

Third Sunday of Epiphany, January 23, 2022

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Pastor Rebecca LeMenager

PRELUDE

Mark Ongalo, Organist

WELCOME

Judy Peliska

OPENING HYMN *O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing*

ELW # 886



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
- 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
- 3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS **Please stand as you are able.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name. **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children.

**We have turned our faces away from your glory
when it did not appear as we expected.**

We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves.

We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome.

**Accept our repentance for the things we have done
and the things we have left undone.**

For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

**Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us,
and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly
 Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

Refrain
 Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

¹All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 19 *Read bold passages responsively

¹The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

²**One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

³Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,

⁴**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world,
where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

⁶**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one's own offenses?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *This Little Light Of Mine- Sing Vs.1 before and after the message ELW #667*

This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;

this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;

this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God

arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a}But strive for the greater gifts.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **Please stand as you are able*



GOSPEL The Holy Gospel, according to **Luke 4:14-21**, Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY *Hark, The Glad Sound!*

ELW # 239



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior
 2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come



prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be -
 soul to cure, and with the trea - sures
 shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.
 fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
 of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

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.

**You may be seated.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION After each petition, please respond: *Hear our prayer.*

Judy Peliska

SHARING OF THE PEACE

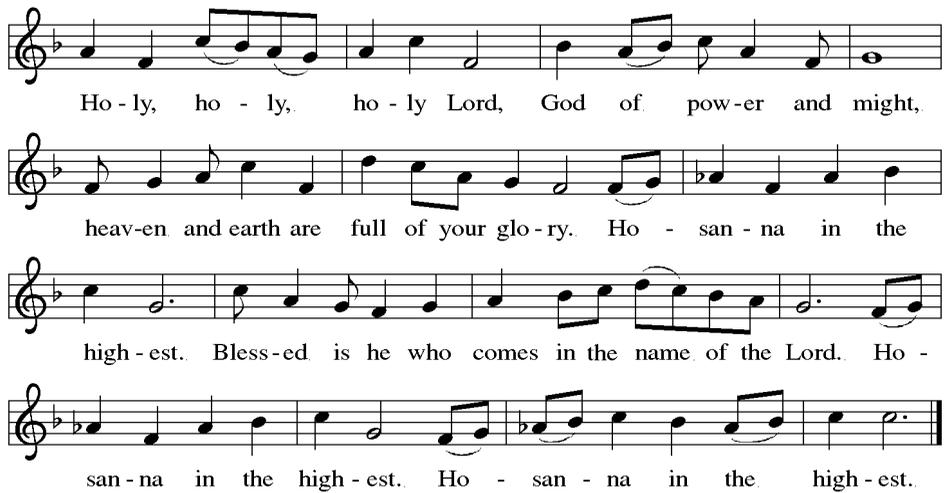
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING **Please stand as you are able.*

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.**

It is indeed right....



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

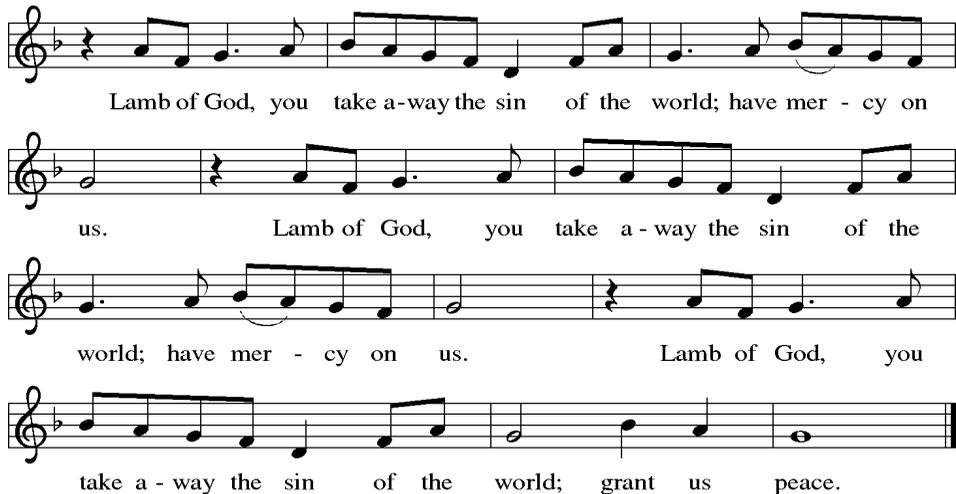
**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
 and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

**Take Communion together at this time.*

COMMUNION HYMN



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
 us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
 take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN *Let Streams of Living Justice*

ELW #710



1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;



give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.



The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,



the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.



Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;



a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance; pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

BLESSING

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,
who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name,
✠ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judy Peliska

DISMISSAL Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Mark Ongalo, Organist

As you exit the sanctuary, offering may be left in the plate.
Thank you for worshipping with us today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2021

OUR ANNUAL MEETING will be January 30th after worship. We are providing preliminary reports for you to take home and look at today – keep in mind some things may be edited before the meeting by ministry leaders that submitted reports. *Thank you!*

GIVING STATEMENTS: Contribution statements will begin going out next week, look for them in your mailbox **after January 23rd**. *For future reference, if you lose it or need a second one for tax reasons, please do not hesitate to call the office in February or March to have a new one made for you. It can be picked up at the church or emailed at that time.*

GIVING ENVELOPES: New envelopes will be in the narthex next week – we received 10 boxes and Augsburg will send more as they receive them. They are not named or numbered, just write your first and last name on the envelope when you contribute.

WELCA All Women of OSLC are invited to the “Circle” Bible Study on the **1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1pm** in the Fellowship Hall. The WELCA Board meeting is the **2nd Tuesday at 9:30a.m.**

QUILTING WEDNESDAYS We have resumed quilting - join us in the Fellowship Hall Wednesdays at 9am to approx.. 3pm, lunch is potluck and is served around noon.

OSLC MEN’S BREAKFAST & DEVOTIONAL We meet downtown @ Loonie’s Coffee Shop, 7:30 am on Wednesdays. Join us for an hour of good coffee & fellowship!

CONFIRMATION FOR 6TH – 9TH GRADERS Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church for the winter/spring semester. We are exploring Martin Luther's Small Catechism. Call Carolyn Flaschberger at 218-780-6942 if you have questions.

RADIO BROADCAST If you would like to sponsor a radio broadcast in honor of a special date or in memory of someone special in your life, contact the church office with the date you have in mind.

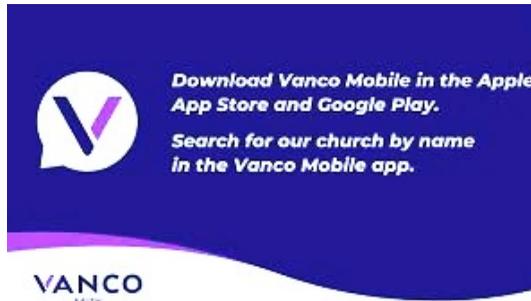
OFFICE HOURS: The Church office will now be open Mon - Wed & Fri. 10am-4:30pm, I have Thursdays off. If you stop by and the doors are locked, I may be running errands or at the post office. I wouldn’t take long, but it would still be best to *call the church office ahead of your visit* to ensure I am here, 218-741-6207, or my cell if I am out of the office @ 218-269-7718. **The phone service will now be forwarding messages left at the church office to my cellphone as well, so I can respond to you more promptly. This should help moving forward – Thank you for your patience as we adjust our schedules to serve you better ~ Colleen*

FOR THE PRAYER CHAIN: You may call Janet Heglund at 218-749-6143 for the month of January.

We pray for people in need of comfort, hope, healing, or safe transition:

Ross, Arthur, Abi M., Jen, Bonnie, Rodney, Tyler, Wally, Harlow, 7 yo girl, Laura, Kathy, Mary, Piper, Marilee, Faye A., Ed, Helen, Steve, Janet, Kathryn, Gerilyn, Shay, Martha, Bob & Betty C., Bonnie, Victoria, Bob & Wife, Ken & Wife, Bonnie, Jeanette, Carolyn, Dorothy. Please keep Carol Swanson and family in your prayers at the loss of Arlen~

THE NEW VANCO APP: Vanco updated their phone and tablet APP. It is no longer “Give Plus” but is now called “Vanco Mobile.” If you used it before on your phone you will need to go to your app store to download the new app and log-in with the info you used before to set up electronic giving. On the app, type in “Our Saviors Lutheran Church” with NO apostrophes or punctuation. Scroll down until you find the correct “Our Saviors” for Virginia MN and choose that button to start. Our **website has also been updated with Vanco** – look for the big green giving button on our main page, scroll down to the right, click the button and choose from three accounts to contribute to: *General Fund, VLM Camp, or Youth & Family*. Hope this provides you with extra options to give that are more convenient. If you have any questions, give us a call in the office.



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY JAN. 23

9:30AM WORSHIP
1PM AA W.WING
7PM NA W.WING

MONDAY JAN. 24

10:30 AM AA
5:30 TOPS WWING
6PM BOYSCOUTS
7PM NA WWING

TUESDAY JAN. 25

10:30AM AA

WEDNESDAY JAN.26

10:30AM AA
**6:30 CONFIRMATION @
MESSIAH LUTHERAN**

THURSDAY JAN. 27

10:30AM AA WW, AND
5PM CUBSCOUTS
7PM NA WEST WING

FRIDAY JAN. 28

10:30AM AA
6PM WOMEN'S NA MEETING
8PM CO-ED NA WEST WING

SATURDAY JAN. 29

10:30AM AA

SUNDAY JAN. 30

**9:30AM WORSHIP *SUNDAY
SCHOOL**
1PM AA W.WING
7PM NA W.WING

WE WANT YOUR INPUT!

The Coordinating Committee between Messiah and Our Savior's would like your ideas about how the two churches can work together to be the body of Christ. Suggestions can relate to worship, social activities, community ministries, or other topics. The committee is not exploring how the churches could become one congregation. Send your ideas to Coordinating Committee co-chairs, Tucker Nelson: 218-780-4594
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Natalie Pankratz-Leff: 218-780-7624 leff@mchsi.com