



4th Sunday after Epiphany

January 29, 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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God, it's time to take off your shoes, step out of your comfort zone, and wade with trust into the stream of God's mercy. Stand still for a moment, barefoot, on holy ground. Let the healing waters wash your feet. Take a deep breath as Love soaks into your soul. Be silent and listen for God's word to us today.

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:6-8

How shall we worship our God? We have heard what the Lord requires of us. Leave empty talk and pride behind. We must walk the walk. Prepare to step out in faith, even into troubled waters. Only God knows where we might need to go. Don't be afraid. Jesus will guide our steps along the way, teaching us to walk humbly, to love boldly, to serve God with body, soul, mind, and strength. Let us pray for the humility and courage to follow where the Spirit leads.

~ written by Mary Jo Bowman, Mount Solon, Virginia. Posted on the website of the Long Green Valley Church of the Brethren. <http://rockhay.tripod.com/worship/orders/2011/11-01-30.htm>

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

Give me, O God, this day:

humility, so I can see you in the most vulnerable; a cup to catch the tears of all who weep;

an arm for the longanimous [long-suffering] to cling to as they walk through life; a broken heart which can heal those who have harmed me;

guilelessness which looks at the other and sees your beloved (not an object); friendship which embraces those we are taught to fear;

hospitality which welcomes those who are ridiculed as they shadow you;

words of hope, of comfort, of grace whispered in the ears of all who are slandered for your name. Amen.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

“With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

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. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For

Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

HYMN

Rise Up, O Saints of God!

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Rise up, O saints of God! From vain ambitions turn;
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts
with nobler zeal might burn.

Speak out, O saints of God! Despair engulfs earth's frame;
as heirs of God's baptismal grace, the word of hope proclaim.

Rise up, O saints of God! The kingdom's task embrace;
redress sin's cruel consequence; give justice larger place.

Give heed, O saints of God! Creation cries in pain;
stretch forth your hand of healing now,
with love the weak sustain.

Commit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;
and, quickened by the Spirit's pow'r,
rise up, O saints 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

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Liberating God,

you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN *The Lord Now Sends Us Forth* #538

**The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,
to make of all the earth a better place to live. Repeat**

**The angels are not sent into our world of pain
to do what we were meant to do in Jesus' name;
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.**

Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will today. Repeat

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 Mike (Brother of Cindy, one of our online worshippers)

**Those recovering from surgeries, and those who are ill or hospitalized including LeAnn Maude; 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); 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

Coming in February – *Grief Support Group*

NEW to OSL - Pastor Deb will lead a group using *The Grief Lectionary: A Scriptural Approach to Accessing and Processing Your Grief*. This small group recourse was written by a pastor who walked through her own grief as her first marriage dissolved and her second husband died just three years after they were married. We will not only look at grief through the lens of Scripture but also support each other as we process losses in our own lives.

**A time and date have not been set yet. If you are interested in being a part of this group, please contact Pastor Deb so a mutually agreeable time and date can be set. Ideally, this will be open to the whole community.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 29th

9:30am Worship in the building and live online

5:00pm Sunday Night Live

Monday, January 30th

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 518 251 3825 Password: OSLHermosa

Wednesday, February 1st

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 518 251 3825 Password: OSLHermosa

Thursday, February 2nd

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, February 5th

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

5:00 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 been 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 Titheley. 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.



Bible Camp Registration Is Now Open!!!

Lutherans Outdoors in South Dakota (LOSD) is dedicated to quality faith experiences and hospitality for all, and has been for more than 65 years. Christian camping allows each person to explore and experience Christ's love in community and creation. Campers live and play in a nurturing environment, which in turn leads them to build a stronger faith foundation, discover personal gifts and develop new skills, as well as connecting with others and building life-long relationships.

Some other things campers will learn during a Bible Camp experience...

Controlled Independence: Kids learn responsibility and independence by keeping their bunks tidy, keeping their clothes together, and being ready on time...all under the supervision of adult leaders.

Positive Role models: From the rec staff to the leadership staff to fellow campers, kids are surrounded by godly role models who encouraged them in their relationship with God.

They will encounter God: A Bible-believing camp is the perfect opportunity for your kids to step into their own relationship with God. For a few days they are not distracted by home life, sibling squabbles, or pressure from school. It's just them and God.

And...IT'S FUN!

Do you have questions, or would like to get registered? Contact Josie in the church office (605-255-4662) or Pastor Deb (605-890-0781)

*****There are scholarships and funds available to help with the cost of camp if needed. For all the information about each camp, visit www.losd.com***

Please see the summer schedule on the other side. Camps Pastor Deb will be attending are marked.



SUMMER 2023 WONDER

LUTHERANS OUTDOORS IN SOUTH DAKOTA



WEEKLY CAMP CALENDAR



**OUTLAW
RANCH**



NESODAK



**KLEIN
RANCH**

WEEK 1

JUNE 11-16

HOSTED CAMP
STAFF-IN-TRAINING (9-12th)

CONFIRMATION 1
STAFF-IN-TRAINING (9-12th)

JUNE 4-9
STAFF/WRANGLER-IN-TRAINING (9-12th)

YOUTH CAMP (6-9th)

WEEK 2

JUNE 18-23

YOUT CAMP (3-8th)
PRIDE CAMP (9-12th)

CAMP GILBERT

YOUTH CAMP
(6-9th)

WEEK 3

JUNE 25-30

FAMILY CAMP
ADVENTURES (7-12th)

CONFIRMATION 2
SIT (10-12th)

YOUTH CAMP
(6-9th)

WEEK 4

JULY 2-7

FAMILY CAMP
ADVENTURES (7-12th)
SERVANT CAMP (8-12th)

1-2-3 CAMP (1-3rd)*
EXPLORERS (3-6th)*
*JULY 5-7

CLOSED

WEEK 5

JULY 9-14

FAMILY CAMP
ADVENTURES (7-12th)
SERVANT CAMP (8-12th)

VENTURE CAMP (7-12th)
FISHING CAMP (6-9th)

YOUTH CAMP
(6-9th)

WEEK 6

JULY 16-21

FAMILY CAMP
ADVENTURES (7-12th)
SERVANT CAMP (8-12th)

YOUTH CAMP
(3-8th)

YOUTH CAMP
(6-9th)

WEEK 7

JULY 23-28

YOUTH CAMP (3-8th)
ADVENTURES (7-12th)
SERVANT CAMP (8-12th)

VENTURE CAMP (7-12th)
FISHING CAMP (3-5th)

YOUTH CAMP
(6-9th)

WEEK 8

JULY 30-AUG. 4

FAMILY CAMP
ADVENTURES (7-12th)
SERVANT CAMP (8-12th)

YOUTH CAMP (3-6th)

**REGISTER
AT
LOSD.ORG**

WEEK 9

AUGUST 6-11

1-2-3 CAMP (1-3rd)
AUG. 6-8
EXPLORERS (3-6th)
AUG. 9-11

Pastor Deb attending

Transportation can be arranged