Sunday, January 28th, 2024; Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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9:00 a.m.

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Divine Service One; LSB 151

The Mission of Our Savior's Lutheran Church and School is 'connecting families in Christ' by proclaiming the forgiveness of sin in the Gospel and the Sacraments.

NOTES TO ENHANCE YOUR WORSHIP AT OSL:

We stand during our worship services when we make requests, meet Jesus in the Gospel lesson, declare what we believe in a creed, and when the final stanza of a hymn praises the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Opening Hymn: "Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure" #533

1 Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal,

Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End; Godhead, humanity, union supernal,

O great Redeemer, You come as our friend! Heaven and earth, now proclaim this great wonder: Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal!

3 Jesus has come as the mighty Redeemer.

See now the threatening strong one disarmed! Jesus breaks down all the walls of death's fortress.

Brings forth the pris'ners triumphant, unharmed. Satan, you wicked one, own now your master! Jesus has come! He, the mighty Redeemer!

2 Jesus has come! Now see bonds rent asunder! Fetters of death now dissolve, disappear. See Him burst through with a voice as of thunder! He sets us free from our guilt and our fear,

Lifts us from shame to the place of His honor. Jesus has come! Hear the roll of God's thunder!

4 Jesus has come as the King of all glory!

Heaven and earth, O declare His great pow'r, Capturing hearts with the heavenly story:

Welcome Him now in this fast-fleeting hour! Ponder His love! Take the crown He has for you! Jesus has come! He, the King of all glory!

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Confession and Absolution

Invocation

LSB 151

- \mathbf{P} In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- \mathbf{C} Amen.

Exhortation

LSB 151

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Confession of Sins

LSB 151

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

Absolution LSB 151

- P Almighty God in His mercy ... name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

+ Service of the Word +

Introit

Many are the sorrows of the | wicked,*

but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts | in the LORD.

Blessèd is the one whose transgression is for- | given,*

whose sin is | covered.

Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no in- | iquity,*

and in whose spirit there is | no deceit.

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my in- | iquity;*

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you | may be found;*

surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not | reach him.

You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from | trouble;*

you surround me with shouts of de- liverance.

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.

Many are the sorrows of the | wicked,*

but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

Kyrie LSB 152

- **P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis LSB 154

- P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.
- C Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 156

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- 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 Deuteronomy 18:15-20

"The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.' And the LORD said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.'"

- **R** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Praise the LORD, all | nations!*

Extol him, all | peoples!

For great is his steadfast | love toward us,*

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;*

bring an offering, and come in- to his courts!

Epistle

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Concerning food offered to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." This "knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up. If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "an idol has no real existence," and that "there is no God but one." For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords"— yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

- **R** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

Alleluia.
Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.
- **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching. And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed LSB 158

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day: ""Away from Us!" the Demon Cried" #541

1 "Away from us!" the demon cried When Christ, the Lord, drew near. "Our dark, disordered world is lost When You, the Light, appear!"

2 But Jesus spoke with God's own pow'r; "Come forth!" was His command; For evil cannot bear the Light

Nor sin the Truth withstand.

3 O risen Christ, God's living Word, To us, we pray, draw near. Come, speak the truth that cleanses sin With love that conquers fear.

4 Drive out the doubt that cripples faith; Expel our pride and greed That we, from pow'rs that threaten us, May, by Your grace, be freed.

5 Then help us, Lord, to greet each day
With hearts and wills made new
And, when You call us forth to serve,
To rise and follow You.

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Sermon "Who Is This Jesus?"

Offering

(Children are welcome to come forward and leave their offering in the basket.)

Offertory LSB 159

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Prayer of the Church

Guidance For Guests Regarding Communion:

We deeply regret the divisions that are so obvious today both among Christians and even among Lutherans. We believe that the faith confessed at our baptismal font, from the pulpit, and at our communion rail should be the same. For this to be true, we ask that those who commune with us first learn the faith confessed in this church and publicly declare an acceptance of it. If you would like to learn what we confess, please speak with Pastor Grein. Communicant members in good standing in sister congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod or the American Association of Lutheran Churches are welcome to commune with us are our guests, but, as a courtesy, please make your intentions known to an elder or the pastor if you have never done so before.

+ Service of the Sacrament +

LSB 160

Preface

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **W**e lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- **P** It is truly good, right, and ... evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus LSB 161

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.

Lord's Prayer LSB 162

The Words of Our Lord LSB 162

Pax Domini LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei LSB 163

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

Distribution Hymns:

"Jesus Comes Today with Healing" #620

1 Jesus comes today with healing, Knocking at my door, appealing, Off'ring pardon, grace, and peace. He Himself makes preparation, And I hear His invitation: "Come and taste the blessèd feast."

2 Christ Himself, the priest presiding,
Yet in bread and wine abiding
In this holy sacrament,
Gives the bread of life, once broken,
And the cup, the precious token
Of His sacred covenant.

3 Under bread and wine, though lowly, I receive the Savior holy,
Blood and body, giv'n for me,
Very Lamb of God from heaven,
Who to bitter death was given,
Hung upon the cursèd tree.

4 God descends with heav'nly power,
Gives Himself to me this hour
In this ordinary sign.
On my tongue His pledge receiving,
I accept His grace, believing
That I taste His love divine.

5 Let me praise God's boundless favor, Whose own feast of love I savor, Bidden by His gracious call. Wedding garments He provides me, With a robe of white He hides me, Fits me for the royal hall.

6 Now have I found consolation, Comfort in my tribulation, Balm to heal the troubled soul. God, my shield from ev'ry terror, Cleanses me from sin and error, Makes my wounded spirit whole.

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"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" #849

1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness
With a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel,
Healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms, and feeding thousands
With the very Bread of peace.

2 Praise the One who blessed the children With a strong, yet gentle, word;
Praise the One who drove out demons
With the piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water
To the desert's burning sand;
From this Well comes living water,
Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

3 Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place. Jesus died and rose victorious That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done; Let us praise the true Redeemer, Praise the One who makes us one.

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"Rise, Shine, You People" #825

1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered Our human story; God in Him is centered. He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, With grace unbounded.

2 See how He sends the pow'rs of evil reeling; He brings us freedom, light and life and healing. All men and women, who by guilt are driven, Now are forgiven. 3 Come, celebrate, your banners high unfurling, Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling. To all the world go out and tell the story Of Jesus' glory. 4 Tell how the Father sent His Son to save us. Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us. Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation His new creation.

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Nunc Dimittis

LSB 165

Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people: A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel. 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.

Post-Communion Collect

LSB 166

- 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...
- C Amen.

Closing Hymn: "Son of God, Eternal Savior" #842

1 Son of God, eternal Savior,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
Hallows all our human race,
You our Head, who, throned in glory,
For Your own will ever plead:
Fill us with Your love and pity,
Heal our wrongs, and help our need.

3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
King of love and Prince of Peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion,
Bid its cruel discords cease.
By Your patient years of toiling,
By Your silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
Stem our selfish greed of gain.

2 As You, Lord, have lived for others,
So may we for others live.
Freely have Your gifts been granted;
Freely may Your servants give.
Yours the gold and Yours the silver,
Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of Your bounty
Held in solemn trust will be.

4 Son of God, eternal Savior,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
Hallows all our human race:
By Your praying, by Your willing
That Your people should be one,
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition:
Here on earth Your will be done.

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+To God Alone be the Glory+



Next Week's Readings:

Isaiah 40:21-31

1 Corinthians 9:16-27

Mark 1:29-39

Liturgical Color - Green is the color of growing things and green is the color for the Epiphany Season. During this season we grow in our understanding that Jesus is "God in man made manifest," (LSB Hymn 394), that is, that Jesus reveals Himself as God in human flesh.

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Eric Bach
 Jason Coyle
 Kris Farenbaugh
 Health Concerns
 Healing

Kris Farenbaugh Healing Shirley Gieser Healing

• Linda Ortloff Healing and Strength

IF YOU HAVE ANY PRAYER CONCERNS:

Please fill out a prayer request form found at the Prayer Box at the
back of the church and drop it in the Prayer Box or in the collection
plate. Please remember to call the church office 587-3318 when you
or a family member or friend is sufficiently healed to be removed
from the list. Thank you.

MINISTRY STAFF

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Cook
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Childcare Team

Beginning Sunday, January 28, 2024 Septuagesima

- Catechism: Sacrament of Holy Baptism: What does such baptizing with water indicate? Where is this written?
- Verse of the week: Luke 9:23 If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.
- Psalm of the week: Psalm 130
- Psalm Table: 60-Day Psalm Schedule
- Hymn of the week: 556 "Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice" (stanzas 6-10)

Bible Stories for the Week:

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	The Parable of the Workers in the	
	Vineyard—Matthew 20:1-16	
Monday	Jonah Is Swallowed by the Great Fish—	Romans 6:1-14
	Jonah 1:1—2:10	
Tuesday	The Sign of Jonah—Matthew 12:38-45	Jonah 2:1-10
Wednesday	Jesus Walks on the water—Matthew	Colossians 2:11-15
	14:22-36	
Thursday	Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet—John	1 Corinthians 6:9-11
_	13:1-15	
Friday	Purification of Mary and	Hebrews 2:14-18
	Presentation —Luke 2:22-32	
Saturday	The Power of the Word of God—Isaiah	2 Cor. 11:19—12:9
	55:10-13	

Happenings

Soup Suppers – Believe it or not, Lent is just around the corner as Ash Wednesday is February 14th. This year there are six Lenten services so there will be six opportunities for your group to host one of the soup suppers. The signup sheet is located on the door in the hallway across from the Sacristy. Please contact Marshall Kranz if you have any questions.

Go Red Sunday – for Women's Heart Health will be next week, February 4th. Please plan to wear red and have your picture taken!

Mark your Calendar – for Cups and Conversations on Saturday, February 17th at 9:00 a.m. The featured speaker will be Brian Haines, Director of the McLeod Couty Museum.

Special Congregational Business Meeting - will be held in the sanctuary after the 9:00am church service on Sunday February 11, 2024. The purpose of this special meeting is to vote on the nomination to the Board of Trustees and for the congregation to approve the ELC Committee Charter that was approved by the church council at their meeting on December 19, 2023. The agenda and charter will be sent out with the weekly bulletin emails and copies can be made available by contacting Sherry in the OSL Office. If there are questions, please contact Kevin Mathews, OSL Congregational Vice-Chair.

Attention all youth - There are information sheets and registration forms in the narthex for the trip to the Higher Things Conference in Mequon, WI from June 25-28. Forms are due to Jennie Asher by Sunday, February 11. If you know someone who was confirmed here and hasn't received the information, please share it with them.

Bulletin Bloopers -

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR'S

Sunday (1/28) Loose Offering - Seminarian

6:00 a.m. Lutheran Hour, WCCO 830 AM 9:00 a.m. Divine Service with Communion

10:00 a.m. Education Hour

11:00 a.m. Cable TV Broadcast; Channel 8-Mediacom, Channel 10-Nuvera

Monday (1/29) Pastor's Day Off

8:00 a.m. Bible Study – The Gospel of John

Tuesday (1/30)

9:30 a.m. ELC Chapel

Wednesday (1/31)

3:00 p.m. Confirmation

5:30 p.m. Bells

6:30 p.m. Midweek Service

Thursday (2/1)

8:00 a.m. Pastors' Greek

Friday (2/2)

1:30 p.m. Friendship Club

5:00 p.m. Cable TV Broadcast; Channel 8-Mediacom, Channel 10-Nuvera

Saturday (2/3)

11:00 a.m. Chuck Bullert Funeral

Sunday (2/4) Go Red!/Loose Offering - Habitat for Humanity

6:00 a.m. Lutheran Hour, WCCO 830 AM

8:00 a.m. Choir

9:00 a.m. Divine Service with Communion 10:00 a.m. Education Hour/Congregational Photo

10:00 a.m. Free Blood Pressure Checks

11:00 a.m. Cable TV Broadcast; Channel 8-Mediacom, Channel 10-Nuvera

Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. John Grein

Organist: Shirlee Landskroener

Elder: Mike Smithers

Acolyte: Matthew Schumann

Ushers: Group 2

Altar Guild: Janet Mraz/Eldonna Rettman

Next Week's Worship Leaders

Elder: Arnie Alsleben

Acolyte: Emery Blumhoefer **Ushers**: Group 3

Altar Guild: Connie Huber/Barb Pischke/Donna Luhring

Happy Birthday This Week To:

Monday, 1/29 Deon Roder, Rachel Sauter

Tuesday, 1/30 Michelle Paulson, Caleb Rannow Wednesday, 1/31 Donna Luhring, Brittany Schindler

Thursday, 2/1 Joyce Cruser Friday, 2/2 Marlin Schauer Saturday, 2/3 Kylie Knodel **ELC Family Engagement** - Help us welcome families to Our Savior's! On Friday, February 9, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. the ELC is having a Family Engagement Event and we need your help! Please sign up on the sheet next to the office to assist with greeting families at the door as they arrive (2:45-3:30), decorating Valentines' cookies (3:00-5:00), or clean up (4:45-5:30). This is a great opportunity to meet families, visit, and invite those who don't have a church home to join us at OSL!



God's Love is in the air! Get ready for a bouncing good time with your family and church buddies!

Let's celebrate God's love together at our Valentine's Family Engagement, where we'll be jumping for joy in the Bounce Houses from Midwest Party Supply in the Activity Center (Gym)



February 9th from 3:00 - 5:00.



But wait, there's more! Take a break from bouncing and get crafty with some heart-shaped cookies. Add some extra sprinkles or frosting to make your snack extra sweet!

Donations of frosting and sprinkles are welcome!

Oh, and did we mention? Each family attending will receive a John 3:16 beach ball as a little token of our love. So, bring your smiles and get ready to have some fun!