

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Larimore, ND ~ January 21, 2024

3rd Sunday After Epiphany



*“The kingdom of God has
come near. Repent and
believe the good news!”*

—Mark 1:15b

PRELUDE

GREETING

***CENTERING HYMN** “*Draw Me Close to You*”

Draw me close to you. Never let me go. I lay it all down again. To hear you say that I’m your friend. You are my desire. No one else will do. Cause no one else can take the place. To fill the warmth of your embrace. Help me find a way. Bring me back to you.

CHORUS: You’re all I want. You’re all I’ve ever needed. You’re all I want. Help me know you are near. Repeat

***CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

Lord, I confess my sin, You have promised to provide for all of my needs, and yet I mistrust Your promise. I know the futility of my own ambitions and my inability to do that which I desire. Today I need to recognize the sin within me, and ask that you would forgive me. Lord, in Your mercy, Forgive my sin and cleanse me so that I can be pleasing in Your sight and a minister in Your service.

***THE GOOD NEWS**

My God is a great God, providing for all my needs, giving me daily bread and supplies for every spiritual need. My sin no longer controls me. My response to God’s love is the focus for my life. The death of Jesus Christ has paid the cost of my sin and has set me free to live in victory. I am forgiven. I am a *son/daughter* of God. I am a minister to others. Praise God for the daily provision for my every need.

***OPENING HYMN** “*There is a Balm in Gilead*”

REFRAIN: There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

***Vs1* Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work’s in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. Refrain**

***Vs.2* If you can-not preach like Peter, if you can-not pray like Paul, you can tell the love of Jesus and say, “He died for all.” Refrain**

***Vs.3* Don’t ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend; and if you lack for knowledge he’ll ne’er refuse to lend. Refrain**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: *Jonah 3:1—10*

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: ²“Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.” ³Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. ⁴Jonah began by going a day’s journey into the city, proclaiming, “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.” ⁵The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth. ⁶When Jonah’s warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust. ⁷This is the proclamation he issued in Nineveh: “By the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. ⁸But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. ⁹Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish.” ¹⁰When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.

PSALM: *Psalm 62 (read responsively)*

¹Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him. ²**Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.**

³How long will you assault me? Would all of you throw me down—this leaning wall, this tottering fence? ⁴**Surely they intend to topple me from my lofty place; they take delight in lies. With their mouths they bless, but in their hearts they curse.**^[b] ⁵Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him. ⁶**Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.** ⁷My salvation and my honor depend on

God^[c]; he is my mighty rock, my refuge. **8 Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.** **9** Surely the lowborn are but a breath, the highborn are but a lie. If weighed on a balance, they are nothing; together they are only a breath. **10 Do not trust in extortion or put vain hope in stolen goods; though your riches increase, do not set your heart on them.** **11** One thing God has spoken, two things I have heard: “Power belongs to you, God, **12 and with you, Lord, is unfailing love**”; and, “**You reward everyone according to what they have done.**”

SECOND READING: *1 Corinthians 7:28-31 (read responsively)*

28 But if you do marry, you have not sinned; and if a virgin marries, she has not sinned. But those who marry will face many troubles in this life, and I want to spare you this. **29 What I mean, brothers and sisters, is that the time is short. From now on those who have wives should live as if they do not;** **30** those who mourn, as if they did not; those who are happy, as if they were not; those who buy something, as if it were not theirs to keep; **31 those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away.**

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***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** “*Angels, From the Realms of Glory*” vs.3

Vs.3 Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar; seek the great desire of nations, you have seen his natal star. Refrain

REFRAIN: **Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the new born King.**

L: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 1st chapter.

A: Glory to you, O Lord.

***GOSPEL** *Mark 1:14-20*

14 After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. **15** “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!” **16** As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. **17** “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” **18** At once they left their

nets and followed him. ¹⁹ When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets.

²⁰ Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

A: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY “*To God Be the Glory*” vs.1&3

Vs.1 To God be the glory, great things He hath done, So loved He the world that He gave us His Son. Who yielded His life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in. Refrain

REFRAIN: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord. Let the people rejoice! O come to the Father, thro’ Jesus the Son, and give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

Vs.3 Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done, and great our rejoicing thro’ Jesus the Son; But purer, and higher, and greater will be Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. Refrain

***OFFERING** “*Give Thanks*”

Vs.1-2 Give thanks with a grateful heart Give thanks to the Holy One Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son (sing 2x)

Vs.2-3 And now let the weak say I am strong Let the poor say I am rich Because of what The Lord has done for us. (sing 2x) Give thanks.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

I believe in God, who has created all things and continues to create new life within us...I believe in Jesus, Son of God, Son of man, the Savior of the world. By His life, His death and resurrection, I can know the true depth of human possibility, and experience the true joy of an abundant

life....I believe that the Holy Spirit is present, now and always, calling us to faith, giving us gifts and empowering us for service...I believe that the community of believers called the church can experience the fullness of life through the word, the sacraments, and all that we do.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** “*Lord, Listen...*”

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow’r, send us grace.

***THE LORD’S PRAYER** (*Matthew 6:9-13*)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

May you trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek God’s will in all you do, and he will direct your paths. AMEN!

***SENDING HYMN** “*The Family of God*”

I’m so glad I’m a part of the fam’ly of God; I’ve been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood! Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod, for I’m a part of the fam’ly, the fam’ly of God! (*Sing 2x*)

*DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, to serve, and to share the love of Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

A: We will—Thanks be to God!

Serving this Sunday

Ushers: Volunteers Encouraged

Reader: Ethan, Garrett, Rory

Prayer: Ethan

Communion: N/A

Fellowship: POTLUCK!

Serving Next Sunday (1/28/24)

Ushers: Volunteers Encouraged

Reader: Volunteers Encouraged

Prayer: Volunteer Encouraged

Communion: N/A

Fellowship: Aamodts (coffee only)

CALENDAR

Today, 1/21/2024—3RD Sunday after Epiphany

9:00am—Sunday School/ **NO** Adult Bible Study

10:00am—Worship

11:00am—ANNUAL MEETING

POTLUCK AFTER MEETING—**Church Council Members (old & new) serve in the kitchen**

Wednesday, 1/24/2024

3:30pm—Confirmation Class

Thursday, 1/4/2024

No Quilting

Next Sunday, 1/28/2024—4TH Sunday after Epiphany

9:00am—Sunday School/Adult Bible Study

10:00am—Worship

11:00am—Fellowship

Every day:

An opportunity to show we are Christians by our love.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Mission of the Month for: Jan. – Feb.: YOUTH GROUP TRIP
- Noisy offering: Collected on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month for the mission of the month(s).
- Quilting: There will be no quilting until February, 2024. Quilters are in need of: Single cotton or cotton blend flat sheets. No microfiber ones. (they get into the water sources). Colors preferred blue, gray, green.
- Flowers: ...on the tables in the basement are from Linda Knudson's (sister-in-law of Joel Knudson) memorial service on Saturday.

PRAYER LIST

To add or remove someone from the prayer lists, please email the church email: oslclarimoreoffice@gmail.com or call/text Roberta Stover: 218-779-0359

We pray for those in need:

Family of Milly Griffin Family of Linda Knudson Ron Petsinger
Red Willow Bible Camp Country of Israel, and all countries in the
world—that they come to know Christ as their Savior and Lord
Gloria Temple Lois Jemtrud Mark Sletten Robbie Leake
OSLC Call Committee: *Paul Mutch, Dee Muir, Jenn Aamodt, Nancy Smith,
Wayne Knudson (non-voting members: Luke Reinhold, Sadie Aamodt)*

Prayers for Homebound/Nursing Home Members:

LaVonne Jacobson Vicki Sweeney Dolores Mutch
Marv Jemtrud Arlene Lilja Viola Lee

Prayers for Armed Service Members:

Robert Norman Dillon Norman

Our Savior's Mission Statement:

“**Excited by faith**, we are called to **serve all**; gathered to **WORSHIP**, **inspired** to
teach, **we are our Savior's!**”