

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 16, 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 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 Jay & Marianne Braun in celebration of their anniversary. Happy Anniversary Jay & Marianne!

RECONCILIATION AND PEACE

AS WE GATHER

We consider today all of the division and conflict that exists in the world, in our church, and in our lives. Jesus cares deeply about reconciliation, about people coming together and forgiving one another. It is even part of the Lord's Prayer: "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Whatever grudges you are holding can be overcome with the peace of Christ.

+ PREPARATION +

686 COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

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

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

P Blessed are those whose way is blameless,
C **who walk in the law of the Lord.**
P Blessed are the peacemakers,
C **for they shall be called sons of God.**
P The Lord has made known His salvation.
C **He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P God calls on us to be blameless, to live in peace with one another, to not hold grudges or be angry with anyone. But we have failed to live as God has instructed. We have created division and discord. We have refused to be reconciled with others. We come before our heavenly Father to ask for His forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

P Heavenly Father,
C **we confess that we have not always walked in Your ways. We confess that we have ignored and avoided conflict rather than seek reconciliation. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive our sins. Bring Your reconciliation and peace that surpasses all understanding into our lives.**
P Even though we have held on to our anger and resentment of others, our heavenly Father sent Jesus to be our reconciliation and peace. By the blood of Jesus, we are reconciled to God and can approach Him in all confidence. By the blood of Jesus, we are reconciled with one another. 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.
C **Amen. We are reconciled and at peace with God. We are forgiven in Christ.**

+ WORD +

707 OH, THAT THE LORD WOULD GUIDE MY WAYS

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 30:15–20

¹⁵“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 119:1–8

¹Blessèd are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD!

²Blessèd are those who keep his testimonies,
who seek him with their whole heart,

³who also do no wrong,
but walk in his ways!

⁴You have commanded your precepts
to be kept diligently.

⁵Oh that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes!

⁶Then I shall not be put to shame,
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.

⁷I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your just and righteous decrees.

⁸I will keep your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me!

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 3:1–9

¹But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, ³for you

are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? ⁴For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not being merely human?

⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. ⁹For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO (10 am) "How Great Thou Art" Jessie Westfall

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:21–37

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

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

²¹[Jesus said:] "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' ²²But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. ²⁶Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

³¹"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' ³²But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery. And whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³"Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.' ³⁴But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

783 TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

SERMON "Here's the Knife" Matthew 5:21-37

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

OFFERING "Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways" (arr. Folkemer)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition, please respond with the following:

P Lord in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

At the end of the prayer:

C **Amen.**

Early Service please continue with the Sacrament

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

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.**

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+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

PROPER PREFACE

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

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 HYMNS +

618 I COME, O SAVIOR, TO THY TABLE

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P 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

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.

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IN HIS SERVICE

- Elder/Helper Early – Pat Crum, Jim Bonson
Late – Gary Fawcett
- Ushers Early – Marv Jarvis, Sue Frank, Mark Olson, Bob Merz
Late – Andy Ellenberger, Gerhard Becker, Bill Reckling, Gerald Yetter
- Greeters Early –
Late – Hilde Becker
- Readers Early – Mark Olson
Late – Sue Kurth
- Acolytes Early – Addison Rottier
Late – Emily Rottier-Douangmala
- Media Operators
Early – Dan Scafaro
Late – Shele Fawcett
- Altar Care – Carol Pluedeman, Diane Kuntz
- Nursery – Education Hour – Jodi Popp
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:

- Monday** **17** 9:00 am Newsletter Articles Due
 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- Tuesday** **18** 9:00 am Bible Study
 6:00 pm JuBELLation
 7:00 pm Choir
- Wednesday** **19** 9:30 am Quilters
 10:00 am Aging with Grace
 4:00 pm WOW
 5:30 pm Confirmation
- Thursday** **20** 6:00 pm Back in the Swing
- Friday** **21** Office Closed
- Saturday** **22** 7:00 am Men’s Interdenominational Bible Study, ER Firestation
- Sunday** **23** 7:30 am Worship
 8:45-9:45 Sunday School, HS Bible Study, Adult Bible Study – Nursery Available
 10:00 am Worship celebrating Holy Communion – Nursery Available

ATTENDANCE: Early: 98, Late: 130, Communion: 98, Sunday Bible Study: 17, Sunday School: 31, Saturday Morning Men’s Bible Study: 6, Tuesday Bible Study: NA, Wednesday Morning Bible Study: 3



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

Birthdays:

16 – Roger Pluedeman **17** – Michelle Klotz **19** – Fritz Campbell, Lois Pietz, Steven Rieck
21 – Kaylynn Klein **22** – Makenna Duval

Anniversaries:

17 – Jay & Marianne Braun



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!

*Betty Angell, Violet Csepp, Carol Hendricks, Judd Klotz, Thomas & Kathy Mackin,
Zachary Otto Family, Adam & Susan Schmidt, Harold & Marilyn Versh*

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.

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 - God rescued the Israelites from their bondage and mistreatment from the Egyptians. He was concerned about their suffering, and He showed His compassion by rescuing them. To help them to remember His goodness to them, God commanded that His people take some of the firstfruits of the produce that God had given them and put them into a basket to give to the priests to place on the Lord's altar (Deuteronomy 26). The firstfruits were brought to the Lord in response to what He had done for them. In the same way that God provided for His people in the Old Testament, He provides for us today. Are you showing your gratitude to God by giving your firstfruits to Him?

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!

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 microwavable 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!

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.

Ash Wednesday, February 26 - Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26th. Join us for worship each Wednesday at 4:30 or 6:30 pm with a supper starting at 5:15 pm in the fellowship hall. Our theme this year is "Eyes on Jesus", focusing on characters in the Passion narrative found in the Gospel of Mark. We will examine how the various people around Jesus viewed Him - and how we should view Him. This theme will help us focus our eyes on Jesus Christ and Him crucified, buried, and risen for our justification. This is a vision that will never disappoint, for by trusting in Jesus, He promises that we will gaze upon His beautiful face now by faith and forever in heaven! Devotion books based on our theme can be found near the welcome center. Blessings on your Lenten preparations!

Lent Mission Project - As we consider Jesus' sacrifice for us, we have the opportunity to love others as He loved us. This year our Lenten offerings will be given to Mission Central, whose purpose is to support LCMS missionaries throughout the world. Since 1994, Mission Central has offered support to missionaries in various ways, including financial support and prayer. On Sunday, May 3rd, someone from Mission Central will visit us to share more about their ministry. Watch for more information to come soon!

Vacation Bible School! - As you make summer plans, please save July 27th-30th (9 am to noon) for VBS! Kids, ages 3-12, are invited to this action-packed week as we race around the world in "The Incredible Race" VBS! As we enjoy fun activities and time with friends, we will learn that we are all part of one family and one race, the human race, and we have one Savior, Jesus Christ. Don't miss it!