



follow God and serve others.

6th Sunday after Epiphany

February 12, 2023

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 119

Happy are those who walk in God's ways.

Blessed are those who observe God's commandments.

Faithful are those whose eyes are fixed on righteousness.

Joyful are those whose hearts are filled with praise.

Come, let us love the Lord our God.

We come to worship the One who leads us in the ways of life.

HYMN

Come, All You People

#819

**Come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;
come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;
come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;
come now and worship the Lord.**

**Come, all you people, come and praise the Savior;
come, all you people, come and praise the Savior;
come, all you people, come and praise the Savior;
come now and worship the Lord.**

**Come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
come now and worship the Lord.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Loving God, you call us to walk in your ways, observe your commandments, and love you as you have loved us. You offer us a community of abundant blessing, with rich soil to promote dynamic growth. Yet we often turn away from you to satisfy our own wants and desires. We forsake the way of love and forgiveness, giving in to petty jealousies and quarreling, and surrendering our lofty ideals to our baser inclinations.

Forgive us, O God. When we flee from your embrace, draw us into community with you and with one another. Shower us with the cleansing waters of humility, that we may reclaim our purpose and find nourishment and growth in labors of love to bring your kingdom in our midst.

*God is alive and at work nurturing our growth, nourishing our needs, and reconciling us to one another. God hears the confessions of our hearts and forgives generously, sharing love with all who follow in God's ways. It is through God's amazing grace that we are forgiven. And all God's children respond: **Thanks be to God!***

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

O God,

send your Spirit upon us and light our path, that we may travel the road you have prepared for us. As we hear your scriptures proclaimed, and your word revealed, enable our hearts and minds to understand your goodness and your grace more fully. Help us break free from ideas that no longer bring life, that we may embrace the life-giving work of your Spirit. Challenge us to forsake paths that ask little of us and help us resist the evils and temptations of this world, that we may truly follow the way of kingdom living. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING**Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

[Moses said to the people:] See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING**Matthew 5:21-37**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members

than for your whole body to go into hell.

“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Choose Life”

HYMN *Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways* #772

Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways
to keep his statutes still!

Oh, that my God would grant me grace
to know and do his will!

Order my footsteps by your word and make my heart sincere;
let sin have no dominion, Lord,
but keep my conscience clear.

Assist my soul, too apt to stray, a stricter watch to keep;
and should I e'er forget your way,
restore your wand'ring sheep.

Make me to walk in your commands, 'tis a delightful road;
nor let my head or heart or hands offend against my 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 *O Master, Let Me Walk with You* #818

O Master, let me walk with you
in lowly paths of service true;
tell me your secret; help me bear

the strain of toil, the fret of care.
Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me your patience; share with me
a closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
in trust that triumphs over wrong,

In hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broad'ning way,
in peace that only you can give;
with you, O Master, let me live.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

Okay, we will. Thanks be to God!

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For those participating in the weekly Bible study, next week's scripture will be:
Transfiguration Sunday
Exodus 24:12-1
Psalms 2
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9



Financial Facts

As of February 5, 2023, our year-to-date offerings totaled \$10,974.30 and our expenses totaled \$10,483.26.



Let Us Pray

Please Pray For...

**Those who are grieving losses of any sort, including the friends and family of Jim Marquette (cousin of Marvin and Stan); Ruth Henriksen (Mother of Rebecca Kaiser); 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; Josie Weekley; Elizabeth Mertz; LeAnn (Friend of Mikkey T.)

**Those with on-going concerns, including Ken (Brother of Cathy Dahl); Rose Bintliff and Kirt Burt (Friends of the Kaisers); Keith Buchholz (Brother-in-law of Judy Stanley); Seth and Brenda (Friends of the Baschnagels); Abbot (Great-Grandson of Lane) John Sunding; Chuck Baschnagel (Father of Mike); 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

Ashes to Go

Wednesday, February 22

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Parking Lot

**Or inside building if weather is awful*

6:30 – 8:00 am

All are invited to be a part of this sharing of ashes to mark the beginning of Lent outside of the traditional Ash Wednesday service. During this brief encounter with Pastor Deb, a brief prayer will be spoken, one Scripture verse read and the imposition of ashes will be done. You can stay in your car or stand with Pastor Deb outside your vehicle. If you would like Pastor Deb to travel to your home or place of work for *Ashes to Go*, please contact her before February 22 at 605-890-0781 or pastordeb@oslhermosa.com.

This ministry is available to everyone in Hermosa or part of the larger community.



Sunday, February 12th

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

10:45 Choir Practice

10:45 New Member Gathering

5:00 Sunday Night Live

No Sunday Night Live

Monday, February 13th

No Bible Study

Tuesday, February 14th

Happy Valentine's Day

9:30am WELCA

Wednesday, February 15th

5:30-6:30pm Bible Study with Pastor Deb- Zoom only

Zoom Meeting ID: 518 251 3825 Password: OSLHermosa

Thursday, February 16th

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

Join Pastor Deb – Zoom only

Zoom Meeting ID: 518 251 3825 Password: OSLHermosa

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

Sunday, February 19th

Transfiguration Sunday

9:30am Worship with Communion @ OSL and live online (FB and YT)

10:30am Church Council Meeting

5:00pm Sunday Night Live

Monday, February 20th

President's Day-Church office closed

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 518 251 3825 Password: OSLHermosa

Pastor Deb will be working off-site Feb 13th- 17th

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 at OSL. Would you like to continue serving in this way? Have you thought about using your gifts through being on a Committee at OSL? We would love to have you! If you are interested in being on the Mission Committee, Education Committee, Property Committee, Outreach Committee or Worship Committee, 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.



WAMBLI SKAWOYATAN'S MOBILE WARMING STATION

This mobile warming station is the first of its kind in South Dakota. The Warming Bus is a collaboration of Woyatan Lutheran, the South Dakota Synod and Lutheran Disaster Response being Church Together. The mission of the ministry is to help serve those experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity this winter. The bus travels throughout Rapid, providing a place people can come in and sit and rest, while receiving something warm to drink and soup to eat. Your financial donations will help pay for the expenses needed to keep the bus running, such as gas and insurance, and the supplies needed to share with others. If you would like to donate items, the ministry is currently in need of hand warmers, hot chocolate packets, disposable cups for hot liquids, Cup O Soup and gas cards. These items can be brought to the church throughout the month or dropped off at Woyatan Lutheran Church.

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 OSL with "Mission" in the memo line. Thank you for being a blessing in helping others stay warm this winter.

At some point in every Christian's life, they discover a question about their faith and what they believe. Questions like, *What really happens when we die? How could God forgive me after what I've done? How do I know what God wants me to do next?* Sometimes one feels isolated when they discover that type of question, as if they are the only ones asking it. Like maybe the question feels forbidden, out-of-bounds.

But what if faith requires us to ask questions? What if questions are an essential part of our personal faith? What if we need questions to survive and grow as a community of faith? What if dialogue with God, *relationship* with God, requires questions. When we read Scripture, we discover questions everywhere.

Join Pastor Deb this Lent on Sunday mornings, Sunday evenings and or Wednesday evenings and be part of a worship series for anyone who has ever had a question about faith. Each worship will be slightly different but all will focus on questions asked in Scripture and by Christian's everywhere. Our series begins on Ash Wednesday and continues throughout Lent. All are invited to come to OSL and experience Ask!

Ash Wednesday Worship– February 22nd 6:30pm (No meal)

Sunday Morning Worship – 9:30 am

Sunday Evening Worship – 6:00 pm with dinner before

Wednesday Evening Dinner Church – 6:30 pm (Worship and Dinner)

Custer High School
Rodeo Team Valentines Dinner &

Join Us

February 10th, 2023 @ the Hermosa
Community Center

Serving Starts @6 pm

Music presented by Jen Hartshorn to Follow Until

Serving Cowboy Style
Beef Tri-Tip, Smoked Chicken
Baby Potatoes, Cowboy Beans
Salad, Bread, & Dessert

\$20 Adults, \$10 Ages 8-18, Ages 0-7 Eat Free



Mason's
LODGE NO. 92

Mouthwatering breakfast of pancakes, eggs, sausage, orange juice and coffee!

Cribbage players are asked to keep the syrup off the cards.

Adults \$10.00, Children \$5.00 and Veteran Discount

Sundays Jan. 1, through April 2nd - 7am - 12pm,
33 N. Second Street, Hermosa SD 57744

Everyone Welcome!

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12:00-noon SHARP, Buffet-style Lunch

American Legion Post 303 Building, very east end of Hermosa on Hwy 40

Jan-30 to Feb-02

Feb-06 to Feb-09

Monday	Beef Stew
Tuesday	Spaghetti
Wednesday	Runza Casserole
Thursday	Chef Choice + Liver Onions
Friday	Closed

Monday	Goulash
Tuesday	Leo's Sausage & Roast Veg.
Wednesday	Sweet Sour Chicken
Thursday	Taco, Salad, Nacho Bar
Friday	Closed

Feb-13 to Feb-16

Feb-20 to Feb-23

Monday	Pork Stir Fry
Tuesday	Beef Stroganoff
Wednesday	Stuffed Peppers
Thursday	Chef's Choice
Friday	Closed

Monday	Chili
Tuesday	Roast Beef Dinner
Wednesday	Fish and Chips
Thursday	Cranberry Chicken
Friday	Closed

Feb-27 to Mar-02

Mar-06 to Mar-09

Monday	Chicken Cordon Bleu
Tuesday	Hot Beef Sandwich
Wednesday	Fajitas
Thursday	Chef's Choice
Friday	Closed

Monday	Enchiladas Casserole
Tuesday	Breakfast for Lunch
Wednesday	Swedish Meatballs
Thursday	Soup & Sandwich Bar
Friday	Closed

ALL AGES and VISITORS are welcome. Home-cooked buffet-style meals Monday - Thurst \$8 for adults and age-adjusted price for kids. Please note we are closed on Fridays and holi Menu subject to change; but includes listed main dish, sides, salads, fruit, drinks, and dessert Join us on Facebook at @hermosaseniocitizens for daily menu updates.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Let the Adventure Begin!

Learn How To Square Dance!
AGES 8 & UP
AGES 8-17 NEED A PARENT PRESENT

Hi Steppers Square Dance Club

"The Dance Floor"
Where the bills & responsibility don't matter. It's where the stress is gone. My happy place, where my soul is free, my smile is not fake and I am my true self. Nothing matters but me and the music. The dance floor is my freedom.

SOCIAL SQUARE DANCING
FOR THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE

- ✓ Exercise for your brain
- ✓ Fun For All Ages
- ✓ Casual Attire
- ✓ Crush your step goal
- ✓ Make New Friends
- ✓ No Partner Needed

Once or twice a week on Fridays & Saturdays
From 6:30-8:30 Fridays & 2:00-4:30 on Saturdays.
Starting Friday March 24, 2023
Dates: March 24, 25, & 31; April 7, 14, 21, 28; May 12, 13, 19, 26 & 31

Hermosa School Gym
114th Street, Hermosa SD

\$80 per person for the entire package (12 classes)
OR \$10 per person each night
Square Dancing is done to
A variety of music from
Pop to country to novelty

Live Live! Square Dance!

Let's Dance!

Information Call 605-517-0716

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