
We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure...

Hebrews 6:19



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Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 3/4

We cordially welcome all who are worshipping with us this week. May our Lord Jesus Christ grant you the will and the wisdom to renounce the world and to live as His follower and disciple.

VISITORS – you are invited to share your names and addresses in our Guest Book in the entryway of the church.

COMMUNION POLICY

As an expression of our faith and fellowship as the Missouri Synod Lutherans we welcome to the Sacrament those baptized Christians who:

- confess and repent of their sins; believe in the Triune God, and in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior;
- believe that they receive Christ's true Body and Blood with the Bread and Wine for forgiveness of sins, new life and salvation;
- promise to change their sinful life with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Oneness at the altar requires oneness in doctrine, faith, and life (Acts 2:42). Therefore, "Let each person examine himself, and thus eat of the bread and drink of the cup" (1Corinthians 11:28)

Visitors and Guests - please speak with the Pastor or a Deacon before the worship service.

Visitors and Members - please fill out a communion registration card found next to the hymnals. Please hand it to an usher or place it in the offering plate.

Visitors – please write your names and addresses in our Guest Book in the entry way of the church.

Parents – we encourage you to bring your children up with you during the communion celebration for a pastoral blessing. Remember Jesus' words: "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Mark 10:14).

Divine Service, Setting One (p. 151-166)
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Hymns

Hymn of Invocation: 394 – Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Hymn of the Day: 398 – Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Communion Hymn: 790 – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Communion Hymn: 821 – Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Closing Hymn: 545 – Word of God, Come Down on Earth

Readings

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 40:21-31

Epistle Reading – 1 Corinthians 9:16-27

Holy Gospel Reading – Mark 1:29-39

Sermon

“Eyes on the Prize” – 1 Corinthians 9:24

Introit Antiphon

I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Those Serving the Lord This Weekend

Officiant: Rev. Eric Voigt

Organist: Paula Streich

Deacons: Saturday – Pat Quaine & Matthew Quaine

Sunday – Gerald Urlaub & Mark Fleming

Ushers: Saturday – Deacons

Sunday – Ken Winfield & Bill Shay

Acolyte: Morgan Bruning

Weekly Calendar – February 3-11

Saturday/3	5:00p	Holy Communion (green)
Sunday/4	9:15a	Sunday School
	10:30a	Holy Communion (green)
Monday/5	3:00p	Pastor Voigt Office Hour
	3:30p	Adult Bible Study
Tuesday/6	6:00p	Board of Ed mtg
Wednesday/7	9:00a	Chapel
	3:00p	Confirmation
	6:30p	Deacons mtg
Thursday/8	4:15p	Tendercare Worship
Saturday/10	5:00p	Worship (white)
Sunday/11	Scrip Order Taken	
	9:15a	Sunday School
	10:30a	Worship (white)
	11:45a	Special Voters Meeting

A special Voters meeting scheduled for February 11 after the worship service, approx. 11:30 a.m. The only topic to be discussed is the expansion of our **preschool program** from *half day to full day* with two separate programs. Please plan to attend to learn about our thriving program and consider how we can service our community's needs while leading more children to know Christ's saving grace.

The youth group would like to warm your hearts with a **COFFEE BAR** and goodies on Sunday, Feb. 18th, starting shortly before the 10:30 a.m. church service and directly after. Coffee, tea, juice and some Valentine goodies will be served up with Love! Free Will offering graciously accepted. "For this is the message you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another." 1 John 3:11

There will not be **CHOIR** in February. Hopefully we will pick up again in March. The day and the time may change. Stay tuned!

You are invited to a Ladies Aid **POTLUCK LUNCH**, February 8th at 12:30 in the church basement Come share your favorite dish. Help us make plans for the coming year. Don't forget your box of Kleenex.

Our school is privileged to be able host a **BLOOD DRIVE** on Tuesday, February 27. Ready to roll up your sleeves and save a life? Donations can be scheduled now at redcrossblood.org and entering our zip code under Find a Blood Drive, or by calling the school/church office weekdays between 8:00 and 12:30.

It's time for a new **PICTORIAL DIRECTORY!** Members are encouraged to find a time to get their family photo taken for an updated directory. There is no charge for being photographed, and each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 photograph and a free directory for participating. Photography sessions are scheduled for Sunday, February 25, noon to 7 p.m. and February 26 and 27, 2-9 p.m.

Interested members are invited to send a **cheer-me-up card or note** to Sarah Werner, 23-year-old niece of Janet & Alger Lamb, who has ongoing undiagnosed health issues that keep her from working. Sarah's address is 41229 Julie Ct., Clinton Twp., MI 48030.

LWML MISSION GRANT SPOTLIGHT: Completion of Luonda Lutheran School Building, Uganda - \$48,000 This grant helps complete Phase II of two schools in the villages of Kakika and Lukonda in Uganda, through the Lutheran Church Uganda. These schools will educate 100 to 200 children between the ages of 4 and 12. Each school will have four classrooms, with two of the classrooms being used for weekly Lutheran worship services.

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