

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany
January 29th 2023
Our Savior's Lutheran, ELCA

Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship:

L: In the beginning when God created

C: **A wind swept over the waters,
A breath warmed the dark voids,
A Spirit called forth creation.**

L: God gave in grace:

C: **Let there be light for all to see,
Let there be water for all to splash in,
Let there be life in the midst of death**

L: Yes, let there be life beyond death.

And God invited and invites us to respond, rejoicing!

C: **It was good,
It was awesome and awe-filled,
It is good.**

First Lesson- Micah 6: 6-8

Song

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“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”



1 “For - give our sins as we for - give,” you taught us, Lord, to pray;
2 How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart
3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew:
4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease;



but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
how tri - fling oth - ers' debts to us; how great our debt to you!
then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

Text: Rosamond E. Herklots, 1905–1987, alt.
Music: DETROIT, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844
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Confession and Forgiveness

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

L: Let us draw near to God in humility and confidence, confessing our sin.

(Silent Reflection and Self-examination)

L: God of truth and light,

C: We confess our trust and reliance on human wisdom and strength. We acknowledge the things that divide us within the church, among the nations, and in our own relationships. Pour out your great light on us. Through the power and wisdom of the cross, heal our brokenness and forgive our foolish ways, that your light may shine through us and we may give glory to you. Amen

L: The boundless riches of Christ are the gift of God's grace to all people. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Song of Calling

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“Let Justice Flow like Streams”



1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar-king wa - ter, pure,
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans-ing, sure.
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans-lat - ed in - to deed.
and jus - tice, right, and peace per-vade this world our whole life through.

Text: Jane Parker Huber, b. 1926

Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731-1776

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Prayer of the Day

Second Reading- 1 Corinthians 1: 18-31

Gospel Reading- Matthew 5: 1-12

Sermon

Sermon Song

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“Blessed Assurance”



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

Confession of Faith “Apostle Creed”

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**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.**

Sharing the peace
Offering Invitation
Offering
Offering Prayer
God's Giving Continues...
Lord's Prayer
Sharing the Meal
Communion Blessing
Communion Prayer
Song

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"Rise Up, O Saints of God!"



1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;
3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

Text: Norman O. Forness, b. 1936
Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825-1893
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Blessing
Sending

L: Go in peace. Shine the Light of Christ in all you do.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

An Invitation

Holy Communion: All are welcome to this table. Whether you belong to this church, or another church, or no church at all, the gift of this bread and wine, and Christ's real presence are for us all. Your Children are welcome. You do not need to be a certain age to receive the gift of God at this table. Those not communing may come forward for a blessing. Crossing your arms in front of your chest (sign language for love) will let our servers know you would like a blessing. If you prefer grape juice, take the cups from the center of the tray. If you prefer a gluten-free

wafer, let the server know as you come forward. Please let the usher know if you would like communion brought to you.

We also celebrate the gifts of God's grace and love in **Holy Baptism**. If you have not been Baptized and would like to be, please contact the church office to visit with our pastor.

The Gifts of God for the people of God. Come for all is ready!

Announcements

January 29, 2023

PRAYER: You are invited to light the candles on the tables in the back of the sanctuary any time before, during, or after worship for yourself, or in memory/honor of a loved one as a symbol of the promised light of Christ shining in the darkest, gloomiest, most uncertain times of our life – to give us hope.

HELP UKRAINE 🏠 You can support the people of Ukraine by sending donations to: *Lutheran World Relief, P.O. Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061*. You may also call LWR @ 800-638-3522. **Please continue to pray for peace, protection, and provisions.**

MONTHLY FOCUS ON THE "FREE LITTLE PANTRY" We are asking for donations of boxed/dry pasta goods this month for the outside *Free Little Pantry*. Food items like spaghetti, shell or elbow macaroni, mac & cheese boxes, ramen noodles will be collected. You can bring your donated food item to the metal shopping cart in the Social Hall. Thank you! Every month we will announce a new food item to collect.

CLOTHING SALE DONATIONS: You may bring in donated clothing for next spring's clothing sale and leave in the back left side of the social hall or the west wing of the church on **MONDAYS**. Call Gloria if you have questions @ 218-750-7362. *Our Annual Clothing Sale will be Apr. 20th-22nd.*

COLD WEATHER CLOTHESLINE: You may place your donated winter items outside the west wing entrance in the boxes or on the clothes rack. Jackets, sweatshirts, sweaters, hats, gloves & mittens, and scarves are welcome. *If there is no room outside, the w. wing Library room has a box for items to put out as needed.*

PRAYER CHAIN: You may call Janet Heglund @ 218-749-6143, prayer chain leader through April. Please pray for people in need of comfort, hope, healing, or safe transition: Matt(heart), Ethan(community, illness), Deb, Jessica, Breanna, Jeremy, Richard, Shari, Rodney, Matt P., Ross-(needs your prayers to recover from infection, needs eye surgery & transplant of kidneys & pancreas), Marlene K., Avery(heart), Dave C., Lee, Kathy, Mary, Wally C., Carolyn, Raymon(blood circulation), Marlene S., Cliff, Gerilyn & family, Bonnie M.(MS), Victoria, Bob & Wife (ALS).

GIVING ENVELOPE BOXES: You may pick up a new box in the entry/narthex. They are not numbered so be sure to write your name on the envelopes when you give. ** There are 100 envelopes per box, a box could last two years.*

IF YOU'RE VISITING: *Thank you for being here today. If you would like to know more about OSLC, call the church office at 218-741-6207 or Pastor Tim @ 320-226-7074 (voice messages are routed to our email, so leave us a message). Office hours are Mon-Wed from 10am to 4pm, and Fri. 10am to 4pm (except during holidays). Join us for coffee & treats in our Fellowship Hall across from the sanctuary after worship. Bathrooms are located to the left and down the hall as you exit the sanctuary. Parents: As you enter the Sanctuary, to the left, there is an activity tree holding canvas bags with toys & books for your children to use during worship, and coloring pages/books with crayons in the basket beside it - feel free to use them! You are also welcome to utilize the "Youth Room" down the hall (past the bathrooms) with your little ones if needed (Sunday School also takes place here after worship). We're glad you're here~*

RADIO SPONSORSHIP: Ed & Vickie Gorny support today's worship in honor of *ONE LESS MONTH OF WINTER* 🎧 Thank you for supporting this important ministry. If you are interested in sponsoring a Sunday worship broadcast in honor of someone or a special event (wedding anniversary, birth of children, baptism date) or in memory of a loved one who has passed, you may do so in full for \$90 or in partial at \$45. Just call the +church office, and/or sign up on the sheet provided on the blue bulletin board by the fountain. Those in nursing homes, assisted living communities or at home and unable to attend in person thank you for considering. Our live worship can be heard on KRBT 1340AM & 104.9FM.

Upcoming:

Next Family Fun Night: Wed., Feb. 1st at 5:30pm, Sprinkles & Glitter, Brownie/cake decorating & cardmaking.

Think... Valentine's Day 💕

VLM Annual Meeting: Will be held Saturday, Feb. 11th at Our Savior's Lutheran in Hibbing, doors open at 10:30, Call to Meeting 11am. Anyone interested can attend, and our delegates will as well. Other VLM News...

- **Elementary age "Rejuve"** Feb. 24-25th
- **Spring Paddle Class**, Mar. 5th
- **Spring Quilting Retreat**, Mar. 16-19th
- **Summer Camp registration** is open online. Let them know you are with Our Savior's for a 50% campership
- Call 800-331-5148 for any of the above

WELCA: Feb. Love offerings will begin soon. Thursday, Feb. 16th 10am-12pm we will be making receiving blankets and packing Baby kits – you are welcome to join us!

Ash Wednesday: This year, Ash Wednesday is February 22nd. We do not have the time set for our service but it will be announced soon. Also, information concerning Lent Soup Suppers (starting the week after Ash Wednesday) will be announced soon.

Sprinkles and Glitter

Brownie Decorating and Card Making

Make and take your Valentine's Day gifts home or join the Sunday School class when we deliver them to our members at Waterview Pines Nursing home on February 5th after church service.



February 1, 2023
5:30 - 6:30 PM

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

#FamilyFunNight