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2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

January 15, 2023

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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## RINGING OF THE BELL

## INVOCATION

*We gather for worship in the name of the Triune God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen*

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

*Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**Amen.**

*Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.*

Silence is kept for reflection.

*Most merciful God,*

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

*In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore*

*declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

**HYMN**

*Jesus, What a Wonderful Name*  
Jesus, what a beautiful name  
Son of God, Son of Man  
Lamb that was slain  
Joy and peace, strength and hope  
Grace that blows all fear away  
Jesus, what a beautiful name  
Jesus, what a beautiful name  
Jesus, what a beautiful name  
Truth revealed, my future sealed  
Healed my pain  
Love and freedom, life and warmth  
Grace that blows all fear away  
Jesus, what a beautiful name  
Jesus, what a beautiful name  
Rescued my soul, my stronghold  
Lifts me from shame  
Forgiveness, security, power and love  
Grace that blows all fear away  
Jesus, what a beautiful name

**GREETING**

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Holy God, our strength and our redeemer,*

**by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God."

And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

*The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

## RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 40:1-11

*I waited patiently upon the LORD, who stooped to me and heard my cry.*

**The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my<sup>1</sup> footing sure.**

*The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.*

**Happy are they who trust in the LORD! They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.**

*Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us, none can be compared with you!*

**Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.**

*Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears:  
burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.*

**And so I said, “Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me:**

*‘I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me.’”*

**I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly; I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.**

*I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.*

**You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me; may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.**

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

**John 1:29-42**

[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah”

(which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

*The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

**SERMON**

*"An Invitation"*

**HYMN**

*Lamb of God*

#336

Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from  
your side to walk upon this guilty sod and to become the  
Lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb  
of God. Oh, wash me in your precious blood, my Jesus  
Christ, the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love, we crucified. We laughed and scorned him  
as he died. The humble king we named a fraud and sacrificed  
the Lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb  
of God. Oh, wash me in your precious blood, my Jesus  
Christ, the Lamb of God.

I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to  
your side to be led by your staff and rod and to be called a  
lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb  
of God. Oh, wash me in your precious blood, my Jesus  
Christ, the Lamb of God.

**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**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Merciful God, receive our prayer.*

**OFFERING**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

*Blessed are you, Maker of all things.*

**As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now  
gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us  
to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ  
our Savior. Amen.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

**HYMN**

*Lamb of God*

**#195**

**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, grant us peace. (REPEAT)**

**BLESSING & PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**BENEDICTION**

**SENDING HYMN** *Jesus Call Us; O'er the Tumult* #696

**Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea,  
day by day his clear voice sounding,  
saying, "Christian, follow me":**

**Jesus calls us from the worship  
of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us,  
saying, "Christian, love me more."**

**In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
"Christian, love me more than these."**

**Jesus calls us! By your mercy, Savior, may we hear your call,  
give our hearts to your obedience,  
serve and love you best of all.**

## **DISMISSAL**

*Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.*

**Okay, we will. Thanks be to God!**

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## **Mission of the Month**

## **PINE RIDGE ENERGY ASSISTANCE MATCHING FUND PROGRAM**

The Energy Assistance Matching Fund is exactly what the title says. If someone on the Pine Ridge Reservation is in need of assistance with energy bills, they can apply at the Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center for matching funds. This means whatever money they have available to put towards their energy bill can be matched with money from the fund if funds are available and the criteria are met. The matching funds are sent directly to the energy company to ensure they are used to pay the energy bill. As of mid-December, over \$10,000 had already be given out to help families.

*If you would like to financially support this fund, place your contribution in the Globe offering or in the offering plate. Donations for the Mission of the Month can also be made online through Tithley. Checks can be made out to OS� with "Mission" in the memo line.*

*Thank you for being a blessing in helping others stay warm this winter.*



## Please Pray For...

\*\*Those who are grieving losses of any sort, including the friends and family of Max Wald; Jason (Brother of Dylan); Carter (Custer HS Senior); Shirley (Aunt of Jason Virtue); Hiram Neiffer (Grandfather of Jana Virtue)

\*\*Those recovering from surgeries, and those who are ill or hospitalized including John Sunding; Josie Weekley; Elizabeth Mertz; Randy Eley (son of Peg Tesch); Ruth Henriksen (Mother of Rebecca Kaiser); Sarah Fischer; John Sunding; Ken (Brother of Cathy Dahl); Rose Bintliff and Kirt Burt (Friends of the Kaisers); Keith Buchholz (Brother-in-law of Judy Stanley); LeAnn (Friend of Mikkey T.); Seth and Brenda (Friends of the Baschnagels; Mike; Abbot (Great-Grandson of Lane); Dorothy Wall (Friend of Toni Ramsey)

\*\*Those with on-going concerns, including Chuck Baschnagel (Father of Mike); David Vining; Bob and Peg Tesch; Glenyce (Cousin of Carla Oerter); Reece Ullerich (Friend of Linda Boll); Gary McKean (Nephew of Lane Pine); Marie Kennedy; Iris Brimer; Clay Walberg; Rod Dikoff (Cousin of Roger); Suzan Heidelberger; Chelle Schefcik; Barbara (Aunt of Carmen Lakner); David Henriksen (Brother of Rebecca Kaiser)

\*\*For our military members and their families

\*\*For our leaders at all levels

\*\*For our siblings in Christ, our friends and enemies, both near and far

\*\*For those who are homeless and those whose homes do not provide warmth and safety

## ANNUAL MEETING

### Agenda Items Include:

\*Presentation of reports from President, Committees and others

\*2022 Treasurer's Report

\*Proposed 2023 Mission Plan

\*Election of Council Members

Dar Schroeder, Jason Virtue and Gloria Olawsky will be finishing their terms as Church Council members and alternate this month. We are grateful for their work as they served on Council. We are looking for nominees to fill their positions. The Church Council is responsible for the big picture leadership in the church. A Church Council member also serve as a liaison on each of the committees so everyone can work together as a team. Council members are elected at the annual meeting in January and need to be members of OSL.

*Nominees are Gene Deyo, Mike Baschnagel and Steve Pendegrift. An alternate nominee is still needed. Others can still be nominated.*

*\*If you would like to be a nominee for Church Council, please contact Pastor Deb, Josie, or a current Council Member*

Hermosa/Fairburn  
Community Food Bank

# SOUPER BOWL

Fundraiser

Saturday, January 21st

2023

St Michael's  
Catholic  
Church,  
Hermosa

5:00pm  
Soup Supper  
(Donation)

5:30pm  
Basket  
Auction



A great time  
to get yummy  
treats and fun  
gifts!

The Community Food Bank has helped to feed approximately 344 people in the past year and the number is growing. This meal and auction is the only fundraiser held by the Food Bank Board. We hope to see you there!

Thank you for your support!



Sunday, January 15

**9:30am** Worship both in the building and live online (Facebook and YouTube)

**5:00** Sunday Night Live

Monday, January 16th

*Martin Luther King Jr Day*

*Church Office Closed*

**9:30-10:30am** Bible Study with Pastor Deb- @ OSL and on Zoom  
Zoom Meeting ID: 518 251 3825 Password: OSLHermosa

Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>

**5:30-6:30pm** Bible Study with Pastor Deb- @ OSL and on Zoom  
Zoom Meeting ID: 518 251 3825 Password: OSLHermosa

Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>

**10:00am** Book Study Opportunity - *Life Together*

A discussion of Christian fellowship by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"This story of a unique fellowship in an underground seminary during the Nazi years reads like one of Paul's letters. It gives practical advice on how life together in Christ can be sustained in families and groups. The role of personal prayer, worship in common, everyday work, and Christian service is treated in simple, almost biblical, words. *Life Together* is bread for all who are hungry for the real life of Christian fellowship."

Books are \$6.00. Please let Pastor Deb know ASAP if you would like her to order you a book. You are also free to order one yourself. They can be found various places online and are available electronically.

Zoom Meeting ID: 518 251 3825 Password: OSLHermosa

**3:00-5:00pm** Hermosa/Fairburn Food Bank open

Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>

**5:00pm** Souper Bowl Fundraiser (see poster in bulletin)

Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>

**9:30am** Worship and Communion both in the building and live online (Facebook and YouTube)

**10:30am** OSL Annual Meeting followed by potluck

**5:00** Sunday Night Live