FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

February 2nd / 3rd, 2019 - the 4th Sunday after the Epiphany
STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS WEEKEND # 1 *(Name Tag Month)*

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

If you are a first-time guest, we want to extend to you a special welcome. We are honored to have you with us and pray that you will be blessed by our fellowship and the Word of God that is shared. If you do not have a church home, we ask that you consider becoming a part of our fellowship. Please fill out one of the "Faith Fellowship" cards in front of you and note the information regarding communion participation on the back of it. We pray that you will join us again soon.

If you are a member or frequent guest, we appreciate your faithful encouragement in our worship and walk in the Lord. If there is someone sitting around you that you do not know, please be sure to introduce yourself, as they may be a member that you have not previously met or a guest who may one day become our member and your good friend.

TO PONDER, AS WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP: As we begin a month devoted to our response to what God has given to us in such great abundance, our first worship focuses on that love of God that provides whatever we need to serve the people of God. Indeed, all three Scripture lessons today declare the depth, breadth, and height of God's love for the world. When God's people were drifting away, God sent prophets, such as Jeremiah (in today's Old Testament lesson), to speak God's Word and call the people back to faithfulness. God's love is most fully shown forth in Jesus in today's Gospel lesson. First, Jesus casts out a demon from a man, thereby restoring his life. Then Jesus heals Peter's mother–in–law, and He casts out even more demons and heals more diseases. This all points to the restoration of all creation in God's coming kingdom. Finally, in the Epistle lesson, often read at weddings, Jesus calls us toward lives shaped by the depth, breadth, and height of God's love for us. May we, today and throughout this month, go forth in joyful and dedicated response to how God has blessed us – a true "stewardship".

ANNOUNCEMENTS and GREETING OF THE PEACE

STEWARDSHIP MONTH THEME HYMN: **"Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings"** ***LSB # 782***

ORDER OF SERVICE: ***Traditional Morning Prayer***

INVOCATION and OPENING SENTENCES: *please STAND as you are able*
[based on Jeremiah 1 : 5, 7 – 8]

[The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.]

P: In the Name of the Father and of the [+] Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: AMEN.
P: The Lord says, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you."
C: WE THANK YOU, O LORD!
P: The Lord says, "Before you were born I consecrated you."
C: WE ADORE YOU, O LORD!
P: The Lord says, "Whatever I command you, you shall speak."
C: WE PRAISE YOU, O LORD!
P: The Lord says, "Do not be afraid, for I am with you to deliver you."
C: WE WORSHIP YOU, O LORD!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

P: Embraced by the love of God through our Baptism into Christ, we confess our sin before God and one another.

As we ponder our lives before Christ, a time of silence is observed.

P: Captive to sin, we have sinned against You, God of love, in thought, word, and deed.
C: IN YOUR GREAT LOVE FOR US IN CHRIST, FORGIVE OUR SINS AND RENEW OUR LIVES.
P: We have shown lack of trust in Your loving purpose for our lives.
C: IN YOUR GREAT LOVE FOR US IN CHRIST, FORGIVE OUR SINS AND RENEW OUR LIVES.
P: We have failed to immerse ourselves in Your Word and to speak it freely in the world.
C: IN YOUR GREAT LOVE FOR US IN CHRIST, FORGIVE OUR SINS AND RENEW OUR LIVES.
P: We have failed to love You and to love one another, even using our faith as an excuse not to love our neighbors.
C: IN YOUR GREAT LOVE FOR US IN CHRIST, FORGIVE OUR SINS AND RENEW OUR LIVES.
P: We have been envious, boastful, arrogant, rude, insistent, irritable, and resentful.
C: IN YOUR GREAT LOVE FOR US IN CHRIST, FORGIVE OUR SINS AND RENEW OUR LIVES.
P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His *sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of*

Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you that your sins are forgiven in the Name of the Father and of the [+] Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN.

HYMN OF PRAISE: "In Thee Is Gladness" ***LSB # 818***

SERVICE OF THE WORD

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

P: Let us pray together:

ALL: ALMIGHTY GOD, YOU KNOW WE LIVE IN THE MIDST OF SO MANY DANGERS THAT IN OUR FRAILTY WE CANNOT STAND UPRIGHT. GRANT STRENGTH AND PROTECTION TO SUPPORT US IN ALL DANGERS AND CARRY US THROUGH ALL TEMPTATIONS; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, YOUR SON, OUR LORD, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.

READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE ARE APPOINTED FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: *Jeremiah 1 : 4 – 10, Page 796*

[The Lord Calms Jeremiah's Fear With a Promise]

4 Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying,
5 *"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,*
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations."
6 Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak,
for I am only a youth." 7 But the LORD said to me,
"Do not say, 'I am only a youth';
for to all to whom I send you, you shall go,
and whatever I command you, you shall speak.
8 *Do not be afraid of them,*
for I am with you to deliver you,
declares the LORD."
9 Then the LORD put out His hand and touched my mouth. And the
LORD said to me,
"Behold, I have put My words in your mouth.
10 *See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms,*
to pluck up and to break down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

EPISTLE LESSON: *I Corinthians 12 : 31b – 13 : 13, Page 1,220*

[All of Christ's Sacrifice, and Hence Our Lives, Is About Love.]

12:31 And I will show you a still more excellent way.
13:1 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I
am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 And if I have prophetic powers,
and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as
to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 If I give away all I
have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain
nothing.
4 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant
5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; 6 it
does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. 7 Love bears all
things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
8 Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for
tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. 9 For we know
in part and we prophesy in part, 10 but when the perfect comes, the partial
will pass away. 11 When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a
child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish
ways. 12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I
know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.
13 So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is
love.

R: Long ago, at many times and in various ways, God spoke to the forefathers by the prophets.

C: BUT NOW, IN THESE LAST DAYS, HE HAS SPOKEN TO US BY HIS SON. *Please STAND as a sign of resurrection hope*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

HOLY GOSPEL: *Luke 4 : 31 – 44, Page 1,094*

(Jesus Casts out a Demon, Heals Peter's Mother – in – law, and Preaches the Good News)

31 *[Jesus] went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And He was*
teaching them on the Sabbath, 32 *and they were astonished at His teaching,*
for His Word possessed authority. 33 And in the synagogue there was a man
who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice,
34 "Ha! 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." 35 But Jesus

rebuked him, saying, "Be silent and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm. [36]And they were all amazed and said to one another, "What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!" [37]And reports about Him went out into every place in the surrounding region.

[38]And He arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother–in–law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to Him on her behalf. [39]And He stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them.

[40]Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to Him, and He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them. [41]And demons also came out of many, crying, "You are the Son of God!" But He rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that He was the Christ.

[42]And when it was day, He departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought Him and came to Him, and would have kept Him from leaving them, [43]but He said to them, "I must preach the Good News of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose." [44]And He was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

CONFESSION OF OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH: ***Apostles' Creed***

SERMON HYMN: **"In You, O Lord, I Put My Trust"** [sung to the tune of, *"To Jordan's River Came Our Lord"*, LSB #405]

1. **In You, O Lord, I put my trust;**
   You are my rock and my defense.
   When times and trials are unjust,
   You turn my foes from their intents.

2. **You are, O Lord, my refuge strong;**
   From youth I have relied on You.
   Though troubles rise and life seems long,
   I speak Your praise the whole day through.

3. **Do not reject me in old age;**
   Forsake me not when strength has fled.
   For foes against me plot and rage
   And boldly say, "Your God is dead."

4. **In You, O Lord, I hope once more;**
   Your love renews my troubled soul.
   From youth to age my strength restore,
   And make my battered spirit whole.

5. **To You I sing unending praise;**
   You scorn not age and graying hair.
   Your love encompasses my days;
   All times to come will know Your care.

6. **I praise the Lord with harp and song;**
   I sing with shouts of joy and praise.
   For You have rescued me from wrong
   And brought me hope for all my days.

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SERMON: ***"Stewardship Starts With Questions – and With Christ"*** based on I Corinthians 12 : 31.

SPECIAL SOMETHINGS FOR GOD'S STEWARDS

We Receive Our First – Fruits and OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY HYMN: **"Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"** ***LSB # 806***

RESPONSIVE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

(Pastor will offer petitions on behalf of all the people of God. Each petition will end as follows:)

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

[sung] **LORD'S PRAYER** [from the, *'Celebration Hymnal', # 631*]

Our Father, which 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 debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil;
For Thine is the kingdom,
And the power and the glory forever.
Amen, Amen.

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[5 PM and 8 AM only] **PRAYER FOR COMMUNICANTS** and **"THE WORDS OF OUR LORD"**

INVITATION, PEACE AND AGNUS DEI:

P: For as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: CHRIST HAS DIED. CHRIST IS RISEN. CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN.

P: Lord, You sanctify and guide us in all truth to know You as our Savior, Jesus Christ, along with the Father whom You have made known, as we are knit and joined together in the Spirit. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: AND ALSO WITH YOU! *please be seated*

AS WE PREPARE TO COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE: Please take a few moments of meditation prior to the Sacrament, which will include some soft music being played. During this time, you will have the opportunity to review our policy for taking the Sacrament, which includes some contemplative questions and reminders being shown on our viewing screens. May we then prayerfully, worthily and joyfully join Him at table who comes to us in His true Body and Blood.

HYMNS TO BE SUNG DURING HOLY COMMUNION:

"Christ the Eternal Lord" ***LSB # 829***

"Son of God, Eternal Savior" ***LSB # 842***

[11 AM Service Resumes Here:] **CLOSING UNISON COLLECT**:

P: Let us pray together:

C: ALMIGHTY AND EVER–LIVING GOD, YOU MAKE US BOTH TO WILL AND TO DO THOSE THINGS THAT ARE GOOD AND ACCEPTABLE IN YOUR SIGHT. LET YOUR FATHERLY HAND EVER GUIDE US AND YOUR HOLY SPIRIT EVER BE WITH US TO DIRECT US IN THE KNOWLEDGE AND OBEDIENCE OF YOUR WORD THAT WE MAY OBTAIN EVERLASTING LIFE; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD. AMEN.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION:

P: Let us bless our Lord.

C: THANKS BE TO GOD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD!

P: [Pastor gives the blessing, ending with:] ... the Father, the [+] Son and the Holy Spirit, bless you.

C: AMEN.

CLOSING HYMN: **"Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"** ***LSB # 918***

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: THANKS BE TO GOD!

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Those Serving Today:

Presiding Minister: Rev. Thomas Wenndt, Pastor

Saturday, 5 PM ***Elder***: Jack Greenlee ***Acolyte***: Joseph Wuest

	8 am service	*11 am service*
Assisting Elder	Tim Burkee, Larry Roach	
Duty Elder	Larry Roach	Steve Schoeneck
Acolyte	Aiden Thompson	Kristen Hahn
Altar Care	Pam Arndt, Mary Joyce Donovan	Mary Cazel, June Svensson
Lay Reader	Mel Reinstetle	
Audio Asst.		
Video Asst.		
Ushers	Mickie Ferguson, Howard Gray, John & Mel Reinstetle	Lee Alexander, Bob Hackman, Rich Leenhouts, Marian Malmgren
Altar Flowers	*Given by Loretta McLaughlin*	
In honor of the officers & crew of USS South Dakota nuclear submarine commissioned 2/2/19. Newest in the fleet.		

Food Pantry Item for the month of **February**	***Spaghetti Sauce***

A **Measure of Our Devotion**

January 26-27, 2019	
Worship Attendance 2019	30/40/56
Worship Attendance 2018	30/53/71
Sunday School/Confirmation/Youth/ Adult Bible Classes	8/2/3/30
Receipts for January 26-27, 2019	$1,776.00

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

(**2/2**) Betty Holland (**3**) A.J. Onishenko, Don ♥ Maria Wyher (**7**) Lois Burgess (**8**) Joan Lippert

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LADIES GUILD FASHION SHOW: Our annual luncheon and fashion show will be held on Saturday, February 16th, starting at 11:00. Tickets are $10.00 each and available before and after both services. Ladies fashions will be presented by Bon Worth at Shops of Golden Acres. Chances to win a "Theme Basket" will be available with the purchase of Opportunity Tickets.

TOUR FROM PARIS TO NORMANDY on Wed., Feb. 6th at 12:30 in the Chancel. Join the **Ladies Guild** for a trip along the Seine, presented by Freda Steinke. You're sure to enjoy the history and beautiful sights of France. All are welcome. Refreshments served after the presentation.

SCRIP FAITH CARDS: Valentine's Day is approaching! What more perfect way to show how much you care than with a Scrip Faith Gift Card. Order forms are in Narthex II. Order your cards on the 1st and 3rd Sundays and they will be delivered on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. Faith receives a percentage from each card purchased – your support is a blessing. Contact Rose Ann Verheyen with any questions.

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE: Join the Board of Fellowship next Sunday, Feb. 10th as they host our next coffee fellowship. 9:00 – 10:45. Enjoy the goodies and the friendship!

NEW BOOK: June Temme has written, "Led by God, the Blessed Journey of a Minister's Wife," available from Amazon or Books a Million. Originally written for her children and grandchildren, June will be featured at the Ladies Guild's April meeting where she'll be happy to autograph your copy.

FEBRUARY BIBLE STUDY: "God's Stewards – What It Really Means" will meet in the Sanctuary, Sundays at 9:30 am.

CROSSWALKS: This is a different kind of service. If you know someone who hasn't been to church in a while, Wednesday's service may be a great place to start. Every Wednesday at 6:30 through the end of February.

SPENDING TIME WITH GOD: Take a deeper look into the gift that is the Living Word of God. Bible Reading Plans are available to read through the Bible in two years or less. They're located in both Narthex I & II.

Altar Flowers: Would you like to place flowers on our altar? Please follow these directions: **(1)** Write your name and reason for ordering (birthday, anniversary, in memory of, etc.) on the flower chart (Narthex 1 outside the Food Pantry). **(2)** Flowers are $30 for both bouquets. If you only want one bouquet, the cost is $15 but we ask that you find another person to place the other bouquet. Put your payment in any envelope and place it in the offering. Write your name, date for flowers and the reason for placing them on the envelope. Thank you for beautifying our altar.

PRAYER LIST: February 2-3, 2019

Compassion: Family of Mildred Corlett

Health/Unspoken: Claudia Adkins, Darlene Alexander, Greg Anderson, Donna Armstrong, Jim B., Robert Baumgartner, Linda Bearden, Wanda Bensel, Sydney Birmingham, Laura Bley, Christopher, Larry DeBlasi, Leigh DiBona, Dick Duffy, Earl Fisher, Jerry Fojtik, John Gall, Christine Gerken, Jennifer Gholami, Al Grosskurth, Norma Hayes, Suzanne Herr, Bryan Holz, Dorothy Jeter, Jim, Kenneth Jones, Joanne King, Tom & Janet Knapp, Donna Knox, Michael Kober, Debbie Lackey, Bob Mahoney, Elly McCarthy, Dan McKinney, Kari Milhouse, Miller Family, Peter Mohler and Family, Lillian and Toby Molina, Kyle Mowrey, Ericka Murphy, Shawn Newell, Dave Noll, Pat Noll, Dory Nussbacher, Ortiz Family, John Pankner, Patty, Bill Phillips, Sally Scanlon, Alfred Schaerffer, Michael Schaerffer, Dick Scoville, AJ Smith, Pat Steinbach, Donna Tam, Joy Teeter, Harry & Pat Van Ess, Michael Van Ess, Carol Weiss, Tom Whattam; Gary Wiese, Ingrid Williams, John Wolfe, Sally Woodtke, Arleen Yamada, Pearl Young, Joan Zimdahl, April and Diedre

Homebound: Linda Atkinson, Bill Boase, Helen Friedrichs, Meta Gerken, Audrey Gould, Maria Hulyk, Alden & Beth Kunnemann, Dave Noll, Pat Noll, Lucille Noveck, Dory Nussbacher, Ginny Pohlman, Jake & Mary Lou Simon, Bob & Barbara Stuck, Helena Traenkner, Hank Whitt

Military: Leo Ayala, Josh Butterworth, Justin Fivecoat, Steven Hartwell, Tom Hartzell, Brandon Martin, Luke McKinney, Nicholas Morley, Richard Phernetton, Vincent Sharkey, Andrew Springer, PFC Karl O. Steinbach, Andrew St. John, Todd Stanger, Tyler Wasson

This Week's Opportunities to Seek, to Strengthen, and to Serve

Saturday, Feb 2	**3:30 pm**	**Parables of Jesus Bible Study**
	5:00 pm	Worship Service W/Holy Communion
Sunday, Feb 3	8:00 am	Worship Service W/Holy Communion
	9:30 am	SS/Conf/CIA/Adult Bible Study
	11:00 am	Worship Service
SCRIP CARD	**ORDER**	**TODAY!**
Monday, Feb 4	9-11:30 am	Food Pantry
	7:00 pm	**Board of Education**
	7:00 pm	**Board of Elders**
Tuesday, Feb 5	**7:00 pm**	**Bible Study at Barb Goodhue's**
Wed, Feb 6	9-11:30 am	Food Pantry
	6:30 pm	**Crossroads Worship**
	7:15 pm	**Confirmation**
Thursday, Feb 7	6:30 pm	NA/AA in GSH
Friday, Feb 8	9-11:30 am	Food Pantry
Saturday, Feb 9	**3:30 pm**	**Parables of Jesus Bible Study**
	5:00 pm	Worship Service & Praise
Sunday, Feb 10	8:00 am	Worship Service
	9:00 am	SS/Conf/CIA/Adult Bible Study
	9-10:30 am	**FELLOWSHIP COFFEE**
	11:00 am	Worship Service w/Holy Communion
SCRIP CARD	**DELIVERY**	**TODAY**