



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

"Helping others receive grace, purpose and direction by proclaiming Christ's love."

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Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
January 19, 2020

Second Sunday After Epiphany

Prayer Before Worship: God, your word is like rain that waters the earth and, through your mystery and miracle, seeds of faith begin to grow. We know that our hearts can be hard and cold and are not open to the seed of your Word growing in us. We also know that you are able to do in us what we can never do for ourselves. We pray that you would make our hearts the place where faith in Christ can grow, flourish, and be shared with others. Amen.

(In preparation for our worship together, you are invited to take a moment of silence to offer your own prayers of worship and praise.)

KEY: ELW and any page number = Worship hymnal (cranberry),
OSB = Other Song Book (red), W&P = Worship & Praise (purple).

* Indicates please stand if able. Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** type.

A Warm Welcome to all as we gather as God's people to worship our Lord. We pray our worship together would strengthen your faith and desire to know and serve the One who loves us with an everlasting love as made known to us in Jesus Christ.

***Visitors**, we are especially glad to have you worshipping with us today.
Please join us in the reception area after worship for coffee and fellowship.*

Worship Information Cards: Everyone is invited to fill out a Worship Information card as you enter so that we know you are here, will be communion today or if you have a prayer request you would like us to include during worship today. Once you have filled out the card, please pass them to the inside aisle for the ushers to pick up. Thanks!

Prelude Music

Welcome and Announcements

‡WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS‡

Call to Worship

(based on Isaiah 55)

The rain and snow that falls from the sky waters the earth
and causes seeds to grow and blossom.

Life springs from the earth, giving seed for the sower and bread for the hungry.

The words that come from our mouths will not come back empty-handed,
but they will accomplish the work they were sent to do.

We will go out in joy and be led in peace into a whole new kind of life.

All of creation will join us in this grand procession of praise.

The trees will clap their hands and the hills will break forth in singing praise
to the God who is worthy of our worship!

Welcome Song: “Bring Forth the Kingdom”

W&P #22

***Confession of Sins/Assurance of Forgiveness**

(All may make the sign of the cross † the sign marked at baptism, as we begin)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the eternal voice from heaven, the anointed and beloved one, the Spirit moving over the waters.

Amen.

As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

(silence for reflection and self-examination)

Living God,

You have given us all we need to follow you, yet we doubt ourselves and you; we criticize others, grasp for meaningless pleasures and seek hollow assurances. Forgive us our sin, and show us your salvation in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Beloved of God, through baptism, you have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. Receive the promise of baptism: You are God’s child; † your sins are forgiven. Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven. Amen.

***Song of Praise: “Good Soil”**

W&P #52

***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**

God of the Word,

In the parable of the sower you showed us how your word can take and grow within us. Nurture the seeds of your word in our hearts and help us to grow in faith and love; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

‡**GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US**‡

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13

Pew Bible p. 686, Old Testament

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126

Read Responsively

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

²**Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."**

³The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

⁴**Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb.**

⁵May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

⁶**Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.**

Second Reading: Mark 4:1-20

Pew Bible p. 38, New Testament

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Verse**

"Celtic Alleluia"

**Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening,
speak your words of wisdom,
for the words you speak are everlasting life.**

**A holy day has dawned.
Adore the Lord, you nations,
for today a light
has come on the earth.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!**

***Gospel: Mark 4:21-34**

Pew Bible p. 38-9, New Testament

Response after the announcement of the gospel:
Glory to you, O Lord.

Response after the gospel reading:
Praise to you, O Christ.

Kids' Sermon

Angie Hinze

Sermon

Pastor Chris

(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)

‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡

***Hymn: "On What Has Now Been Sown"**

ELW #550

***Profession of Faith: The Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 Church**

W&P #27

(Sung Prayer Response)

**I cast all my cares upon you;
I lay all of my burdens down at your feet.
And anytime that I don't know what to do,
I will cast all my cares upon you.**

***Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(You are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.)

Offering

Offertory: "Christmas Grace"

Choir

***Offertory Prayer**

Gracious God,

As the disciples left everything of value they had to follow Jesus, so give us perspective on how we manage our possessions, and how we offer our lives in your service. Bless the gifts we have given as a sign of our willingness to follow in their footsteps, for the sake of the one who gave everything for our sakes, Jesus Christ, our savior. Amen.

†HOLY COMMUNION†

(The Words of Institution are spoken by the pastor, ending with... "now and forever. Amen." The congregation responds by singing "We Remember You")

W&P #152

**In broken bread and the cup that we share, we remember you.
In broken bread and the cup that we share, we remember you.
We remember you, Jesus. We remember your love for us.
We remember the blood you shed. We remember you.**

***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.**

***Invitation to Communion**

Come, for the gifts of God are ready for the people of God.

(Sung Response)

"Feed Us Now"

OSB #89, v.2

Distribution of Communion:

Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper with gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

All are welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion.

(Communion will be served continuously at two stations in the front of the church.

WHITE GRAPE JUICE and GLUTEN FREE WAFERS are available. Just ask the server.

Children who are not yet communicants are invited to come forward for a blessing.)

Distribution Song: "Seed, Scattered and Sown"

W&P #121

***Post-Communion Blessing and Prayer**

Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

‡WE DEPART TO SERVE‡

***Benediction**

***Hymn: "I Love to Tell the Story"**

ELW #661

*Dismissal

Go in peace to spread the Word of God.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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JANUARY FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

FOOD PANTRY: household items (laundry soap, dish soap, toilet paper, paper towels, household cleaners, etc.) and can openers

BACKPACKS: 16 oz. peanut butter (in plastic)



Fighting Malaria



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WOMEN OF THE ELCA JANUARY MISSION PROJECT:

The WELCA mission project for January and February will be the ELCA Malaria Campaign. Just \$10 can purchase a treated mosquito net, \$50 provides medicine for 25 people, and \$100 trains a village health team. Make donations in the tan “designated giving” envelopes and mark them for WELCA.

‡In Our Thoughts and Prayers‡

Prayers for healing: **Jordan Hein** (cancer treatment—former member of Calvary), **Candy** (chemo--friend of Susan Martin), **Beth Janecek** (recovering), **Neal Blomenkamp** (recovering), **Barry Bassett** (recovering), **Elnora Sell** (recovering), **Virginia Pickett** (recovering), **Deanna Zweifel** (recovering), **Michael Dietrich** (friend of Dave & Penny Stevens), **Julie** (cancer treatment--Travis Miller family), **Barb** (cancer--Marlene Downer's sister-in-law), **Ella** (Andi Dorn's friend), **Sean Woodral** (recovering), **Joan** (cancer--niece of Marj Nikont), **Patty** (cancer--Jim Dorn's sister-in-law), Judy Luenenborg (recovering--Deanna Zweifel's sister-in-law), **Kevin Feil** (healing--Melissa Guerrero's father), **Bonnie Noble** (Leah Nikont's mother), **Jeanette Chasek** (knee surgery).

Prayers for comfort: family of **Dale Schmidt** (Carol Bosshardt's father) upon his death.



BIBLE STUDIES RESUME

Sunday morning, 9 a.m. @ church

Tuesday morning, 8:30 a.m., men's group @ church

Tuesday noon, women's group @ church

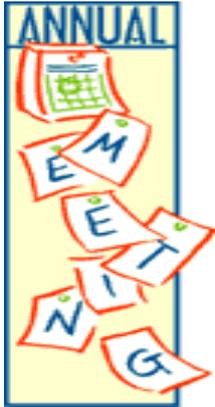
Tuesday evening, 7 p.m. @ church

Thursday evening, 6:45 p.m. @ Steeles'

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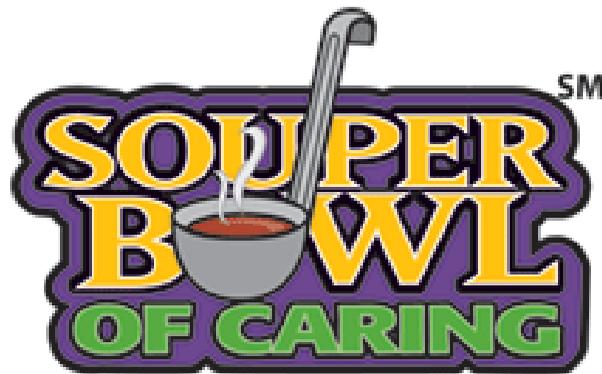
Penny Stevens, 1/19; Rick Margheim, 1/23

If we have missed your birthday, please let the office know. Thanks.



Reminders:
**TODAY, January 19 – Budget
Forum**
January 26 – Annual Meeting

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2
Following Worship



A Fundraiser for Cat/PupPacks.

Talk to Angie or sign up on the sheet if you are willing to donate a crock pot of soup or a dessert. And don't forget to stay after worship on the 2nd for some delicious homemade soups and desserts.

WORSHIP LEADERS

This Sunday – January 19

Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer

USHERS: Kent & Dawn Holub

LAY READER: Angie Hinze

COMMUNION ASSTS: Dennis Gorr, Deb Brown, Nannie Walsh

POWERPOINT: Jensen Bedlan

ACOLYTE: Ayden Tompkins

ALTAR GUILD: Barb Jensen, Maunette Loeks, Abby Newsom, Nannie Walsh

PIANIST: Dee Brady

COFFEE SET UP: Volunteer today!

HOSPITALITY: Kathy Randall

Next Sunday – January 26

USHERS: Bill & Becky Michael

LAY READER: Mary Jo Huelle

COMMUNION ASSTS: Bill Huelle, Marj Nikont, Joan Smith

POWERPOINT: Trea Hess

ACOLYTE: Katie Hess

ALTAR GUILD: Deb Brown, Vicki Howell, Tracy Steele

ORGANIST: Rhonda Boettcher

COFFEE SET UP: Volunteer today!

HOSPITALITY: Volunteer today!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 19

9 a.m. – **Budget Forum**

10 a.m. – Worship

Monday, January 20

5 p.m. – Elders

6 p.m. – Stewards

6 p.m. – Worship and Music

Tuesday, January 21

8:30 a.m. – Men's Study

Noon – Women's Study

1 p.m. – Quilting

7 p.m. – Bible study

Wednesday, January 22

6 p.m. – JAM

6 p.m. – Confirmation

7 p.m. – Choir Practice

Thursday, January 23

6:45 p.m. – Bible Study @ Steeles

Saturday, January 25

5:30 p.m. – Worship

Sunday, January 26

9 a.m. – Adult Study

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Annual Meeting

Jesus Teaches in Parables

January 19, 2020



Jesus teaches us about the kingdom of God. Jesus began his ministry by announcing the approach of God's kingdom. Now he teaches about what this looks like using parables. Jesus teaches that living out God's kingdom means hearing God's word, accepting it, and bearing fruit.

Daily Bible Readings @ Home

Sunday – Read Mark 4:1-9 Jesus tells the Parable of the Sower including some of the hardships a farmer endures. Pray for farmers and all who tend the land.

Monday – Read Mark 4:10-20 Jesus often used parables to teach about God and God's kingdom, but the meanings are not always clear. Reread the Parable of the Sower and Jesus' explanation, praying to God for his wisdom to understand this parable for your life.

Tuesday – Read Mark 4:21-25 Jesus tells 2 more parables; both of which speak to using (or not hiding) the gifts we have been given. How well do you shine the light of Christ and use the gifts God has given in your life?

Wednesday – Read Mark 4:26-34 Jesus tells the two more parables about the Kingdom of God. In one Jesus declares the kingdom of God is like a mustard seed. Followers of Jesus learn to look for signs, even the tiniest of signs, of the kingdom of God in our world. Make a list of where you see signs of God's presence in our world.

Thursday – Read Mark 4:35-41 While crossing the sea, a storm arises and the disciples panic but Jesus is asleep in the stern. Upon awaking Jesus calms the storm. Pray for those who have suffered natural disasters that they might know peace in the midst of the storms of their life.

Friday – Read Luke 8:1-3 Not all of Jesus' followers were men. Luke introduces us in these verses to some of the women disciple of Jesus. Make a list of the faithful women who have been mentors to you in the faith and then choose one or two of them to call or send a card to.

Saturday – Read Mark 5:1-13 Jesus heals a man with an unclean spirit. Pray for all in need of healing but especially for those who deal with a lingering illness or disease.