



STUBBORN

January 28, 2024
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
10:30 a.m.

INFORMATION FOR OUR GUESTS

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP! A warm welcome to our guests this morning. It is a privilege to have you join us as we worship and praise our Savior, Jesus Christ. We want you to feel at home here, so we are providing the following information to make your visit as pleasant as possible.

CHILDREN'S BULLETIN: If you have little ones with restless hands, Children's Bulletins can be obtained from an usher to help keep the kids occupied.

CONNECTION CARD: When the offering is being collected, all are asked to fill in the Connection Card which is in your bulletin. Please print your address and telephone number on the slip, so that we may better serve you and send you more information.

RESTROOMS AND WATER FOUNTAINS: Restrooms are located near the front and rear entrances to the sanctuary. Signs are located on the wall.

NURSERY: A nursery, with a qualified attendant, is provided for the care of children 3 years old or younger. It is in the back of the church (Luther Hall) and available from 9:00-11:30 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Classes for children ages 3 through 6th grade are held from 9:15-10:15 a.m. Kid's Connect is held during the 10:30 a.m. service, following the children's message.

A SPECIAL INVITATION for everyone to join us in Adult Bible Classes at 9:15 a.m. in the Conference Room.

COFFEE IS SERVED: There is coffee fellowship every Sunday from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. in the Breezeway. Come have a cup of joe and enjoy fellowship with one another.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNALS: Large print bulletins and hymnals are located in the front entrance of the church (narthex). Please ask an usher for assistance.

RECEIVING COMMUNION: Please see the communion statement in this bulletin. The Common Cup and individual cups are both available. White grape juice is found at the center of the tray with the individual cups for those who prefer not to have wine. If you choose the individual cup when communing at the altar, please hold on to it until the chalice has passed. Please let an usher know if you need to receive communion in your pew.

HOW CAN YOU BECOME A MEMBER? If you have a previous membership in a Lutheran church, you can transfer your membership to Our Savior by contacting the church office. We will gladly contact your previous church for your transfer. You also may join by profession of faith. New members are welcomed regularly, and "New Member Classes" are scheduled in the fall and spring. For any assistance or information, please call the church office at (954) 473-6888.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE at www.oslplantation.church. Watch sermons and view the Events Calendar and Weekly Newsletter. There also is a link to our Facebook Page.

Our Savior Lutheran Church

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Plantation, Florida 33324

Tony Durante, Pastor

“Serving Christ-Serving Others-Changing Lives”

Third Sunday after Epiphany



January 21, 2024

As we gather, please take a minute to fill out your Connection Card.

Divine Service—10:30 a.m.

Prelude *(Bells rung to begin service)*

Announcements

(P=pastor, L=liturgist, C=congregation, R=reader, A=cantor)

(Please stand)

Praise Music

Your Love Never Fails

Reckless Love

Invocation



In the Name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

We begin by singing to
God about all He has
done for us.

We invoke God's
presence by repeating
the name in which we
were baptized
1 John 1:8-9

Absolution is the formal act of a clergyman in which, by virtue of his office and in the name and stead of Christ, he forgives those who have confessed their sins, affirm their faith in Christ, and promise to amend their lives.

Matthew 16:19;

18:18;

John 20:19-23

The **Service of the Word** centers in the lessons, prayers and sung praises which surround the reading of God's Word.

We call this prayer a “**collect**” because it collects the themes of the lessons and puts them into a prayer.

Confession and Absolution

- L** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- L** Let us then *kneel* and confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- 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 forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Service of the Word

(Please stand)

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- L** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- L** Let us pray.
- L** Almighty God, even when all else fails, Your grace persists. Even when we pull away, You hold us fast. Let the perseverance of Your love be stronger than the stubbornness of our humanity that we might be saved through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

The first lesson is typically taken from a book in the Old Testament.

The second or epistle lesson is generally from Apostles' letters.

(Please be seated)

L American author, Douglass Brinkley said, “Stubbornness is a positive quality of presidential leadership—if you're right about what you're stubborn about.” This is can also be true of an infallible God’s lordship, according to the scripture readings for this morning.

First Reading—Amos 2:4-5 This is what the Lord says: “For three sins of Judah, even for four, I will not relent. Because they have rejected the law of the Lord and have not kept his decrees, because they have been led astray by false gods, the gods their ancestors followed, ⁵ I will send fire on Judah that will consume the fortresses of Jerusalem.”

R This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

Second Reading—Romans 8:38-39 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

R This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

L The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter, verses 27-30

C Glory to You, O Lord.

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one.”

L This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** Praise to You, O Christ.

The Apostles' Creed

- L** Let us with one voice confess our faith saying the Creed...
- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

(Please be seated)

Children's Message

(The children may depart for Kids Connect after the message.)

Hymn of the Day

Children of the Heavenly Father



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His

in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose

heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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Sermon

Stubborn Love

John 10:27-30

Representing God's
people, the
pastor/liturgist leads
our prayers.
1 Timothy 2:1-4,8

Sharing of the Peace *(Share greetings with others by saying, "Peace be with you.")*

Offering and Voluntary How Great Is Our God

(Please fill out your Connection Cards.)

(Please stand)

Offertory Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

C Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures
here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father,
Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and all people
according to their needs.

P All these things and whatever else You know that we need grant us for
the sake of Him who died and rose again and who now lives and reigns
with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

*As we turn our thoughts toward Holy Communion we are reminded that this is a sacrament of
God's Grace intended for baptized Christians who believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior, repent
or turn from their sins and believe that in and with the bread and wine is Christ's true body and
blood for the forgiveness of sins and strength to live a new life.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Let us pray.

C Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray.

C Our Father who 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 trespasses as we forgive those
who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the
glory forever and ever. Amen.

Words of Our Lord *(Pastor)*

Peace of God

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

This is the family
prayer Jesus taught us.
Matthew 6:9-13

These are the very
words of Jesus at The
Last Supper. By these
words Jesus still sets
apart bread and wine
to be His own Body
and Blood.

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Please be seated)

Distribution

Holy Communion is a gift from God. It is the Lord's Table to which He invites us. As we prepare to receive the Sacrament, we might ask ourselves the following questions: Do I realize that I am a sinful human being? Do I understand that our Lord gave His life, His body and blood, for me on the cross that I might be forgiven of my sins and in His resurrection raised me to a new life? Do I realize that in the Lord's Supper He gives me His true body and blood that I might be assured of forgiveness and that my faith is strengthened that I might serve my Lord and through Him serve others? If you are a baptized Christian and share these Biblical truths, please join us in the celebration of the Sacrament. If you have not yet been baptized or received instruction, please come forward for a blessing, crossing your arms over your chest to indicate you are not receiving the elements.

General Distribution: We invite you to participate in the Lord's Supper by joining the continuous line of communicants leading to the foot of the chancel as prompted by an usher.

Special Distribution: Those who are unable to use the stairs to commune at the altar, please stay seated until a communion assistant team comes to the bottom of the stairs. An usher will guide you to walk up and receive communion. For those who cannot walk to the front, communion assistants will commune you at your seat.

Distribution Song Oh, How He Loves You and Me

Holy Communion implies a unity of faith.

It requires us to examine our lives and reflect on what this Sacrament is and what we receive there.

It expects that those who commune together confess the same faith and are united in the same Church.

The Divine Service is almost over. Here *our* service begins as we carry God's good news with us out the doors of this building and into the world.

We enter to receive God's Word and Sacraments, to pray and praise... we leave to serve and witness.

(Please stand)

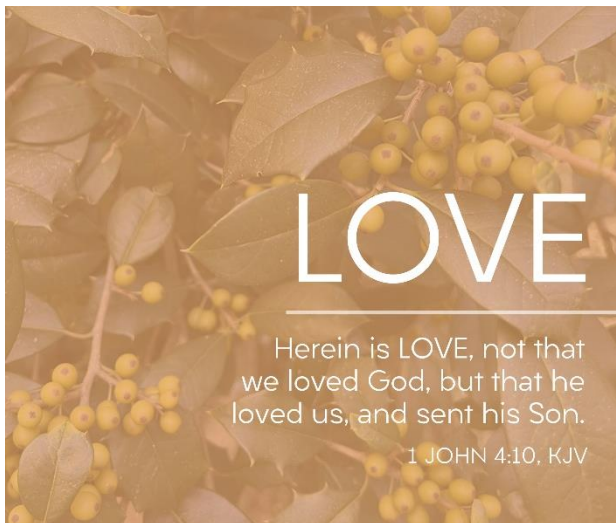
Dismissal

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.
- C** Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

- P** Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us in faith toward You and in love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Benediction (Pastor)



Closing Hymn

Abide with Me



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
2 I need Thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?
Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.
O Thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.

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P Go in peace and serve the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Postlude

Sermon Notes

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THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVED TODAY.

Altar Guild: Nicole Linley and Kathy Thurn 8:00
Cheryl Moore 10:30
Greeters: Junko Durante 8:00
Jan Withers and Mercedes Camacho 10:30
Preacher: Pastor Tony Durante
Liturgist: John Wheeler 8:00—Haroldo Camacho 10:30
Cantor: Ian Johnson 8:00
Lay Reader: Lerryn Latimer 8:00—Carol Tucek 10:30
Communion Asst: Pamela King and Neville Morrison 8:00
Bob and Rose Johnson 10:30
Ushers: Anthony and Nicole Linley, David Volz, Mark Williamson 8:00
Greg and Karen Goth, Doug and Myke MacLeay 10:30
Prayer Team: Jodi Waldron and Robert Spencer
Sound and Visuals: Andy Clark and Renee Bilodeau/Nyla Green
Organist: Carisa Meier
Praise Team Leader: Wayne Rediker 10:30
Viola/Music Leader: Ian Johnson 10:30
Keyboard: Nancy Volz 10:30
Bass: Duane Srot 10:30
Drummer: Crystal Gossard 10:30

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Services
Tony Durante, Pastor
Linda Root, Principal
Taé Durante, Administrative Assistant
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