

Sunday January 21st, 2024; Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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9:00 a.m.

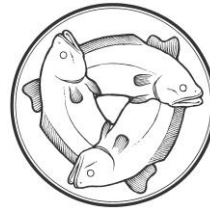
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Divine Service Four; LSB 203

**The Mission of Our Savior's Lutheran Church and School is
'connecting families in Christ' by proclaiming the forgiveness of
sin in the Gospel and the Sacraments.**

Notes to enhance your worship at Our Savior's Lutheran:

Why do we stand at times in our worship service? In addition to when we make requests and meet Jesus in the Gospel lesson, we also stand when we declare what we believe in the Apostles' or Nicene Creed.

Opening Hymn: "Listen, God Is Calling" #833

Refrain:

Leader: Listen,

**All: listen, God is calling
Through the Word inviting,
Offering forgiveness,
Comfort, and joy.**

Repeat Refrain

- 1 Leader: Jesus gave His mandate:
 All: Share the good news
 Leader: That He came to save us
 All: And set us free. Refrain

- 2 Leader: Let none be forgotten
 All: Throughout the world.
 Leader: In the triune name of God
 All: Go and baptize. Refrain

- 3 Leader: Help us to be faithful,
 All: Standing steadfast,
 Leader: Walking in Your precepts,
 All: Led by Your Word. Refrain

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Confession and Absolution

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P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God ... name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

+ Service of the Word +

Introit

From the rising of the sun to its | setting,*

the name of the LORD is | to be praised!

Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants | of the LORD,*

praise the name | of the LORD!

Blessèd be the name | of the LORD*

from this time forth and for- | evermore!

The LORD is high above all | nations,*

and his glory above the | heavens!

He raises the poor | from the dust*

and lifts the needy from the | ash heap,

to make them sit with | princes,*

with the princes of his | people.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

From the rising of the sun to its | setting,*

the name of the LORD is | to be praised!

Kyrie

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C Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.

**1 To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**2 To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—**

**3 For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

- P** Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you." So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. . . .

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

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

Gradual

Praise the LORD, all | nations!*
Extol him, all | peoples!
For great is his steadfast | love toward us,*
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;*
bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

"Equip Us for Your Service, Lord" Choir

Epistle

1 Corinthians 7:29-35

This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away. I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

C These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 1:14-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' 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.

(What's indented above speaks of Jesus' state of humiliation.)

Hymn of the Day: "'Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake #688

1 "Come, follow Me," the Savior spake,
 "All in My way abiding;
Deny yourselves, the world forsake,
 Obey My call and guiding.
O bear the cross, whate'er betide,
Take My example for your guide.

2 "I am the light, I light the way,
 A godly life displaying;
I bid you walk as in the day;
I keep your feet from straying.
I am the way, and well I show
How you must sojourn here below.

3 "My heart abounds in lowliness,
 My soul with love is glowing;
And gracious words My lips express,
 With meekness overflowing.
My heart, My mind, My strength, My all,
To God I yield, on Him I call.

4 "I teach you how to shun and flee
What harms your soul's salvation,
Your heart from ev'ry guile to free,
 From sin and its temptation.
I am the refuge of the soul
And lead you to your heav'nly goal."

5 Then let us follow Christ, our Lord,
 And take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to His Word,
 In suff'ring be undaunted.
For those who bear the battle's strain
 The crown of heav'nly life obtain.

Text: tr. Charles W. Schaeffer, 1813-96; (sts. 1-3, 5): Johann Scheffler, 1624-77; (st. 4): Geistliche Lieder und Lobgesänge, 1695
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Sermon "What Following Jesus Involves"

Offering

(Children are welcome to come forward and leave their offering in the basket.)

Reception of New Member

Prayer of the Church

Guidance For Guests Regarding Communion:

We deeply regret the divisions that are so obvious today both among Christians and even among Lutherans. We believe that the faith confessed at our baptismal font, from the pulpit, and at our communion rail should be the same. For this to be true, we ask that those who commune with us first learn the faith confessed in this church and publicly declare an acceptance of it. If you would like to learn what we confess, please speak with Pastor Grein. Communicant members in good standing in sister congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod or the American Association of Lutheran Churches are welcome to commune with us are our guests, but, as a courtesy, please make your intentions known to an elder or the pastor if you have never done so before.

+ Service of the Sacrament +

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary ... You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 208

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Lord's Prayer

LSB 209

The Words of Our Lord

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Pax Domini

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

C
1 O Jesus Christ, true
Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution

Distribution Hymns:

"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" Choir

“O Lord, We Praise Thee” #617

1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish
Our weak souls that they may flourish:

O Lord, have mercy!
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,
That our sins and sorrows did carry,
And Thy blood for us plead
In all trial, fear, and need:
O Lord, have mercy!

2 Thy holy body into death was given,
Life to win for us in heaven.
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;
May this feast thereof remind us!

O Lord, have mercy!
Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.
All our debt Thou hast paid;
Peace with God once more is made:
O Lord, have mercy!

3 May God bestow on us His grace and favor
That we follow Christ our Savior
And live together here in love and union
Nor despise this blest Communion!

O Lord, have mercy!
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;
Grant that heav’nly-minded He make us;
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see
Days of peace and unity:
O Lord, have mercy!

Text: tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.; (st. 1): German, 14th cent.; (sts. 2–3): Martin Luther, 1483–1546
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“O Christ, Our True and Only Light” #839

1 O Christ, our true and only light,
Enlighten those who sit in night;
Let those afar now hear Your voice
And in Your fold with us rejoice.

2 Fill with the radiance of Your grace
The souls now lost in error’s maze;
Enlighten those whose inmost minds
Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.

3 O gently call those gone astray
That they may find the saving way!
Let ev’ry conscience sore oppressed
In You find peace and heav’nly rest.

4 Shine on the darkened and the cold;
Recall the wand’ers to Your fold.
Unite all those who walk apart;
Confirm the weak and doubting heart,

5 That they with us may evermore
Such grace with wond’ring thanks adore
And endless praise to You be giv’n
By all Your Church in earth and heav’n.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
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“Hail, O Source of Every Blessing” #409

1 Hail, O Source of ev’ry blessing,
Father of our human race!
Gentiles now, Your grace possessing,
In Your courts obtain a place.
Grateful now, we fall before You,
In Your Church rejoice to live,
See Your glory and adore You,
Thankful for the grace You give.

2 Once far off but now invited,
We approach Your sacred throne,
In Your covenant united,
Reconciled, redeemed, made one.
Now revealed to eastern sages,
See the Star of Mercy shine,
Myst’ry hid in former ages,
Myst’ry great of love divine.

3 Hail, O all-inviting Savior!
Gentiles now their offerings bring,
In Your temples seek Your favor,
Jesus Christ, our Lord and King.
May we, body, soul, and spirit,
Live devoted to Your praise,
Glorious realms of bliss inherit,
Grateful anthems ever raise.

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Nunc Dimittis

C 1 O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav’nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.

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2 All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God’s triune name resounding
Through all eternity.

Post-Communion Collect

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 through the same in faith toward You and in fervent 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.

LSB 212

Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

LSB 212

Benediction

P The Lord ...

C Amen.

LSB 212

Closing Hymn: "O Christ, Who Called the Twelve" #856

1 O Christ, who called the Twelve
To rise and follow You,
Forsaking old, familiar ways
For ventures bold and new:
Grant us to hear Your call
To risk security
And, bound in heart and will to You,
Find perfect liberty.

2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve
The truth for ages sealed,
Whose words and works awakened faith,
The ways of God revealed:
Instruct us now, we pray,
By Your empow'ring Word.
True teacher, be for all who seek
Their light, their life, their Lord.

3 O Christ, who led the Twelve
Among the desolate
And broke as bread of life for all
Your love compassionate:
Lead us along the ways
Where hope has nearly died
And help us climb the lonely hills
Where love is crucified.

4 O Christ, who sent the Twelve
On roads they'd never trod
To serve, to suffer, teach, proclaim
The nearer reign of God:
Send us on ways where faith
Transcends timidity,
Where love informs and hope sustains
Both life and ministry.

5 O Christ, the apostles' Lord,
The martyrs' strength and song,
The crucified and risen King
To whom the saints belong:
Though generations pass,
Our tribute still we bring,
Our hymns a sacrifice of praise,
Our lives an offering.

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+To God Alone be the Glory+



Next Week's Readings:

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Mark 1:21-28

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Liturgical Color - Green is the color of growing things and green is the color for the Epiphany Season. During this season we grow in our understanding that Jesus is "God in man made manifest," (LSB Hymn 394), that is, that Jesus reveals Himself as God in human flesh.

PRAYER CONCERNS:

• Eric Bach	Health Concerns
• Family of Charles Bullert	Death of Charles
• Beckett Buresh	Healing
• Jason Coyle	Health Concerns
• Kris Farenbaugh	Healing
• Shirley Gieser	Healing
• Linda Ortloff	Healing and Strength
• LaDonna (Ressie) Peterson	Healing after Surgery
• (Former teacher at OSL)	

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• **IF YOU HAVE ANY PRAYER CONCERNS:**

• Please fill out a prayer request form found at the Prayer Box at the back of the church and drop it in the Prayer Box or in the collection plate. Please remember to call the church office 587-3318 when you or a family member or friend is sufficiently healed to be removed from the list. Thank you.

Week #19 Beginning Sunday, January 21, 2024

- Catechism: Sacrament of Holy Baptism: *How can water do such great things?*
- Verse of the week: 2 Corinthians 5:17 If anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.
- Psalm of the week: Psalm 77
- Psalm Table: 60-Day Psalm Schedule
- Hymn of the week: 401 “From God the Father, Virgin-Born” (stanzas 1-2)

Bible Stories for the week:

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	The Transfiguration of Our Lord—Matthew 17:1-9	
Monday	Noah and the Flood—Gen. 6:5, 13, 17-19; 7:11-12, 16-17, 21-23	Isaiah 54:4-10
Tuesday	Noah and the Flood—Genesis 8:1a, 15-22; 9:1-17	1 Peter 3:18-22
Wednesday	The Red Sea—Exodus 13:17—14:31 St. Timothy, Pastor and Confessor— Acts 16:1-5	Psalm 106:1-12
Thursday	Israel Crosses the Jordan—Joshua 1:1-2, 10-11; 3:1-17	Mark 1:1-15
Friday	The Conversion of St. Paul— Acts 9:1-22 Naaman’s Leprosy Is Cleansed—2 Kings 5:1-14	Titus 3:3-8
Saturday	St. Titus, Pastor and Confessor— Titus 1:1-9 The Israelites Demand Water—Exodus 17:1-7	1 Cor. 9:24—10:5

Happenings

Last Call to Nominate a Pastor - Today is the deadline to nominate a pastor to possibly be added to our call list. If you would like to nominate a pastor, you need to submit your nomination on a form that is available in the church office. Please return your completed form to Sherry by email or in person. Nomination forms will be submitted to the MN South District Office for consideration by Rev. Dr Lucas Woodford. We are expecting to receive an initial call list in about 8 weeks. Please continue to pray for our congregation as we begin the call process in earnest.

Soup Suppers – Believe it or not, Lent is just around the corner as Ash Wednesday is February 14th. This year there are six Lenten services so there will be six opportunities for your group to host one of the soup suppers. The signup sheet is located on the door in the hallway across from the Sacristy. Please contact Marshall Kranz if you have any questions.

New Member - We welcome into membership David Schwarzrock. David grew up as a member of Immanuel in Brownton, but now lives in the Dassel area. May our congregation be a blessing to David and David a blessing to us.

March for Life – The MCCL March for Life will take place tomorrow, Monday, January 22, 2024, from noon to 1:00 p.m. at the Capitol building in St. Paul. Join thousands to help draw attention to the extreme pro-abortion laws that have been enacted in Minnesota, laws that enshrine abortion-up-to-birth and repeal a right to lifesaving care for newborn babies. Please attend an unforgettable public witness to the value of every human life.

Quilt Packets - On Monday, Jan. 22, the quilters will meet at 9:00 am to assemble kits to make quilt tops. 48 – 11” squares will be packaged in zip-lock bags along with instructions. Kits will be available for pickup at the back of the church. Sew tops together as you have time and return to the back of the church. Your assistance is very much appreciated in this mission of keeping people warm!

Funeral Service – for Chuck Bullert will be on Saturday, February 3rd at 11:00 a.m. here at Our Savior’s. More information will be available next week.

This Week's Highlights

Sunday (1/21) Loose Offering – Lutherans for Life

6:00 a.m. Lutheran Hour, WCCO 830 AM
9:00 a.m. Divine Service with Communion
10:00 a.m. Education Hour
11:00 a.m. Cable TV Broadcast; Channel 8-Mediacom, Channel 10–Nuvera

Monday (1/22) Pastor's Day Off

8:00 a.m. Bible Study – The Gospel of John
9:00 a.m. Quilting

Tuesday (1/23)

9:30 a.m. ELC Chapel

Wednesday (1/24)

3:00 p.m. Confirmation
5:30 p.m. Bells
6:30 p.m. Midweek Service with Communion (2nd & 4th Wednesdays)

Thursday (1/25)

8:00 a.m. Pastors' Greek

Friday (1/26)

5:00 p.m. Cable TV Broadcast; Channel 8-Mediacom, Channel 10–Nuvera

Saturday (1/27)

Sunday (1/28) Loose Offering – Seminarian

6:00 a.m. Lutheran Hour, WCCO 830 AM
8:00 a.m. Choir
9:00 a.m. Divine Service with Communion
10:00 a.m. Education Hour
11:00 a.m. Cable TV Broadcast; Channel 8-Mediacom, Channel 10–Nuvera

Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor:	Rev. John Grein
Organist:	Shirlee Landskroener
Elder:	Mark Bening
Acolyte:	Rachel Sauter
Ushers:	Group 2
Altar Guild:	Janet Mraz/Eldonna Rettman

Next Week's Worship Leaders

Elder:	Mike Smithers
Acolyte:	Matthew Schumann
Ushers:	Group 2
Altar Guild:	Janet Mraz/Eldonna Rettman

Happy Birthday This Week To:

Monday, 1/22	Gary Hranicka, Linda Ortloff
Tuesday, 1/23	Iolonda Bening, Marlys Kurtzweg
Wednesday, 1/24	Carrie Rannow
Thursday, 1/25	James Hensel
Friday, 1/26	Shania Paulson
Saturday, 1/27	Tom Dahl, Brian Ortloff, Amy Sauter