Please join us on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. as we praise our Lord!