



4th Sunday after Epiphany

January 31, 2021

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. Amen.

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

Step by Step

Oh God, You are my God
And I will ever praise You
Oh God, You are my God
And I will ever praise You

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 (REPEAT)

And step by step, You'll lead me
And I will follow You all of my days

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

Compassionate God,

you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 111

Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are your works, O Lord, pondered by all who delight in them. Majesty and splendor mark your deeds, and your righteousness endures forever.

You cause your wonders to be remembered; you are gracious and full of compassion.

You give food to those who fear you, remembering forever your covenant.

You have shown your people the power of your works in giving them the lands of the nations.

The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice; all of your precepts are sure. They stand fast forever and ever,

because they are done in truth and equity.

You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever; holy and awesome is your name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.

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.

SERMON

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 OFFERING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

I Love To Tell the Story

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

Refrain

I love to tell the story; I'll sing this theme in glory
and tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!

I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy word. *Refrain*

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.

And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. *Refrain*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the Good News.

Okay, we will. Thanks be to God!

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UP NEXT

Today, January 31st

9:30am Worship in person and live online on Facebook and YouTube
6:30-8:00pm OSL Community HS Youth Group

Tuesday, February 2nd

1:00pm Education Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 4th

7:00pm Devotion/Conversation/Prayer via Zoom with Chelle
Zoom Meeting ID: 886-0644-8843 Password: 372054

Friday, February 5th

10:30-11:30am Feeding SD Truck @ OSL Parking Lot

Sunday, February 7th

9:30am Worship with Communion @ OSL and live on Facebook and YouTube

www.facebook.com/OSLHermosa www.youtube.com/TheOSLHermosa

10:30am Property and Worship Committees meet @ OSL and on Zoom

6:30-8pm HS Youth Group



We Lift in Prayer...

**Those who are grieving losses of any sort, including the family and friends of Nikki (Niece of Amy Arledge); Casey Hundstad (cousin of Pastor Deb)

**Those recovering from COVID-19, surgeries, and those who are ill or hospitalized, including Glen; Aaron Neugebauer (grandson of Duane and Margie); Bruce Sunding, Michael (cousin of Donna Zuerlein); Randy, Marie & Family (Cousin of Peg Tesch); Brenda Kummer; Bernadean (mother of Alan Johnson); Kara and Chad (friends of Kendra Malacek); Marlene (Aunt of Jason Virtue)

**Those with on-going health concerns, including Ruth Sichterman (mother of Dan Mintzlaff); Dennis Wilkerson; Kitty Aman; Larry Mills; Randy (Shotgun) Schumack; Peg Tesch; Suzan Heidelberger; Chelle Schefcik; Pepper (nephew of Mike and Dianna Baschnagel)

**For those in long-term care facilities

**For our firefighters, our first responders and our frontline & healthcare workers.

**For our leaders at every level.

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



DOG Night

Online Disciples of God (DOG) Night Christian Education ministry will begin again Feb 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



Committees & Teams at OSL

It takes the whole congregation using their gifts and skills to accomplish the ministry that we have been called to do.

God called some of you to be leaders of the congregation! Thank you to everyone who has served on Committees and/or Teams at OSL. Would you like to continue serving in this way? Have you thought about using your gifts through being on a Committee and/or a Team at OSL? We would love to have you!

If you are interested in being on the Mission Committee, Education Committee, Property Committee, Outreach Committee, Worship Committee or Prayer Shawl Team, please talk to Pastor Deb or any Church Council Member or just show up at a meeting. We need many hands to lighten the load.



Dan lost his home on Gumbo Lily Lane as well as all possession in the home because of a fire on November 18, 2020. He continues to live on the property in a camper with plans to begin rebuilding soon. Donations this month will help Dan with rebuilding expenses.

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.



Three of the Lutherans Outdoors in South Dakota Bible camps are welcoming back campers this summer. Safety protocols will be in place following the guidelines of the American Camp Association! Pastor Deb is so excited to head camp this summer! Who wants to go with her? If you are interested or have questions, please talk to Pastor Deb or Josie.