



Epiphany 2

Sunday, January 19, 2025

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, ELCA
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***"Our mission is to make the love of Christ known
to all as we worship, serve and grow together."***

All are welcome in this church! The Good News of God's grace is for all, regardless of age, abilities, physical & mental health, race, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, education, income or strength of faith. There is nothing we do, have done or will do that can separate us from the love of God. God makes no exceptions, nor do we. Come join us in praise, prayer and the work of our Lord, including ongoing work for racial equity in our Church and in the world.

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Welcome, visitors! We're glad you are here! We hope your time with us is a blessing, and that you will come back soon.

We would like to be in touch with you! **Visitors**—please use the Live Stream 'Attendance Info Form (www.allarewelcome.org under the Live Stream tab) today. **Members**—you only need to fill them out once a year when you receive Holy Communion. **In addition**, use the form for prayer requests, hymn requests, to get the monthly newsletter, to give us address changes, or for any communication with the office or pastor.

If you need **hearing assistance**, ask in the church office for our special devices.

If you need **assistance with the live stream**, please call 608.782.3468 or join us on the phone live stream at 1.877.552.3468 (toll-free).

+FOR OUR WORSHIP TODAY+

Presiding Minister: Pastor Joanne Richmond

AV Team: Gary & Deb Wold

Communion Assistant: Carol Miller

Pianist: Dr. Eddie Kim

Prayer Reader: Carol Miller

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

O Perfect Love

Dorothy F. Gurney (1883)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have turned from you
and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

**In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,**

things we have done

and things we have failed to do.

Turn us again to you,

and uphold us by your Spirit,

so that we may live and serve you

in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy,

loved us even when we were dead in sin,

and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of + Jesus Christ,

your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you

with power through the Holy Spirit,

that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN

Bind Us Together

WOV #748

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GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Who Is like Our God?
¿Quién como Jehová?

¿Quién, quién, quién co - mo Jeho - vá, que con su po -
 Who, who, who is like our God, who, with might - y

der el mar a - brió? ¿Quién, quién, quién co - mo Jeho -
 hand, did part the sea? Who, who, who is like our

vá, que con su po - der el mar a - brió?
 God, who, with might - y hand, did part the sea?

Oi - rán las na - cio - nes lo que él hi - zo;
 All the na - tions will hear what God has done for us,

tem - bla - rán cuan - do ve - an sus pro - di gios.
 and will trem - ble to see such signs and won - ders.

Su pue - blo le - a - la - ba - rá, con pan - de - ro dan - za - rá,
 Let God's peo - ple praise and sing, dance with joy and tam - bou - rines.

y di - rán, "¿Quién, quién co - mo Jeho - vá?"
 Let them say, "Who, who is like our God?"

Text: Anonymous, based on Exodus 15; tr. Greg Scheer, b. 1966

Music: QUIÉN COMO JEHOVÁ, Anonymous

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, in your love
you have given the people
of this land gifts of abundance
beyond what our forebears
knew or could imagine.
Mercifully grant that we
may not be so occupied
with material things
that we forget spiritual gifts,
and thus, even though we have gained
the whole world, lose our souls;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

GOSPEL: Luke 12: 13—21

The holy gospel according to St. Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

The gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Joanne Richmond

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness
Vengo a ti, Jesús amado

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| <p>2 Vida ofrece, y paz preciosa
 tu palabra poderosa;
 por unirse al elemento
 hace el santo sacramento.
 Con el pan y vino adquiero
 cuerpo y sangre del Cordero.
 ¡Oh, misterio tan profundo!
 ¿Quién lo entiende en este mundo? <i>Estrillo</i></p> | <p>3 Ya mi alma tú librate,
 y el pecado tú quitaste,
 cual preludio de tu cielo,
 hoy me gozo en tu consuelo.
 Cielos, tierra, noche y día
 te den gracias a porfía:
 "Por tus múltiples favores,
 ¡gracias mil y mil loores!" <i>Estrillo</i></p> |
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APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(Response to each petition is a verse from In This Feast of Love, ACS #962)

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Giver of gifts, you form each member of the church to serve. Inspire us to boldly use gifts of welcome and healing, service and teaching, leading and preaching, for the sake of your work in the world.

Refuge of creatures, you place all living beings under the shadow of your wings. Lead us in ways that tend to the needs of wild and domestic animals, creatures threatened by extinction or wildfires, and the environment we share.

God of grace, hear us as we sing:

**In this feast of love,
in this feast of love,
Lord, you share your blood and your body,
Jesus, Lamb of God.**

Voice of the oppressed, you call prophets throughout time. We remember the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a voice for racial and economic justice and for peace. Guide our nation in continuing to heed your prophetic call.

God of steadfast love, as Jesus celebrated at Cana, nurture marriages and relationships in mutual care; in times of separation or divorce hold tenderly broken hearts and broken dreams. Be present to all who are sick, grieving or in any need.

God of grace, hear us as we sing:

**In this bread and wine,
in this bread and wine,
you have promised, Lord, to be with us,
Lamb of God divine.**

Spirit of peace, we pray for neighboring congregations and ministry sites. Nurture our shared commitment to embody Jesus' love, justice, and healing.

Wellspring of life, in living and dying we trust in you. We give thanks for the saints. Guide us in our living until, at last, we rest in you.

God of grace, hear us as we sing:

**Grant us peace, O Lord,
grant us peace, O Lord;
fill us with the joy of your Spirit,
ever-living Word.**

We entrust our prayers to you, God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

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DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

May God bless you and keep you.

May the face of Christ shine on you with grace and mercy.

May the Spirit of God look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

I Come with Joy

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DISMISSAL

Go with Christ into a weary world.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing

Graham Kendrick

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ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—2024

Date: Sunday, January 26, 2025

Time: 10:15am

Location: Fellowship Hall

We invite you to attend the annual meeting of our congregation to hear leadership updates, engage in meaningful discussions about the ministry here at Our Savior's, and cast your vote on the 2025 budget and the nominees for our Church Council. Don't miss this opportunity to be an active part of shaping the future of our community! **Annual Reports** are available in the Narthex for your review.

END-OF-YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS are available in the Narthex. Please take yours home with you today to help us save on the cost of postage to mail them. Thanks!

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, January 20, 2025

The church office will be closed tomorrow (Monday, January 20, 2025) in observance of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

LOOKING AHEAD

Chocolate Sunday, Sunday, February 9, 2024—Fellowship Hall

Please bring a chocolate treat to share and celebrate Valentine's Day with us in style. ***What a perfect Sunday to also invite a friend to worship!***

Mardi Gras OSLC Style!, Sunday, February 16, 2025

Join us for this fun fellowship event! The fun begins after worship, with New Orleans style food and music. This is a chance for our whole church family to get together before we prepare for Lent.

Ash Wednesday, Wednesday, March 5, 2025

More information coming.

OSLC Cook-Off, Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025—Fellowship Hall

Who will win the title of "*Best of Our Savior's*"? **You bring your own muffin tin!** We are **looking for cooks** to try to win the '*Best of Our Savior's*.' So rustle up a favorite recipe and a sign up will be posted soon.

Pie-Luck Sunday, Sunday March 9, 2025—Fellowship Hall

Come chase cabin fever away! Bring your favorite pie to share during the coffee hour! All pies are welcome, be they savory or sweet or store-bought or homemade.

VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED: PREPARING THE ALTAR AREA FOR ACCESSIBILITY!

We're excited to make important changes to the altar area to ensure it's accessible to everyone. As part of this renovation, we need volunteers to help Bob, our Board of Property Chair, with moving furniture and ripping out the carpet before construction begins the week of January 27, 2025. Your help will ensure that our worship space is welcoming and inclusive for all. This is an important step toward fostering a community where everyone can fully participate in worship!

WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Talk to Bob Miller after worship today to sign up and learn more about how you can help! Thank you for supporting this important project!



OUR SAVIORS THIS WEEK

POST ON A FRIG, NEAR A PHONE, ON AN ALTAR AND ANY OTHER SACRED PLACE

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 19, 2025

Noisy Offering—Emergency Fund

9:30am Worship/HC

6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.

Monday

Church Office Closed

10am Dorothy Gray's Visitation

11am Dorothy Gray's Funeral
Lunch following

Tuesday

9am—1pm Office Open

1—5pm WCC

4pm CFS Doors Open

4:15—5:15pm CFS Meal Served

5:15—5:30pm CFS Carry Outs

Wednesday

9am—1pm Office Open

9am Staff meeting

12 noon Worship

Thursday

9am—1pm Office Open

**Coulee Collaborative
to End Homelessness**

Friday

Pastor/Staff Sabbath

Saturday

9am—1pm WCC open

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9:30am Worship/HC

10:15am Annual Meeting
Coffee Fellowship

6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.

Calendar Notations:

HC—Holy Communion

CFS—Come For Supper

WCC—Women's Clothes Closet

PRAYER CONCERNS

HEALING AND PEACE

Athena Burg, **Bev** Hanson, **Carol** Kant, **Casey** Kanter, **Cindy** Moe, **Cindy** Vieth, **Dan** Odenbach, **Danielle** Sorenson, **Dave** Kjos, **Erik** Rudrud, **Esther** Harman, **Eugene** Herold, **Gabe** Centanni, **George**, **Jane** Speer, **Jean** Koll, **Jeannie** White, **Jeff** Kent, **Jim** Garson, **Joyce** Gosman, **Karen** Geoglein, **Katie** White, **Kilian** Crary, **Lane** C., **Lois** Horne, **Kelly** Olson, **Mary** Covey, **Monica & Jack**, **Morris** Buros, **Peggy** Kneifl, **Pete** Harman, **Rich** Pitz, **Rose** Sabotta, **Roxanne** North, **Sandy** Kjos, **Sonja** Simonson-Schrag, **Tom** Cade, **Vera** Wensole, and **Vickie** Hengel

GRIEVING FAMILY & FRIENDS OF

Theo Abnet and **Dorothy** Gray

MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN ARMED FORCES

Gabriel W. Kleven, **Greg** Phillips, **Ricky** Macon, **Stacie** Phillips, and **Tom** Rudrud

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sofia Stutesman January 19

Erik Rudrud January 24

Eleanor Richards January 26