

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 21 & 24, 2021



Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church

(Wisconsin Synod)

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VERSICLE: Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching, preaching, and healing every disease.
Matthew 4:23

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

WORSHIP NOTES: Memory can bring celebration or sadness, a sense of belonging or an awareness of loss. Most of our memories are tied to our people, parents and grandparents who brought us into life and helped us form our world view. They are tied to siblings and friends and neighbors who remind us of our origins and our home. When these memories extend back to the stone that was rolled away we have the essential context for a life of peace and joy and satisfaction.

GUESTS Welcome to our visitors!



OPENING SONG "Christ, Your Footprints Through the Desert" (p. 8) CWS, 709

ORDER OF SERVICE Service of the Word (from CW, p. 38)

- P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C:** **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

- P:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
- C:** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless-ed are they who take ref-uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e-ter-nal; it stands firm in the heav-ens. Your faith-ful-ness con-tin-ues for-ev-er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless-ed are they who take ref-uge in him.

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of four lines each. The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature of 4/4. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the last two lines. The score ends with a double bar line.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: A - men.

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WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF THE LORD

FIRST LESSON

1 KINGS 19:19-21

When Elisha is called to follow Elijah, God does not force him against his will. He molds his will and shapes it, so that when he goes back, it is not to lament what he is losing by following Elijah. Rather it is to offer it all up as a sacrifice of thanksgiving for the coming honor of service. Elisha was not called in this instance to give up some obvious evil to follow Elijah. He sacrificed good gifts which God had given to him earlier. But at times the call to discipleship bids us make a sacrifice of things earlier given by God that were good. Whether we follow by turning our backs on evil or by giving up even good things for something better, let us do it as Elisha did, with thanksgiving, not with grousing or complaining.

So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him. Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. "Let me kiss my father and mother good-by," he said, "and then I will come with you." "Go back," Elijah replied. "What have I done to you?" So Elisha left him and went back. He took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the plowing equipment to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his attendant.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 37

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SECOND LESSON

2 TIMOTHY 1:3-7

I thank God, whom I serve, as my forefathers did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching, preaching, and healing every disease.

C: It is not just because we see that we believe, but because of his incredibly powerful Word. Alleluia. (Matthew 4:23 cf. NIV)

RESPONSE

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL

MARK 1:14-20

Notice the sharp contrast: the first verse makes all the rest of the verses seem foolish. If God could not keep John out of prison, why would anyone want to follow the one whom John proclaimed as the Messiah? The contrast is all the more striking, when we remember that those called in this reading had been disciples of John first. Why haven't they become bitter or cynical? Don't they grasp that this Jesus may well share in John's fate, and they may share in it with him? Why haven't they just given up on religion and set themselves to making the best of it in their occupation? Jesus for his part could have made, humanly speaking, better choices in his disciples than these. Ah, but there it is again: the hidden glory of the Savior is manifest in a call strong enough to overcome despair and cynicism in the ones called, and strong enough to accomplish the work of God on earth through these outwardly frail and inept workmen.

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!" 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. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

SERMON

2 Timothy 1:3-7

“Wayfaring Strangers Stand at the Stone of Remembrance”

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

OFFERING

Online or in the entry to the gym. Guests please do not feel any obligation to participate in the offering (though you are always welcome to do so). Find and fill out a Guest Card as you leave, and drop it in with the offerings so we can connect with you – thanks!

SPECIAL PRAYERS

CW, p. 42

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.

CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

- P:** O Lord God, our Heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



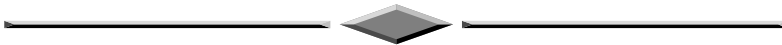
- P:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN "As Surely as I Live, God Said"

(p.11)

CW, #308:7



SILENT PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! Today we receive news about Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School from our **Superintendent Dave Bartelt**. Dave will also be teaching our Bible Study between services this morning in the Fellowship Hall.

709 Christ, Your Footprints Through the Desert



1 Christ, your foot - prints through the des - ert Led to
 2 Christ, you heard the stir - ring sum - mons As by
 3 Son of God, the road from Jor - dan Led at
 4 God, in Bap - tism you have made us One with



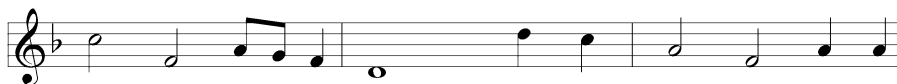
Jor - dan's flow - ing stream. There you heard the
 Jor - dan's bank you stood; Bathed, though sin - less,
 last to Cal - v'ry's hill. There up - on the
 Christ, our ris - en Lord; Freed us, claimed us,



her - ald cry - ing Is - rael's old pro - phet - ic
 with your peo - ple In the riv - er's cleans - ing
 cross for - sak - en, You ful - filled the Fa - ther's
 cleansed, for - giv - en Through the wa - ter and the



dream: "He is com - ing! He is com - ing! He will
 flood. High a - bove, the heav - ens o - pened; Came the
 will. Lamb of God, we see you dy - ing, Sin - less,
 Word. Help us hear your ur - gent sum - mons, Call - ing



cleanse the earth with flame! Sin - ners, plunge be - neath the
 Spir - it as a dove; Spoke a voice be - yond all
 yet for sin - ners slain. But where death rose up to
 us to serve you now. Send us forth, your sons and



wa - ters! Wash a - way your guilt and shame!"
 hear - ing; "See my Son, the one I love!"
 tri - umph, You be - gan your glo - rious reign!
 daugh - ters, With the cross up - on our brow.

Psalm 37

Refrain



We com - mit our-selves to you, O Lord.



Your faith - ful - ness en - dures for - ev - er.

Psalm Tone



Do not fret because of evil men
or be envious of those who do wrong;
for like the grass they will soon wither,
like green plants they will soon die away.

Refrain

Trust in the LORD and do good;
dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.
Delight yourself in the LORD
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the LORD;
trust in him and he will do this:
He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn,
the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.

Refrain

I was young and now I am old,
yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread.
Turn from evil and do good;
then you will dwell in the land forever.

For the LORD loves the just
and will not forsake his faithful ones.
The salvation of the righteous comes from the LORD;
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

Wondrous Are Your Ways, O God

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1 Won - drous are your ways, O God! No one can es - cape you!
2 Search me, God, and know my heart, Lord of truth and mer - cy.

Far - thest space nor great - est depth Can - not hide me from you!
From a - far, O Lord, you know All my thoughts, my se - crets.

Long be - fore I came to birth, Your eye saw and knew me.
And if an - y wick - ed way Should be found with - in me,

E - ven in life's dark - est hour In your hand you hold me.
Cleanse, for - give me by your grace; By your Spir - it guide me.


Text: Joel W. Lundeen, b. 1918, st. 1, alt; Claus A. Wendell, 1866-1950, st. 2, alt.
Tune: Melchior Vulpinus, c. 1570-1615, alt.

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As Surely As I Live, God Said



1 "As sure - ly as I live," God said, "I would not
2 To us, there - fore, Christ gave com - mand: "Go forth and
3 "All those whose sins you thus re - mit I tru - ly
4 "What you will bind, that bound shall be; What you will



have the sin - ner dead, But that he turn from
preach in ev - 'ry land; Be - stow on all my
par - don and ac - quit, And those whose sins you the
loose, that shall be free; Un - to my Church the



er - ror's ways, Re - pent, and live through end - less days."
par - d'ning grace Who will re - pent of sin - ful ways.
do re - tain Con - demned and guilt - y shall re - main.
keys are giv'n To op'n and close the gates of heav'n."

5 The words which absolution give
Are his who died that we might live;
The minister whom Christ has sent
Is but his humble instrument.

6 When ministers lay on their hands,
Absolved by Christ the sinner stands;
He who by grace the Word believes
Forgiveness, sure and sweet, receives.

7 Praise God the Father and the Son
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,
As was, is now, and so shall be
Forever and eternally!

THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (1/24)	8:00 AM	Worship Service
	9:15 AM	Adult Bible Study
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Online Bible Study
Wednesday	8:20 AM	Children's Chapel
	4:00 PM	Public School Confirmation Class
Thursday	7:00 PM	Worship Service
Sunday (1/31)	8:00 AM	Worship Service
	9:15 AM	Adult Bible Study
	10:30 AM	Worship Service

Next Week's Readings

First Lesson	Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Second Lesson	Hebrews 3:1-6
Gospel	Mark 1:21-28
Psalms	Psalms 1

*LiveStream on Youtube Channel at 10:30am every Sunday
This service is also recorded for review after livestream.
Link on our website (see below).*

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THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVICE

**"IN REMEMBRANCE
OF HIM"**

Service Theme

PASTOR Mark Wagner

ORGANIST Robert Klug

HYMNS 709, 307, 308:7

FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 19:19-21

SECOND LESSON

2 Timothy 1:3-7

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:14-20

THE SERMON

2 Timothy 1:3-7

**"Wayfaring Strangers
Stand at the Stone of
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