



He taught us as
One who had
AUTHORITY

*We invite, encourage, educate and empower
all people to follow God and serve others."*

4th Sunday of Epiphany

January 28, 2018

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

HYMN *"Oh, For A Thousand Tongues to Sing"* #886 vs. 1-6

CALL TO WORSHIP

God comes into a world filled with uncertainties and darkness.

God seeks out the voids of belief and conviction.

God embraces the wounded and broken.

God knocks down the walls of division and strife.

God is the candle shining in the darkness of our days.

God is the light of our lives.

God is the one who makes all things new.

Praise be to God, now and forevermore!

HYMN *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"* #858 vs. 1-4

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Un-stop our ears, O God, that we may hear your Word proclaimed this day.

Open our minds and hearts to be changed. Free us from the unclean spirits of worry, fear, destruction, and pride. Teach us, Lord, that we may follow you more faithfully. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

¹Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him.

⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶yet 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.

⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸“Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 111

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.

The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

WELCOME THE CHILDREN *“Step By Step”*

Oh God, You are my God,

And I will ever praise You. (repeat both lines)

I will seek You in the Morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways,
And step by step You'll lead me, and I will follow You all of my days.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG *“Step By Step”*

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:21-28

²¹[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught.²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and 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.” ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION **“Something’s Happening Here”**

HYMN **“God, Whose Almighty Word”** #673 vs. 1-4

APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again;

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father,

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Amen

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *We Are An Offering”* #692

OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray, **Have mercy, O God.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN *"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" #310*

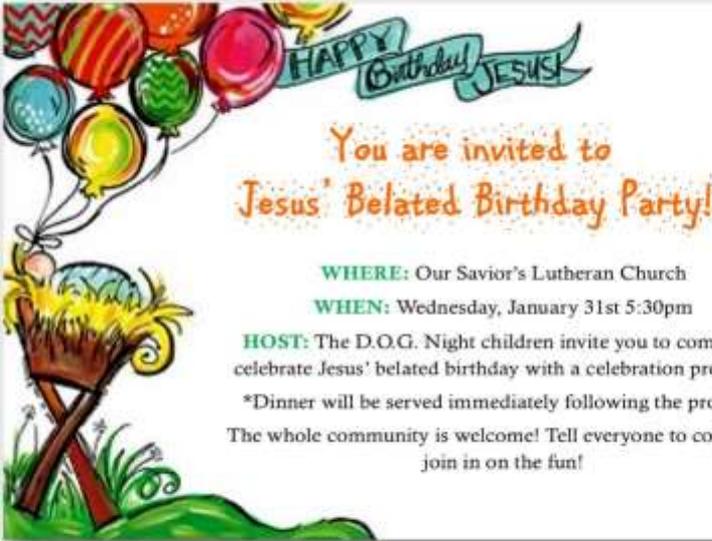
vs. 1-4

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God!

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WELCOME to our worship service

If you would like to be added to our church mailing list or have other information you would like us to know, please fill out an information card located with the hymnals.

Today, January 21

9:30am Worship/Potluck

Wednesday, January 24

5:30pm *A Belated Birthday Party for Jesus* – D.O.G. Night Program

7:30pm Grief Recovery Seminar – Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Sunday, February 4

9:30 Worship/Communion

11:00am Worship Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 7

5:15-7pm D.O.G. Night

Saturday, February 10

5:30pm Annual Valentine's Day Prime Rib Dinner @ OSL



The Grief Recovery Method®

by The Grief Recovery Institute®

Grief Recovery Seminar

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Wednesday, January 31 7:30pm

Please see Margie Neugebauer or the bulletin boards for more info

SERVE

SERVING TODAY:

Greeters/Ushers – Larry and Jenett VanDreissen

Music – Carla Oerter

Reader – Larry VanDreissen

Potluck setup/cleanup – Kathy Thompson

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY:

Greeters/ Ushers – Greg Neugebauer Family

Reader – Marie Kennedy

Music – Peg Tesch and Conni Virtue

Communion Prep and Fellowship Servers—

Marie Kennedy, Greg & Kristin Neugebauer

Communion Assistant—Jamie Neugebauer



Back By Popular Demand!!!

**Annual Valentine's Day
Prime Rib Dinner**

Saturday, February 10, 2018

5:30pm

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Sponsored by the OSL Community Youth Group with all proceeds going towards their summer trips.

Tickets are available at Pop's Grocery, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, from OSL Community Youth Group members, or from Pastor Deb Ginner.

**Limited tickets available. Tickets need to be purchased by February 7, 2018. Tickets WILL NOT be sold at the door.

Menu

**PRIME RIB
BAKED POTATO
LETTUCE SALAD
FRUIT CUP
ROLLS
CALIFORNIA BLEND VEGETABLES
CHEESECAKE**

\$30 PER PERSON

Ben Appetit!



Praying for one another is vital to our community of faith and part of being a member of the priesthood of all believers. If you or a family member wishes to be included in this printed prayer list, please contact Josie in the church office.

We pray for the comfort and strength for those who have recently lost loved ones.

We pray for the health and healing of those ill or hospitalized and their caregivers, including **Suzan Heidelberger**, **Crystal Swenson** (friend of Pastor Deb) and **Baby Darius** (son of Dakota and Blake Hunsaker.)

We pray for those with ongoing concerns: **Don Aduddell**, **Val** (Steve & Patti Pendegraft's sister-in-law), **Bernie Quaschnick**, **Rodney Shay**, **Talon Gibson** (Tenaya Gibson's son), **Kelly Edwards**, **Glenyce** (Carla's cousin), **Dennis Hempler** (Dixie Clark's brother), and **Heidi** (Hunsaker's niece.)



**Mission
of the
Month**

John Hanlon

A blaze started in John's home on Villas Street in Hermosa, and the Battle Creek Fire Department arrived at the scene. Heavy smoke was coming from the front of the home. A call was made for additional manpower, and sometime later, John's longtime friend, Diane Skelly, was found deceased in the home.

John Hanlon lost his home, most of his belongings, and his best friend in this house fire. A fund has been set up for donations at Security First Bank. Our Savior's Lutheran will deposit all funds collected from this mission to the "John Hanlon Fire Benefit Fund" at Security First Bank.

A helping hand is needed from this generous community. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

