

BLESSED

is the one
WHOSE DELIGHT

is in the teaching
OF THE LORD

who meditates on it
DAY AND NIGHT.

He is like a tree
PLANTED BY STREAMS
OF WATER.

Everything he does
PROSPERS.

Psalm 11-3

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 3, 2019

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are thankful that you've chosen to worship with us.

We love children worshipping with us. But we understand that kids can get restless. We have a few options for your convenience: Quiet Bags in the back of church, filled with activity pages and books; a Quiet Area in the library area of our Commons with a rocking chair, children's books and toys; Changing Tables in both washrooms down the hallway to the right as you exit the chapel.

Most of the service is projected on the front wall. You can also find the service and hymns in the hymnal. Bibles are available on request. If you want, you may follow along with the today's readings from your mobile device.

Please be sure to silence your mobile device so you don't disrupt the service or distract people's worship.

SERVICE NOTES FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Jesus Is Often A Rejected Savior. Our human inclination is to listen without faith. This can only lead us to the brow of a cliff and throwing Jesus out of our lives. But the Savior of the Nations comes with his gracious words of redemption and membership in his body. The Word of the Lord is proclaimed through the revelation of his Anointed One. In him faith is rooted, love flourishes, and salvation is known from generation to generation.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Lord Jesus, we thank you for boldly proclaiming and perfectly fulfilling the promise of the Messiah. Lead us to always listen to you and your servants. Amen.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist

Pastor Erich Westphal

Organist

Beth Janisch

Ushers

Dan Gabrielson, Tom Gabrielson

COPYRIGHT INFORMATION

All music is either public domain or reprinted under OneLicense #A-713664 and CCLI#11048452

Scripture taken from *The Holy Bible, Evangelical Heritage Version*® (EHV®) © 2017 The Wartburg Project

HYMN

Today Your Mercy Calls Us | **339**

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 17:7-16

Jesus cites this account to offer proof that the Word of the Lord will go outside Israel when it rejects the Anointed One.

⁷After some time the stream dried up because there had been no rain in the land. ⁸Then the word of the LORD came to him: ⁹“Get up! Go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there. I have commanded a woman there, a widow, to provide for you.”

¹⁰So he got up and went to Zarephath. He came to the city gate, and there he saw a widow gathering sticks. He called to her and said, “Please give me a little water in a jar, so that I can have something to drink.”

¹¹When she went to get it, he called to her, “Please bring me a piece of bread.”

¹²She said, “As surely as the LORD your God lives, I have no food except a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a pitcher. See, I am gathering a couple of sticks so that I can go and prepare it for myself and my son, so that we can eat it and then die.”

¹³Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid. Go and do just as you said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from the flour and bring it out to me. Then go and make another for you and your son. ¹⁴For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says. The jar of flour will not run out and the pitcher of oil will not become empty until the day the LORD sends rain to water the surface of the ground.”

¹⁵So she went and did exactly as Elijah said. He and she, as well as her household, were able to eat for many days. ¹⁶The jar of flour did not run out, and the pitcher of oil did not become empty, just as the LORD had said through Elijah.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 78

Suffering can be a result of listening without faith to God’s Word.

Leader: Remember that God is our Rock;
God Most High is our Redeemer.

Congregation: Give ear, O my people, to my instruction.
Turn your ear to the words of my mouth.

*Men: I will open my mouth to teach a lesson.
I will utter ancient stories with a moral,
stories which we have heard and known,
stories which our fathers have told us.*

*Women: We will not hide them from their children
We will tell the next generation
the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord,
his power, and the wonders which he has done.*

L: Remember that God is our Rock;
God Most High is our Redeemer.

**C: He set up testimony for Jacob.
In Israel he established the law.**

*M: Then the next generation would know it,
even the children yet to be born.
They would rise up and tell their children.*

*W: Then they would put their confidence in God,
and they would not forget the deeds of God,
but they would keep his commands.*

L: Remember that God is our Rock;
God Most High is our Redeemer.

SECOND LESSON

Romans 10:18–11:6

Paul describes Israel's rejection of the Lord. The Anointed One was revealed through prophecy in their midst. Yet he was rejected and despised. And so, the Word of the Lord, the revelation of the Anointed One, has been made to those not of the covenant people.

¹⁸But I ask, did they not hear? Of course, they certainly did.
The sound of their voice went out to all the earth,
and their words to the farthest parts of the world.

¹⁹Yet I ask, did Israel not understand? First, Moses says:
I will make you jealous of those who are not a nation;
I will make you angry with a nation that does not understand.

²⁰And Isaiah also boldly says:
I was found by those who were not looking for me;
I became well known to those who were not asking for me.

²¹But about Israel he says:

All day long I stretched out my hands
to a people who disobey and oppose me.

^{11:1}So I say, did God reject his people? Absolutely not! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham from the tribe of Benjamin. ²God did not reject his people whom he foreknew—or don't you know what Scripture says about Elijah, how he was pleading with God against Israel: ³"Lord, they have killed your prophets and torn down your altars. I am the only one left, and they are trying to take my life." ⁴But what did God's answer tell him? "I have reserved for myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal."

VERSE OF THE DAY

Luke 4:18a

Alleluia The Spirit of the Lord is on me;
because he anointed me to preach good news. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Luke 4:20-32

The gracious words of the Anointed One win admiration but not hearts of faith. Yet the Savior of the nations continues his mission and reveals himself in Capernaum.

¹⁴Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through all the surrounding area. ¹⁵He was teaching in their synagogues and being honored by everyone.

¹⁶He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. As was his custom, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and stood up to read. ¹⁷The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he anointed me to preach good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to set free those who are oppressed,

¹⁹and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

²⁰He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. ²¹He began to tell them, "Today, this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

NICENE CREED

HYMN OF THE DAY

Seek Where You May to Find a Way | 395

SERMON

"Faith: Familiar or Flourishing?" | **Luke 4:20-32**

OFFERING

Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him. If you are a guest with us today, please do not feel obligated to give an offering.

Please record your visit on the Connection Card. This is also where we register for Holy Communion.

THE SACRAMENT

Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns.

*If you want to establish communing fellowship with us, **please wait to receive the Lord's Supper** until you have had a chance to speak with the pastor.*

PERSONAL PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

If you have established communing fellowship with us and desire to receive the Lord's Supper today, please use the following questions to help you prepare:

- Q: Do I recognize that I have sinned against God and deserve his punishment?
- Q: Do I want forgiveness for my failures (according to the Ten Commandments) to carry out the responsibilities of my calling(s)?
- Q: Do I believe that Jesus purchased forgiveness for me by his sinless life for me and death on the cross as the payment for all my sins?
- Q: Do I believe that Jesus gives me his body and blood together with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of my sins?
- Q: Do I intend, with Christ's help, to fight temptation, do what I can to correct the wrongs I have done, and serve him and those around me with love and good works?

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

By Grace I'm Saved | 384

CLOSING HYMN

God Has Spoken by His Prophets | 281

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY MORNINGS (9:00), take part in a practical look at some of the key women of Scripture. The examples of these women still have pertinent lessons that both genders can benefit from today.

60TH ANNIVERSARY Next Sunday, February 10, at our regular service, we are celebrating 60 years of God's grace to our congregation. Former pastor, Curtis Holub, will be the guest preacher. The Reformation Brass is providing music. The anniversary offering is designated for a new audio-visual system for the sanctuary. There will be a lunch following the service (*with a suggested donation of \$5 per plate*).

RSVP We would greatly appreciate your RSVP so we can plan accordingly. Sign up on the back of your Connection Card **or** on the sign-up sheet in the Information Center.

OPPORTUNITIES to help for our anniversary celebration.

- Help with setting up tables on Saturday, February 9 at 9:00 am.
- Help with valet parking
- Help with minimal clean up after the dinner.

The dinner will be catered so we will not need people to serve.

Calendar Week

Today

Bible Study	9:00 am
Worship	10:00 am
Fellowship	11:00 am

Monday

Men's Growth Group	7:00 pm
--------------------	---------

Tuesday

Bible Class	3:15 pm
-------------	---------

Wednesday

Choir	6:45 pm
-------	---------

Saturday

Set-up for Anniversary	9:00 am
------------------------	---------

Sunday – 60th Anniversary

Bible Study	9:00 am
Worship	10:00 am
Dinner	11:00 am

Serving in The Lord

Ushers

Today:	Dan Gabrielson Tom Gabrielson
Next Sunday:	Brian Larson John Schimenz

Organist

Today:	Beth Janisch
Next Sunday:	Janice Budach

February Money Counters

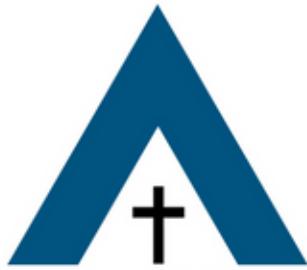
Brian Larson, Jean Sulzle

Blessings from The Lord

Attendance

Sunday School – 4
Bible Study – 16
Sunday Service – 51

Tithes & Offerings \$ 1,152.00



Brooklyn

LUTHERAN CHURCH WELS

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

www.brooklynlutheran.com

5840 69th Ave N. | 763-560-5953 | brooklynlutheran@gmail.com