



3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 22, 2023

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

Dearest Jesus, at Your Word

#520

**Dearest Jesus, at your word
we have come again to hear you;
let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
and in glowing faith be near you
as the promises here given
draw us wholly up to heaven.**

**Radiance of God's glory bright,
Light of light from God proceeding,
Jesus, send your blessed light;
help our hearing, speaking, heeding,
that our prayers and songs may please you,
as with grateful hearts we praise you.**

**Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
praise to you and adoration!
Grant us what we need the most:
all your gospel's consolation
while we here on earth await you,
till in heav'n with praise we greet you.**

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

Lord God,

your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same

mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 27:1,4-9

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.

For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me. Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

My heart speaks your message— "Seek my face." Your face, O LORD, I will seek.

Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:12-25

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought to him all the sick, those who were afflicted with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, and paralytics, and he cured them. And great crowds followed him from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Are You Willing?”

HYMN

Will You Come and Follow Me

#798

“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown,

will you let my name be known,

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

**"Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?**

**Will you risk the hostile stare,
should your life attract or scare?**

Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?

**"Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?**

**"Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?**

**Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?"**

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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*)**

POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

Jesus Shall Reign

#434

**Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**People and realms of ev'ry tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

Okay, we will. Thanks be to God!

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Please Pray For...

**Those who are grieving losses of any sort, including the friends and family of Jeanine Littau (Cousin of Wyone Leonard and Joy Neugebauer) Max Wald (Father of Roger Downen's granddaughter Skylar); Jason (Brother of Dylan); Carter (Custer HS Senior)

**Those recovering from surgeries, and those who are ill or hospitalized including Denny Tesch; 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

Thank you to Dar Schroeder, Jason Virtue and Gloria Olawsky for your time serving on the Council!

TODAY!
After worship...join us for potluck and fellowship following the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 22nd

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- 1st Communion Milestone

Monday, January 23rd

9:30-10:30am Bible Study with Pastor Deb- @ OSL and on Zoom

Zoom Meeting ID: 518 251 3825 Password: OSLHermosa

Wednesday, January 25th

5:30-6:30pm Bible Study with Pastor Deb- @ OSL and on Zoom

Zoom Meeting ID: 518 251 3825 Password: OSLHermosa

Thursday, January 26th

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

Join Pastor Deb in her office, or one Zoom

Zoom Meeting ID: 518 251 3825 Password: OSLHermosa

Sunday, January 29th

9:30am Worship in the building and live online

5:00pm Sunday Night Live



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 Tithe.ly. Checks can be made out to OSL with "Mission" in the memo line.

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

