



The Seventh Sunday after

EPIPHANY

February 19, 2017

WORSHIP FOCUS: Christ calls his disciples to a love for our neighbor that models itself after Jesus' love for the world. A heart like Christ's has no room for vengeance, but is filled with love for all.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Father, help me remember that you love all people. Amen.

ORDER OF WORSHIP:
Common Service with Communion
(NSS p. 6)

PSALM:
Psalm 103 (insert)

HYMNS:
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SERMON:
"THEY WILL KNOW YOU BY YOUR LOVE"

BROOKLYN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Using the Gospel to nurture the found and reach the lost - all to the glory of God.

W*elcome!* If you have come as a stranger, we welcome you as our guest. As members of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), we believe the Bible is God's errorless Word that tells us how Jesus Christ has saved us and empowers us to offer our lives to God's glory.

A Word about Our Worship—You can find today's service printed in the front of the hymnal. Much of the service is also projected on the front wall. Bibles are also available on request from the ushers. You may use your cell phone or other electronic device to follow along in a Bible app, *just be sure to **silence your device** so you don't disrupt the service or distract people's worship.*

We love having children worship with us. We also understand that children can get restless and you may need to leave the service. You will find a rocking chair and small-children books and toys in the library area of our Commons. There are also and quiet bags for young children in the back of the chapel and changing tables in both washrooms (located down the hallway to the right as you exit the chapel).

We are celebrating the Lord's Supper this morning. In keeping with Scripture, we recognize that Jesus' body and blood are present in this sacrament (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), and that reception of Holy Communion is an expression that you believe everything that we and the Bible teach (1 Corinthians 10:17). *If you have already established communing fellowship with us* and would like to receive the Lord's Supper, please make sure you are properly prepared. "Personal Preparation for Holy Communion" (page 156 of the hymnal) is a great way to do that. *If you would like to establish communing fellowship with us,* please wait to receive the Lord's Supper until you have talked to pastor about the necessary steps toward such fellowship.

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GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY:

The readings are from the Evangelical Heritage Version, an independent project by pastors and professors of the Wisconsin Synod. The EHV is not an official WELS translation, but another option that provides a more accurate translation.

FIRST LESSON **1 Samuel 26:7-25** (*Pew Bible, Pages 462-463*)

David trusted that his reward was with his God. He had no need for vengeance. That freed him to love even his enemy Saul.

PSALM OF THE DAY **Psalm 103** (insert)

SECOND LESSON **Romans 12:9-21** (*Pew Bible, Page 1764*)

Paul supports Jesus. Bless your persecutors and don't take revenge. Revenge is God's domain. Our domain is to love your enemies and pray for your persecutors.

VERSE OF THE DAY **Luke 6:36**

Alleluia. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Alleluia.

GOSPEL **Matthew 5:38-48** (*Pew Bible, Pages 1503*)

God calls us, his sons, to live like Jesus and love people as perfectly as the Father does—even our enemies.

SERMON *(Based on the Gospel)*

"THEY WILL KNOW YOU BY YOUR LOVE"

CURRENT SERMON SERIES: "The Savior's Sermon"

NEXT SERMON SERIES: Starts March 5



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BLESSINGS FROM THE WEEK

Attendance:

Thursday Worship—0
Sunday School—5
Bible Class—15
Worship—52
Tuesday Bible Class—0

Tithes & Offerings: **\$1,371.00**

SERVING IN THE LORD

February Offering Counters:

J. Sulzle, L. Gens

Ushers:

Today: K. Graen, G. Lieder
Next Sunday: J. Sulzle, R. Wyman

Organist:

Today: Janice Budach
Next Sunday: Amy Hein

CALENDAR WEEK

Today

Sunday School	8:45 am
Bible Class	9:00 am
Communion Worship	10:00 am
Elders Meeting	11:15 am

Monday

Catechism	3:00 pm
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Tuesday

Bible Study	3:15 pm
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Wednesday

Choir	6:30 pm
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Thursday

Worship	7:00 pm
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Sunday

Sunday School	8:45 am
Bible Class	9:00 am
Worship	10:00 am
Chili Cook-off	

WELS CONNECTION During the offering this morning, we will watch the February edition of the “WELS Connection,” highlighting how our Congregational Mission Offering (CMO) is being used for Kingdom work. This year we pledged to give \$900 to support mission work in the United States and world-wide.

VOTERS MEETING this morning to determine our next step for the Preschool. The call we had placed was returned.

RUTH WENDLAND has received a call for the next school year. Details are on the back of the insert. Please keep her in your prayers as she considers this opportunity to serve the Lord.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORIES have been printed. The Support Groups and organizational charts are being re-formed so they will come out later in the year.

ASH WEDNESDAY is March 1 and we will have worship at 6:30 pm. Be sure to mark your calendars.

CHILI COOK-OFF Join us next Sunday for our annual event. All are welcome. Prizes will be given in three categories: spiciest, most unique, and best overall. A free-will offering will be taken to benefit the Brooklyn Lutheran softball team. Entries will be taken starting at 11:30. Voting begins at noon.

MEMORIALS offered to the glory of God in memory of Helen Melchert for the ministry of Brooklyn Bridge School were given by the Steinbachs and by Betty Tommerdahl.