



Our Saviour's & Balsamlund Lutheran Church; ELCA E-News

February 20, 2022

DAILY BIBLE READINGS 2/20–2/26



SUNDAY- Colossians 1:24-29
MONDAY- Colossians 2:1-19
TUESDAY- Colossians 2:20-3:4
WEDNESDAY- Colossians 3:5-17
THURSDAY- Colossians 3:18-4:1
FRIDAY- Colossians 4:2-18
SATURDAY- Leviticus 19:1-18

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2/20 Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

9am Fellowship
9am Sunday School
10am Worship / Holy Communion
Waylon Robert Brockpahler Baptism
*Council Meeting after Worship

2/23 Wednesday

NO Quilters today
Blood Drive @ OSLC. Noon–6pm

2/27 Last Sunday after Epiphany

9am Fellowship
9am Sunday School
10 am Worship

Balsamlund Announcements :

- Confirmation is every 4th Wednesday of the month.

OSLC Announcements:

- * We are looking for someone to head up the Adult Vocal Choir and the Bell Choir. If you are interested in helping out with one or both of these groups please contact Pastor Eric for more info.
- * The baptismal “Cradle Roll” position is available. Open immediately. Please inquire at the office if interested.
- * If you are interested in being on the church council as the **Financial Secretary/Bookkeeper**, please contact Council President Richard Gronlund and/or the office.
- * For any changes to service times or activities due to weather or last minute changes, please watch our Facebook page and we will also update the church answering machine.

* **Offering envelopes:** If you would like envelopes for 2022 please let the office know ASAP.

* **Please consider what month you'd like to serve as Altar Guild.** Sign up sheet is on the Fellowship table. You can leave a message on the office phone to sign up as well. Many thanks **to those who fulfilled the months of January, February, April, and October.**

* **Fellowship Servers are needed** for the upcoming weeks. If you are interested in signing up for other months and unable to get in to the church to sign up, please leave a message on the church phone. Thank you in advance.

* **Blood Drive, Feb 23, Wednesday,** sponsored by Sebeka School @ OSLC, Noon to 6pm. There will be no OSLC Quilter's this day.

This weekend at Our Saviour's we get to celebrate a baptism! Whenever we have a baptism coming up, I always go back to the catechism to find the words of promise that fill this faith milestone with such holiness and grace.

Martin Luther wrote this as a guide for us as a community of faith.

1. What is baptism?

Baptism is not simply plain water. Instead, it is water used according to God's command and connected with God's words.

2. What gifts or benefits does baptism grant?

It brings about forgiveness of sins, redeems from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe it, as the words and promise of God declare.

What I love so much about this is how focused baptism is on the openness of God's love. God's love is open and given freely through Jesus. This is why, in the Lutheran church, we don't put an age requirement on being baptized.

We believe baptism is about God's presence, God's grace, and the forgiveness that comes from God.

This is why baptisms are so exciting! It's a celebration of God's love. It's a celebration of God's grace and mercy on each of us before we can do anything to earn it.

We live in a world where most milestones are earned. If you don't go to school, you don't graduate.

But baptism is a huge celebration that is centered not in our own achievement, but in God's; not in our own power or strength, or wisdom, but in God's.

That's why we get so excited about baptism.

It's a celebration of the goodness of our God for each and every one of us. And it's a reminder of the wideness found in God's mercy.

It's the best news there is!

Grace + Peace,
Pastor Eric