

# **Our Saviour's Lutheran Church**

## **Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

**January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**9:00am**



***Medieval illustration of Christ exorcising the Gerasene Demoniac  
(Luke 8, Mark 5, Matthew 8)***

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## **OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH** ***"CONNECTING FAMILIES TO JESUS"***

**WELCOME** to this place of worship and prayer as we gather as part of the family of our heavenly Father. If you are visiting, please complete a yellow witness of worship card, placing it in the offering plate. As you leave the service introduce yourself to our pastor.

**OSLFAMILY.ORG** – Check out our website to find the current newsletter, sermon recordings, devotional links, congregational information and more.

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** are available from the ushers. There are also activity bags for preschool children.

**OUR 9:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE** is broadcast live each week on **WZNL 94.3 FM radio** and on our **YouTube Channel**.

**WE WELCOME YOU TO HOLY COMMUNION** All who seek the benefits of this sacrament are welcome at the communion table. Children not receiving communion may come forward for a blessing. Thanks for worshipping with us today!

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## **Prelude**

*We would like to welcome all of our listeners at home to be a part of our worship today.  
Your physical presence is missed, but your presence in the Spirit is among us always.*

## **Welcome & Announcements**

### **Preparation for Worship**

*Pray for an open heart to experience the presence of Jesus,  
for your family, for your family of faith and for the worship team.  
\*stand as you are able*

### **The Celebration of God's Presence**

#### **\*Confession and Absolution**

[P] We gather together in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**[C] Amen**

[P] If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

**[C] 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**

[P] Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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.

**[C] Amen**

## Preparation for the Word

### **\*Gathering Hymn – #550** *(Green Hymnal)* **“From All that Dwells Below the Skies”**

#### **\*Greeting**

[P] The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**[C] And also with you.**

#### **\*The Kyrie**

[P] In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



[P] For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



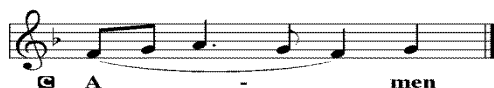
[P] For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



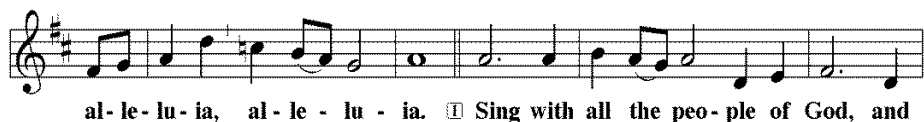
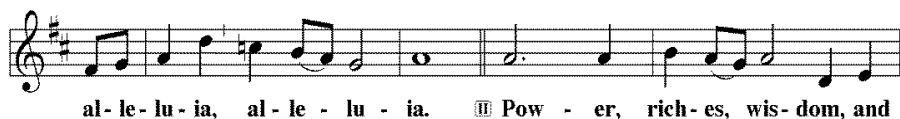
[P] For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



[P] Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



## \*This is the Feast



**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu - ia,

al-le-lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia. **II** For the Lamb who was

slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu - ia.

**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

### \*The Salutation

[P] The Lord be with you.

**C** And al - so with you.

### \*Prayer of the Day

[P] O God,

**[C]** you know that we cannot withstand the dangers that surround us. Strengthen us in body and spirit so that in you we may be able to overcome the weakness that our sin brought upon us; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, Amen.

**Special Music**

Tom Nelson

“You’re Worthy of My Praise” D. Ruis

## God's Word Guides Us

### First Reading - Deuteronomy 18:15-20

[Moses said:] <sup>15</sup>The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. <sup>16</sup>This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." <sup>17</sup>Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. <sup>18</sup>I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. <sup>19</sup>Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. <sup>20</sup>But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

[L] The Word of the Lord

[C] **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalms 111

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

**<sup>2</sup>Great are your works, O LORD,  
pondered by all who delight in them.**

<sup>3</sup>Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,  
and your righteousness endures forever.

**<sup>4</sup>You cause your wonders to be remembered;  
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup>You give food to those who fear you,  
remembering forever your covenant.

**<sup>6</sup>You have shown your people the power of your works  
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

<sup>7</sup>The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;  
all of your precepts are sure.

**<sup>8</sup>They stand fast forever and ever,  
because they are done in truth and equity.**

<sup>9</sup>You sent redemption to your people  
and commanded your covenant forever;  
holy and awesome is your name.

**<sup>10</sup>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
all who practice this have a good understanding.  
God's praise endures forever.**

## **Second Reading - I Corinthians 8:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup>Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; <sup>3</sup>but anyone who loves God is known by him.

<sup>4</sup>Hence, 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."

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—<sup>6</sup>yet 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.

<sup>7</sup>It 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. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup>For 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? <sup>11</sup>So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. <sup>12</sup>But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup>Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

[L] The Word of the Lord.

**[C] Thanks be to God.**



## \*Alleluia



## \*Proclamation of the Gospel

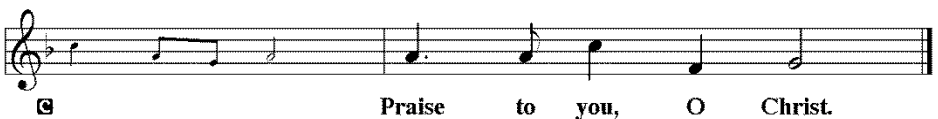
[P] The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.



## \*Gospel Reading - Mark 1:21-28

<sup>21</sup>[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. <sup>22</sup>They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup>and 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." <sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>They 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." <sup>28</sup>At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

[P] The Gospel of Our Lord.



## **Meditation on the Word**

**Message**

Pr. Nicholas Hopman

**Hymn of the Day – #358 “Glories of Your Name Are Spoken”**  
(*Green Hymnal*)

### **\*The 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 Church**

**[P] Lord in your mercy,**

**[C] Hear our prayer.**

**Offering**

## \*Offertory Response

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## \*Offertory Prayer

[P] Merciful Father,

[C] we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Sacrament of Holy Communion

### \*Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples and said: "Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way he also took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and said: "Drink you all of it. This cup is the New Testament in my blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink of it, in remembrance of me."

### **\*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**

[P] The gifts of God for the people of God.

[C] Thanks be to God.

### **Lamb of God**

**♩** Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## Distribution of Holy Communion

*(We practice open communion which means everyone is welcome at the table of the Lord. Please approach with your hands cradled left over right to accept the bread and then take a cup of red wine or white grape juice. There are baskets on each side of the church to receive empty cups.)*

### Communion Hymns

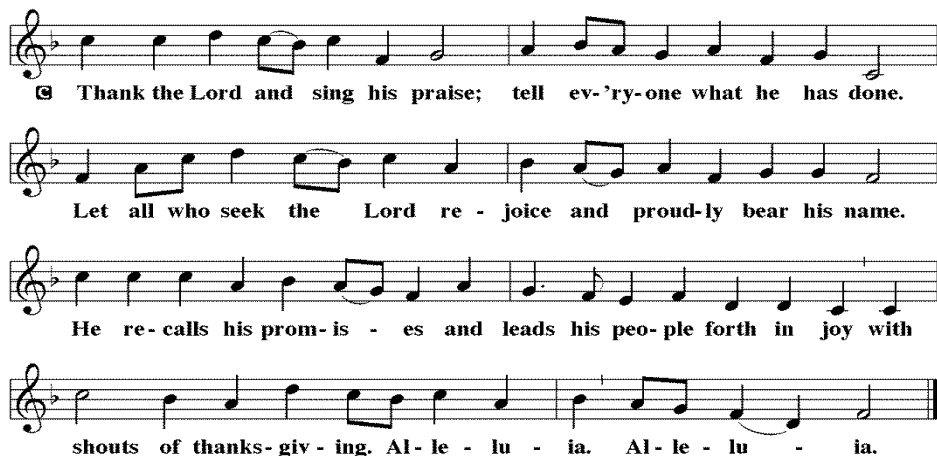
**WOV #738 “Healer of Our Every Ill”**

*(Blue Hymnal)*

**WOV #737 “There Is a Balm in Gilead”**

*(Blue Hymnal)*

### \*Post Communion Canticale



☑ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.

He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with

shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

### \*Post Communion Prayer

[P] Let us pray together:

**[C] O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord. Amen**

### \*Benediction

**\*Closing Hymn – #530 “Jesus Shall Reign”** *(Green Hymnal)*

**\*Dismissal**

[P] Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**[C] Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

Pastor Nicholas Hopman

Organist – Linda Westman

Music – Tom Nelson

In Charge      Doug Luoma

Lector          Heidi Gareau

Ushers          Ted & Marge Sparapani

Acolytes        Hayden Grunlund  
                     Solveig Hopman

**This Week at Our Saviour's**

Sunday          9:00 Communion Worship  
                     10:15 Annual Meeting with Soup Luncheon to follow

Wednesday    8:45 Sewing Bee  
                     1:00 Hospice Quilters  
                     6:30 Confirmation

Thursday       10:00 Bible Study

Saturday       5:00 Communion Worship

Sunday          9:00 Communion Worship  
                     10:15 Sunday School  
                     10:15 First Communion Class  
                     10:15 Lutheranism 101  
                     11:30 Youth Group

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** – Please find, arranged alphabetically, your 2024 offering envelopes on the table in the hallway outside the Fireside Room. This will help with postage costs. Envelopes will be mailed soon.

**THE ANNUAL MEETING IS TODAY** following worship. Please plan on attending. The Council will be serving a Soup Luncheon after the meeting.

**BIBLE STUDY** with Pastor Nick is at 10:00am in the Gathering Room.

**LUTHERANISM 101** with Pastor Nick will be back beginning Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:15am in the Gathering Room. Pastor might be a few minutes late depending on when the church service ends.

**LENTEN DEVOTIONALS ARE DUE** this week. Several are still needed! Please consider submitting one. Each devotion should be about a ½ page or so and can be emailed to [connect@oslfamily.org](mailto:connect@oslfamily.org) or dropped off in the church office.

**USHERS NEEDED** – Looking for a way to serve our church family? Why not consider ushering on a Sunday morning. We welcome singles, couples or families to fill this important ministry. If interested please call the church office.

**BAY CLIFF HEALTH CAMP** in Big Bay is now hiring for all positions for summer 2024. They are looking for camp counselors, lifeguards, leadership staff, professional and support staff. For more info or to apply online go to [www.baycliff.org](http://www.baycliff.org). Dates of employment for most roles are June 7<sup>th</sup> – August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

## **Youth Activities**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** begins at 10:15am. All children from 4 years old – 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join! There will be no Sunday school today due to the Annual Meeting & Luncheon.

**YOUTH GROUP** for 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade is Sundays at 11:30am. Please join us in the new Youth Room for food, games and a bible lesson! There will be no Youth Group today due to the Annual Meeting & Luncheon.

**CONFIRMATION** - Wednesdays at 6:30pm.

## Prayer Concerns

**Members:** Carol Bates, Micahel Weber, RoseAnne Aman, Lois Martonen, Geno Schinderle, Bev Wadke, Cherie Cerasoli, Ed (Steve) Simbob, Carol Christesen, Sally Yuds, Jesse Wolfgram, Rita Huglen, John Chiamulera, Jessica Battan, Andy & Susie Tyrcha

**Sympathy to the family of Ila Calvi**

**Sympathy to Andy & Katie Mendina & family on the death of his grandmother**

**Family Members:** Anita & Bill Neuburg, Micah Lerman, Jonah Lerman, Erika Niebla, Tyler Hiller, Pastor Steve and Cindy Cowen, Derek Lindstrom, Kathy Walters, Justin Bouche, Laura VanKirk, Alyssa Tardy, Shelly Lantz, Frank Bergan, Lori Brown, Austin Meier, Therese, Justin Bouche, Susan Wolfgram

**Friends of Members:** Joey Eaton, Gail Vornkahl, Kelly Bianco, Kevin Richtig, Jodi LaVarnway, John McCole, Heather Huntley, Jennifer Romano, Linda J., Amy Johnson Brackett, Debra Julian, James DeVet, Holt family, Mindy Valone, Julie Boyle, Michael Talerico, Don Conners, Matthew Everson, Xander, Gemma, Louise Witlock, Mary Carlson, Dale Race, Larry Clark, Todd, Brady, Kristi & family, Dr. Bill Asselin

**Kijitonyama Lutheran Church**, sister congregation, Tanzania

**All those serving in the armed forces in the U.S. and overseas:** Andrew Perla, Emily Boyd, Asher Boyd, Neil Bradley, Claire Oberthaler, Max & Iris Robare Gaffey, Chris Carlson, Travis Smith, Zachariah Groskreutz, Connor Milbrath, Sam Carlson, Nick Schroeder

*To add a name, please call the church office. Names stay on the list for one month unless requested. Please be sure that you have asked their permission.*