

# ALL IN IT

EPHESIANS 2:4-10

**Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church & School  
Grafton, WI  
January 12, 2025**

## First Sunday After Epiphany

**Today's Focus:** We rejoice in the blessing God gives through Christian Education and our association with Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School.

**Stewardship from God's Word:** 1 Samuel 16:1-13

We know what David was able to accomplish as the Lord's anointed, with the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit at his baptism to carry out the plan of salvation. He is both King and Priest who offered himself as the sacrifice for sin. We, too, have been anointed in our baptisms, to be *royal priests* (1 Peter 2:9) to declare the praises of him who called us into his wonderful light. Let us use our resources of time and treasure to be the royal priests God has called us to be.

**Welcome!**

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## To God Be the Glory

CW 627 vs 1-2

*Stand*

In the name of our Triune God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Holy Lord God, you have given us all that we are and all that we have. You protect and preserve us as your people who will be with you for all eternity in glory.

**But we have taken your goodness and mercy for granted. We have failed to value what you have done for us. We tire of learning about your holy Law and your grace and mercy in Jesus. We prefer to live for ourselves instead of living for you. We love ourselves and the things of this world, and we lead others into our sinful ways.**

Gracious Lord, we turn to your love and mercy, trusting that you have forgiven us and washed us clean in our Savior, Jesus.

**We look to you for the desire and strength to learn about our sins and your free forgiveness from your holy Word.**

Lord God, your boundless mercy for us moves us to love you in return and to show love to those you place around us in the world.

**Lord, lead us in our lives so that we live as your people and strive to guide others to you, using your Word and Sacrament. Use us to bring others into your kingdom.**

Lord, you have placed children and young people in our families and around us in our lives, so that we might be your instruments in learning about you and loving you through the ministry of our Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School.

**Help us do this glorious work as we serve your name and your ministry of love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## **Confession**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**In your limitless compassion we kneel before your throne of grace confessing the sins that infect our daily lives all too often by choice and at other times because our sinful nature overcomes our Christian judgment. We take the heavy weight of all these burdens that weigh us down and lay them at the foot of your cross asking for your resilient patience and unending mercy to forgive them once again.**

God has empowered me through my call as his representative to share the good news of forgiveness with all of you. It is Christ's resolute love that continues to daily cover all of our sins and it is that same love that he shares with us today to leave a lasting impression on our hearts and minds that we are forgiven.

## **All Glory Be to God Alone**

CW 936 vs 1-2

## **Prayer of the Day**

Lord Jesus as you humbly lead your church, equip your pastors and teachers to humbly lead our grade school and high school students to a better understanding of your holy Word. Shower our schools with the blessings of the Spirit, so that faith is built up in each student's heart and a deeper revelation of your Word leads a response of thanksgiving through word and action. In Jesus name we all say **Amen.**

*Be seated*

# The Word

## First Reading

Leviticus 26:1-13

*When God said he was all in on being the God of the Israelites and adopting them as his chosen people there were strings attached! God wanted his special people to dedicate their lives and hearts to him. If the people did this, they would enjoy many blessings from God.*

“Do not make idols or set up an image or a sacred stone for yourselves, and do not place a carved stone in your land to bow down before it. I am the Lord your God.

“Observe my Sabbaths and have reverence for my sanctuary. I am the Lord

“If you follow my decrees and are careful to obey my commands, I will send you rain in its season, and the ground will yield its crops and the trees their fruit. Your threshing will continue until grape harvest and the grape harvest will continue until planting, and you will eat all the food you want and live in safety in your land.

“I will grant peace in the land, and you will lie down and no one will make you afraid. I will remove wild beasts from the land, and the sword will not pass through your country. You will pursue your enemies, and they will fall by the sword before you. Five of you will chase a hundred, and a hundred of you will chase ten thousand, and your enemies will fall by the sword before you.

“I will look on you with favor and make you fruitful and increase your numbers, and I will keep my covenant with you. You will still be eating last year’s harvest when you will have to move it out to make room for the new. I will put my dwelling place among you, and I will not abhor you. I will walk among you and be your God, and you will be my people. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt so that you would no longer be slaves to the Egyptians; I broke the bars of your yoke and enabled you to walk with heads held high.

## 98E Sing a New Song to the LORD

Psalm 98E



1 Sing a new song to the LORD, he to whom won-ders be-  
2 Now to the ends of the earth, see, his sal - va - tion is  
3 Sing a new song and re - joice! Pub - lish his prais - es a -  
4 Join with the hills and the sea thun - ders of praise to pro-



long! Re - joice \_\_\_\_\_ in his tri - umph and tell \_\_\_\_\_ of his  
shown, and still \_\_\_\_\_ he re - mem - bers his mer - cy and \_  
broad! Let voic - es in \_\_\_\_\_ cho - rus, with trum - pet and \_  
long! In judg - ment and \_\_\_\_\_ jus - tice he comes \_\_\_\_\_ to the



pow'r! O sing to the LORD a new song!  
truth, un - chang - ing in love to his own.  
horn, re - sound for the joy of the LORD!  
earth. O sing to the LORD a new song!

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

*Jesus is 'All In' when it comes to our salvation since he has put all of His enemies under his control. There is no enemy who can harm or control us since Christ has conquered them and even taken away their ability to accuse us of doing wrong.*

20 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. 22 For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. 23 But each in turn: Christ, the first fruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. 24 Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. 25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death. 27 For he "has put everything under his feet." Now when it says that "everything" has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. 28

When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.

## O Lord, Our God, Your Gracious Hand

CW 909 sts. 1, 4



1 O Lord, our God, your gra - cious hand has  
4 Your Word a - lone, great God of pow'r, can



crowned our lives with bless - ing; your good - ness has en -  
feed our soul and spir - it. Christ's love gives strength for



riched our land with gifts for our pos - sess - ing.  
ev - 'ry hour with - out our deeds or mer - it.



Our homes, our food, and ev - 'ry good for earth - ly  
Grant schools that teach and men who preach true Chris - tian



work and liv - ing, a - bun - dant wealth and  
ed - u - ca - tion; let youth grow strong by



life and health your faith - ful love is giv - ing.  
Word and song in ev - 'ry land and na - tion.

Stand

## **Gospel**

Matthew 6: 25-34

*Do not worry about our daily needs, God will provide. Your wants are just that, wants and not necessities. If however we put God in the first position of care and attention in our lives, God will also supply our needs and beyond our daily needs.*

“Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? 26 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?

27 Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

28 “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. 29 Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. 30 If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? 31 So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’

32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Be seated

## **I Will Sing of My Redeemer**

CW 527

## **Sermon – “United Under the Flag of Christ”**

Philippians 2:1-11



*Stand*

## **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.**

*Be Seated*

## **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, author of our salvation and teacher of every kindness  
**Fill our hearts with the kindness and love that only you can teach.**

As you survey our hearts and disclose our innermost thoughts and emotions  
**Make them captive to your holy will by training them to pursue righteousness in  
the face of temptations and trials.**

Over 50 years ago you made the starting of a Christian high school a priority in the hearts of numerous parents who placed trust in your guidance with this new upstart high school.

**Even as you are “All In” on our salvation, so too you are “All In” when it comes to training young hearts and minds in the path of godly wisdom and Christian maturity.**

Continue to direct the path and direction of Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School so that our Christian institution will always preach your message in all of its truth,  
**So that the full revelation of both Law and Gospel will be heard.**

Reach out your Shepherd’s staff to protect our youth from the attacks of Satan and the world around them.


**Use that same Shepherd’s staff to pull back any who might begin to fall away from your message of truth and love.**

Guide the hearts of Christian parents to be the true teachers of your love through their words and actions within their own households.

**Help us as parents and congregations not to trip or stumble in our obligations to testify to the truth found in Christ, through his Word. Direct our hearts to be “All In” when it comes to prioritizing the message of Christ in our daily lives. Amen.**

## Offering

*Our Savior's ministries are supported by the joyful and generous gifts of her members. If you are not a member of Our Savior, please do not feel obligated to give an offering. It is our privilege and pleasure to serve you with God's Word today. You may make your gift in the following ways:*

Give In person	The offering is collected during each service.
Give with the App	Download the <i>Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement</i> app. Search near me and select "Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran".
Give Online	<a href="https://Oursaviorgraffton.org/give">Oursaviorgraffton.org/give</a> 

## All I Have Is Christ

CW 583

*Stand*

### 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.**

### Prayer

Good Shepherd, we thank you for your loving concern for each of your precious lambs. Continue to enlighten them with your gospel and provide for them through their parents. We also request that you educate our children. Use schools as your instruments of education to further advance the cause of good citizenship, useful vocations, scientific research, and the flourishing of the arts. Guard our schools from all violence and malice so that they are safe places for our children to grow.

**Amen.**

## Blessing

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.

**Amen.**

*Be Seated*

## Let Me Be Yours Forever

CW 715

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