

3rd Sunday of Christmas

January 10, 2021

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation. Amen.

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.

How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness,

we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace. Amen.

HYMN

Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain **Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

**You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." *Refrain***

**You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill, then you
whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again, when you blew
through your people on the rush of the wind. *Refrain***

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, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING

Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to

come after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

HYMN *Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone*

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now I’m found; was blind but now I see.

2. ‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Chorus: My chains are gone, I’ve been set free; My God, my Savior has ransomed me. And like a flood His mercy reigns. Unending love, amazing grace.

3. Through many dangers, toils and snares. I have already come. 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far and grace will lead me home.

Chorus: My chains are gone, I've been set free; My God, my Savior has ransomed me. And like a flood His mercy reigns. Unending love, amazing grace.

4. The earth shall soon dissolve like snow; the sun forbear to shine. But God, who called me here below will be forever mine. Will be forever mine. You are forever mine. You are forever mine!

Chorus: My chains are gone, I've been set free; My God, my Savior has ransomed me. And like a flood His mercy reigns. Unending love, amazing grace. (REPEAT)

Amazing love, amazing grace. Amazing love, amazing grace.

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

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN *Baptized and Set Free*

**We are people created, chosen by God.
Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love.
Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door
to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.**

**Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song.
All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong.
Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be
one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the Good News.

Okay, we will. Thanks be to God!

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We Lift in Prayer...

- *Those who are grieving losses of any sort, including the family and friends of Kenny Drevlow (friend of Bob Tesch)
- *Those recovering from COVID, surgeries, and those who are ill or hospitalized, including Brenda Kummer; Bernadean (mother of Alan Johnson); Kara and Chad (friends of Kendra Malecek); Marlene (Aunt of Jason Virtue)
- *Those with on-going health concerns, including John Sunding; Larry Mills, Randy (Shotgun) Schumack, Peg Tesch, Suzan Heidelberger; Chelle Schefcik; Pepper (nephew of Mike & Dianna Baschnagel)
- *For those whom the holiday season is very hard
- *For those in long-term care facilities
- *For our hospital and prison chaplains
- *Our firefighters, our first responders and our frontline & health care workers.
- *For all leaders at every level
- *For our siblings in Christ, our friends and our enemies both near and far

UP NEXT

Today, Sunday, December 10th

9:30am Worship in the building and live online

10:30am Worship Committee Meeting- in person and on Zoom- taking down Christmas decorations

5:00pm Confirmation

6:00-8:30pm HS Youth Group

Wednesday, December 13th

Watch for the DOG Night Lesson and Frolic for Families videos on Facebook and YouTube

Thursday, December 14th

9:30am WELCA @ OSL and on Zoom

Zoom Meeting ID: 518 251 3825 Password: OSLHermosa

7:00pm Online Advent Bible Study with Chelle

Zoom meeting ID: 866 0644 8843 Password: 372054

Next Sunday, December 17th

New Member Sunday

9:30am Worship with Communion in person and live online

4:30-7:00pm Confirmation and HS Youth Group- Service Sunday

5:00-6:00pm Drive-Thru Soup Supper- OSL Parking Lot

**FREE COMMUNITY
DRIVE-THRU
SOUP SUPPER**

January 17th, 2021

5:00-6:00pm

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Parking Lot

Soup (and more) to go

A little warmth on a chilly night!

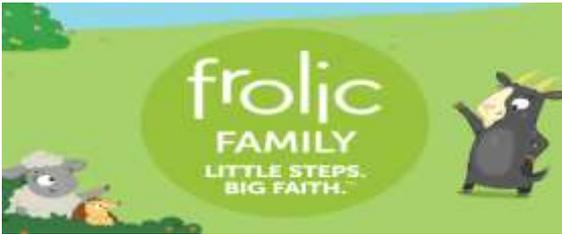
A variety of soups will be available.

****Sponsored by the Our Savior's Lutheran Church Outreach Committee****



DOG Night

Online Disciples of God (DOG) Night Christian Education ministry will begin again on January 13, 2021. We have decided we are going to focus on having fun with our online ministry while growing in faith. Skits, puppets and who knows what else will bring God's Word to life!



NEW SMALL GROUP MINISTRY THROUGH OSL

FROLIC WITH FAMILIES: LITTLE STEPS. BIG FAITH.

Are you a parent of an infant, toddler or preschooler looking for tools to help your little one grow in faith?

You belong here! With the help of the *Frolic* curriculum from Augsburg Fortress and each of you, Pastor Deb will facilitate opportunities for you and your child(ren) to grow in faith together. This ministry might include weekly or monthly videos, activities to do at home, Zoom gatherings or even times to gather in person based on the desires of small group members. We will focus on experiencing Bible stories through reading, songs, dance, and other activities while helping our little ones experience God's love and our love. It is open to anyone from any church or non-church background. Please call Josie at 605-255-4662 or send her a note at osl@mt-rushmore.net to register.

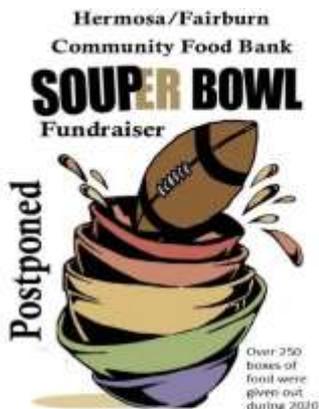




2021 BLACK HILLS COUPON BOOKS ARE HERE!!!

\$20.00

Coupon books can be purchased from Pastor Deb, Josie in the church office or a Youth Group member or future Bible Camper. Call, text or email Pastor Deb at 605-890-0781 or pastordeb@oslhermosa.com



The 2021 Souper Bowl fundraiser has been postponed until January 2022 due to the pandemic. The Food Bank Board members are grateful for the continued generous support of the community and area businesses. Financial donations can be sent to Alicja Mead, Treasurer, at 24210 S Hwy 79, Hermosa, SD 57744. Please make checks out to God's Cupboard. The Food Bank is located in the back of Heartland Hair and is open every 3rd Thursday of the month from 3:00 - 5:00 pm.



We will be welcoming new members on Sunday, January 17th. If you would like more information, have any questions, or would like to become a member of OSL, please contact Pastor Deb. 605-890-0781



Mission of the Month Lutheran Social Services Street Outreach Program

Lutheran Social Services of Rapid City has received a grant to begin a Street Outreach Program. Sherry Brodrick, BS, is the Street Outreach Case Manager heading this project. She says the goal of the program is to reach out to youth age 10-21 who are living on the streets in Rapid, build relationships with them, assist them with daily needs such as transportation, showers and washing clothes and offer to teach harm reduction skills to keep them out of the hands of human traffickers and other risks associated with living on the streets. One of the ways they are building relationships is through handing out Survival Kits - drawstring bags filled with items such as a toothbrush, toothpaste, a roll of toilet paper, black hair ties / pony tail holders, pens, pencils, notebooks, body wash / body wipes, wash cloth, hand sanitizer, masks and small sage pouches, as many of these youth are Native American. Taxi vouchers are available for youth. Hats, socks and coats are also being collected to hand out. Financial donations are greatly needed by this new program.

You can be a part of this ministry by giving a financial gift in January to our Mission of the Month or you can donate any of the above listed items which will be given to Sherry to use. Items can be dropped off at the church. Financial donations can be mailed or dropped off at the church, placed in the Globe Offering during worship or given electronically. There is a place to check Mission of the Month if you use Tith-ly. Thank you for your generosity.