

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 2, 2020



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 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, 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 (9-12th 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 Dave & Vonna Goddard in celebration of Maddie's 18th birthday. Happy Birthday Maddie!

THE PULPIT FLOWERS today are presented to the Glory of God by the Grandparents of Liam Lorenz in celebration of his baptism.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

What a Response!

February 2, 2020

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place” (Wolff, arr. Schrader) Women’s Choir

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. *Ephesians 4:32*

BAPTISM HYMN (10 am) “I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”

LSB 740

RITE OF BAPTISM (10 am) Liam David Lorenz Son of Cody & Kyra Lorenz

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

G **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.)

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

G **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT

Psalms 1:1–5; antiphon: v. 6

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Blessèd 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;
but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.

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.
The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the be-ginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

HYMN "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

LSB 809

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Micah 6:1–8

¹Hear what the LORD says:

Arise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

²Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the LORD has an indictment against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

³"O my people, what have I done to you?
How have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised,
and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD."

⁶"With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,

the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"
8He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

18The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

20Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. 22For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, 23but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, 24but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

26For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. 27But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; 28God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, 29so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. 30He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. 31Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "Change My Heart, O God" (Espinosa, arr. Raney) Flute – Tom Mackin

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1–12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

1Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

2And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

3"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

5"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

6"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

7"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

8"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

9"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

10"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"

LSB 848

SERMON "What a Response!" Micah 6:1-8

CREED Early Service – Nicene Creed

(Creed can be found on the screens and on the back cover of the hymnal.)

OFFERING "I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus" (arr. Behnke)

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

BENEDICTION

LSB 166

P 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.

G Amen.

HYMN "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

LSB 643

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.

G **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

G **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

G **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P 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

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LORD'S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

LSB 163

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 163

- C** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

"In Remembrance" (arr. Larson) Women's Choir

"Take My Life and Let it Be"

LSB 783

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- A** 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.
- C** Amen.

BENEDICTION

LSB 166

- P** 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.
- C** Amen.

HYMN "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

LSB 643

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

Birthdays:

4 – Allison Pearce **6** – Betty Angell, Karla Lokker

7 – Daryl Nikolaus, Naomi Kadlec, Robin Nikolaus



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!

Roger & Caroline Anderson, Tim & Lauren Cross, Steve Heck Family, Jack Klotz, William Lukas, Elizabeth Oslakovich, Dan & Sharon Schley, Brian & Shawn Uttech

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 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 - According to Genesis 1:26, God did not give us ownership of creation, but "to rule over" creation. God is the source of all things and has retained His ownership. Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 4:7 that all things come from God. "What do you have that you did not receive?" With this knowledge and understanding, we would be correct to substitute the word "returning" for "giving" because, through our giving, we are simply returning to God what He has already given to us. When we consider how much to give (return) to our church and other Christian causes, we will then be asking ourselves, "How much of God's money am I going to keep?"

Praise & Worship Team - Our next rehearsal will be Monday, February 3rd, at 6:30 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.

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 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 \$3400.00 is available for grant disbursements this year.

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

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!

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

Northwoods Share Community Dinner - Our Savior Lutheran Church and Incredible Bank are sponsoring the Northwoods Share community dinner this Tuesday, February 4th, with appetizers at 4:30 pm and dinner at 5:30 pm. All are welcome to attend for food and fellowship! We thank our confirmands and Board of Evangelism for their help serving the meal.

Do The Screens Help You? Here at Our Savior, we are blessed to have the opportunity to incorporate technology in our worship services to bring God's Word to you. Through audio and visual means, the love of Christ can be shared within these walls and out into the world. To utilize the gifts we have, we need your help! We are in need of people who are willing to help run the PowerPoint slides and work with our video streaming. We have set up the system in such a way that it is easy to run and difficult to mess up. If you would like to see these gifts continued to be used in our worship services, please give yourself the opportunity to learn and lend a hand. Contact the church office or Pastor Kufahl if you can help.