



**FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER THE EPIPHANY**
January 31, 2010

Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is on Me; He has anointed Me to preach good news. Alleluia!

GREETINGS and WELCOME to
Brooklyn Lutheran Church.

VISITORS please sign the guest book.
Come and worship with us again soon!

Available from an usher:

- **Bibles** to follow along with the Scripture Readings.
- **Large print hymnal** is available.
- **Quiet bags** for small children.

Please return these to our ushers following the Service.

Prayer Before Worship: Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of Your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship You with all our mind and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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PRAYER FOR THE DAY—Spoken by all together.

Lord God, You know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely 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.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Psalms of the Day: Psalm 78 (Page 95)

The Lord proclaims His Word to us that we might be saved and pass the good news on to our children and to future generations.

Second Lesson: I Corinthians 12:27—13:13 (Page 1786)

Our series of consecutive readings from I Corinthians continues. St. Paul explains that in response to the love which God has shown to us we are to show love to others. He then describes how this love will show itself in our lives.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Voters' Meeting is today, 11:15am. **Roger Lucht** and **Jackson George Sr.** have accepted nomination to the Church Council. Other men are asked to prayerfully consider volunteering through nominations from the floor.

Are you 55+?! If so, you will save 10% (by law) on your car insurance by taking the driver improvement class that will be offered at Brooklyn Lutheran February 2 & 9 (6-10pm, Tuesdays), through St. Cloud University. There will be no final exam or behind the wheel test. The cost is only \$24. "Walk Ins" are welcome!

All are invited, together with our Sunday School children and youth, to Shepherd Saturdaze on Saturday, Feb. 6, from 1:00 - 4:00 pm. Come for our first ever WINTER Wii TOURNAMENT! Please call (763-560-5953) or fill out a card in the basket by the bulletin board if you plan to attend. Call the number above if you need a ride.

Two weeks from Wednesday (February 17) is **Ash Wednesday.** The theme will be **We Preach Christ Crucified.** We will again have rotation of pastors conducting the Services, tasty suppers before and fellowship snacks after, each Wednesday night. Check the Newsletter to be published February 14th to see when your Elder group is serving. The Ladies' Guild is serving for Ash Wednesday.

Lenten Self-Denial Coin Cans are available by mailboxes. Please consider saving all your change during Lent for a special cause to be determined. Coin folders and dollar folders are also available there.

West Lutheran High School will be hosting their first annual fastpitch softball clinic. Girls in grades 4-8 are invited for two evenings, March 14th and March 21st from 6-8PM. Each player will receive a t-shirt & a softball as well as have the opportunity to practice hitting, fielding, pitching, & catching skills along with learning new skills in a Christian environment. Please send in your registration by February 8th to secure a spot and guarantee a T-shirt. Contact Anne Schroeder at 763-509-9378 with any questions. Hope to see you there!

February Forward In Christ are mailboxes featuring articles on evolution, heroes of faith, and spiritual health care reform!

Gospel: Luke 4:20-32 (Page 1596)

Jesus announces that He is The Great Prophet sent from God. Those who heard this testimony rejected Him and tried to kill Him.

SERMON: Jeremiah 1:4-10 (Page 1169)

Be Motivated For A True Christian Life!

- ✘ Maintain A _____ Of _____ Day By Day..
- ✘ Always Remember That You " _____ " For God And His Work.
- ✘ Then Live A _____ - _____ As God's " _____."

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Meditation Theme for the week:

"See Clearly What True Love Is"

Today's Offering Counters: D. Gabrielson and G. Schimenz

Today **10:00** **Worship -**
Ushers: V. Lorenzen, R. Wyman

Mon. 7:00 Ladies Guild

Tue. 6:00-10:00 Sr. Drivers' Ed.

Wed. 7:00 Sunday School Teachers

Thurs. 3:00 & 3:30 Prairie Lodge Services

Fri. 9:30 Bible Class (Revelation!)

Sat. 1:00—4:00 Shepherd's Saturdaze

Next Sun. - 6:30am Time of Grace, TV ch 9

8:45 Sunday School*

8:55 Adult Sunday School*

***Lesson: "The Twelve Spies".**

8:55 Adult Bible Class

10:00 Worship - Ushers: M. Hilliard, S. Melchert

11:15 New Member Fellowship. You are all invited to a special reception to honor our new members.

Last Sunday Worship Attendance: 63

Sunday School Attendance: 6; Adult Bible Class: 10;

Adult Sunday School: 6; Offering: \$1327.45

Brooklyn Bridge School: \$1,000.00

Focus On The Family's
"CELEBRATE FAMILY AND LIFE"
Commercial
During the Super Bowl next Sunday.

During a 30 second spot, which will cost something like \$2.5 million, the mother of Florida U. quarterback and Heisman Trophy winner Tim Tebow will speak about being encouraged to abort Tim. She already had four children and fell victim to some disease while doing mission work in Asia. The ad has generated BIG opposition from feminist and pro-abortion groups. Here are some blogs on the internet. They should make us more able to sympathize with Jeremiah from today's sermon!:

People on the right can not think for themselves, they want to be told what to think. If they were able to think critically, religion, in all its forms, is nothing more than wishful thinking, fantasy and make believe used by those who want to control people and those who want to be controlled.

I completely disagree with the message of the commercial and the agenda of Tebow and the Bible-thumpers in general, but they have every right to say whatever they want... This is America. That said, it's a two-way street. I don't want to hear them complaining about any of the other commercials that may offend their delicate sensibilities, either (fat chance).

What I really don't understand is how they think they can change anyone's mind by shoving their faith-based social agenda down the throats of football fans on Super Bowl Sunday. If anything they'll tick a lot of people off. Hey, it's their \$2.3m though...

I would be willing to bet that there is as much truth to this story as you would find in the bible. Tebow's are being use by the pro-lifer's and it's the Tebow's religion that are letting them be used.

I only wish someone would write, "praise alah" on their eye makeup. Would love anything

that () off the fake **** christian bullcrap believers!!!!!!

A Christian Response

It is really hard to believe that there is so much controversy over abortion, and it just goes to show the spiritual and moral depths to which this country (and the world) has descended. Would this have been a controversial subject 100 years ago? No, because the very thought of that would have been repugnant to most people at the time. Sure, there were a lot of unplanned pregnancies by immature couples (pregnancy by rape is relatively rare), but the baby could be put up for adoption if circumstances prevented the biological parents from caring for the newborn.

Our society has become so permissive and "progressive" that people are encouraged to indulge themselves with freedom of choice and to satisfy their selfish desires, and they rationalize their bad decisions by telling themselves that it's their choice.

Yes, people do have a choice, and ultimately they will have to live (and die) with their choice. Isaiah 5:20 says "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil: that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!" For those of you who say you don't believe in God, or believe God permits abortion, you will doubtless ridicule this message, and that is your choice, but it doesn't alter the fact that there are real, unalterable truths in this world and no amount of spiteful rhetoric towards others can change that.

With regards to those bashing Tim Tebow, he was bestowed with college football's highest honor, and regardless of his future accomplishments in the world of sports, he should be congratulated for his accomplishments thus far and for his moral character which is an example that many would be wise to emulate.



*Brooklyn Evangelical
Lutheran Church*

Our Mission:

***We exist to use the
Gospel of Christ to
win the lost and to
nurture
believers, all to the
glory of God.***



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