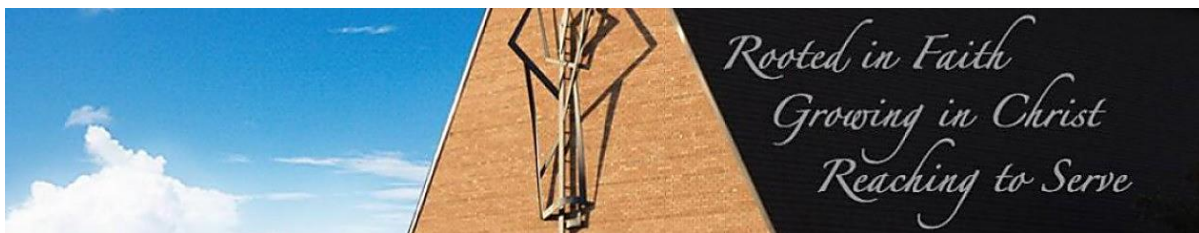




January 14th, 2023

BE THE LIGHT SUNDAY

*** Epiphany * Will you come and follow me ***



Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Virginia, MN

Pastor Liz Cheney

PRELUDE

Kristen Weikum

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

ELW 301

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
creator of darkness and light,
word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters. **Amen.**
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our rock and refuge,
we pour out our hearts before you.
We have known you but have not always loved you.
We have wounded one another
and sinned against you.
We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit
dwelling in each of us.
Remember your covenant.
Renew your creation.
Restore us,
that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.
God has spoken:
The time of grace is now.
In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.
By the authority of † Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven.
You are God's beloved. **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God



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



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



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



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



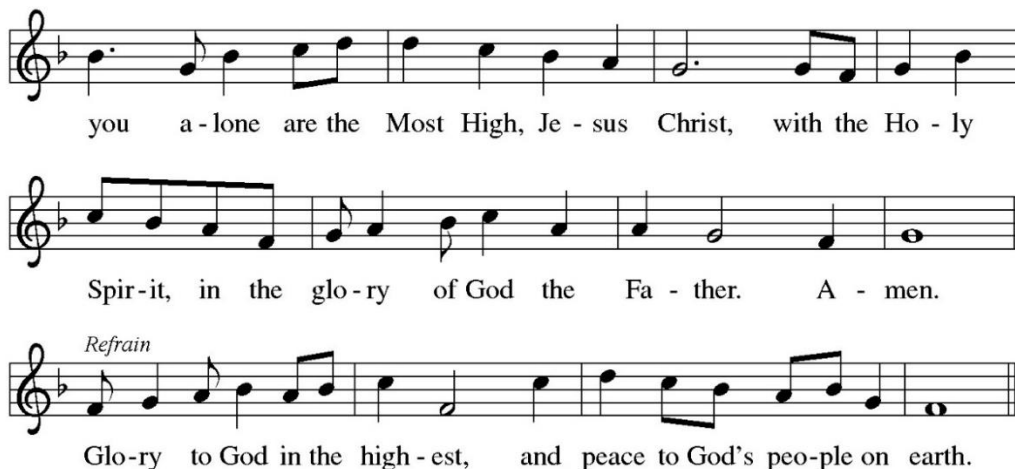
seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



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



3 For you a - lone are the Ho-ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



PRAYER OF THE DAY Let us pray. **Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING 1 Samuel 3:1-10

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

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

PSALM 139:1-6, 13-18

¹LORD, you have searched me out;

O LORD, you have known me.

**²You know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

³You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways.

**⁴Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**

⁵You encompass me, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

**⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

¹³For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

**¹⁴I will thank you because I am marvelously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

¹⁵My body was not hidden from you,
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

**¹⁶Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in
your book; my days were fashioned before they came to be.**

¹⁷How deep I find your | thoughts, O God! How great is the sum of them!

¹⁸If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

¹²"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³"Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." ¹⁷But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body. Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL John 1:43-51 The Holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

Pastor Liz Cheney

HYMN OF THE DAY

Will You Come and Follow Me

ELW 798

APOSTLES 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.

PRAYER FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE

in observance of Martin Luther King Jr Day tomorrow Monday, January 15th

SHARING THE PEACE The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**
Please share a sign of God's peace with one another.

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you.
In bread and cup you open heaven to us.
Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek
and follow your Son, Jesus,
in whose name we pray. Amen.

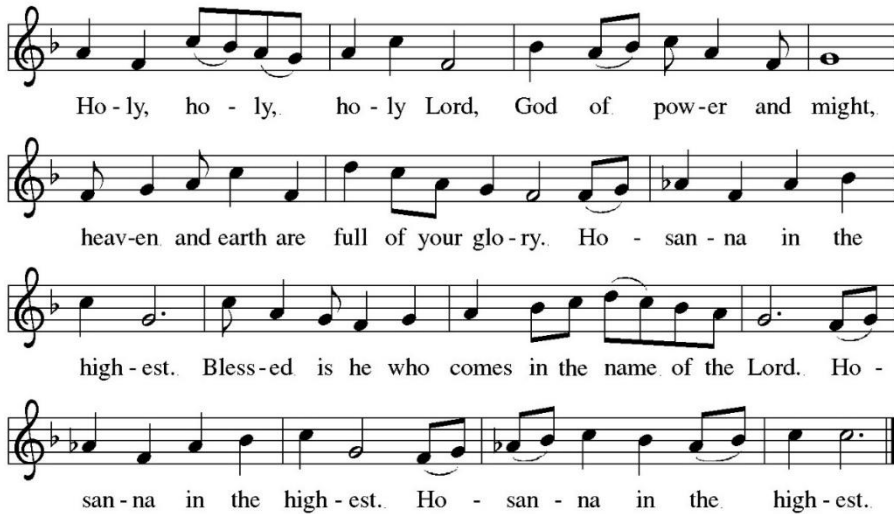
GREAT THANKSGIVING

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, our duty and our joy.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

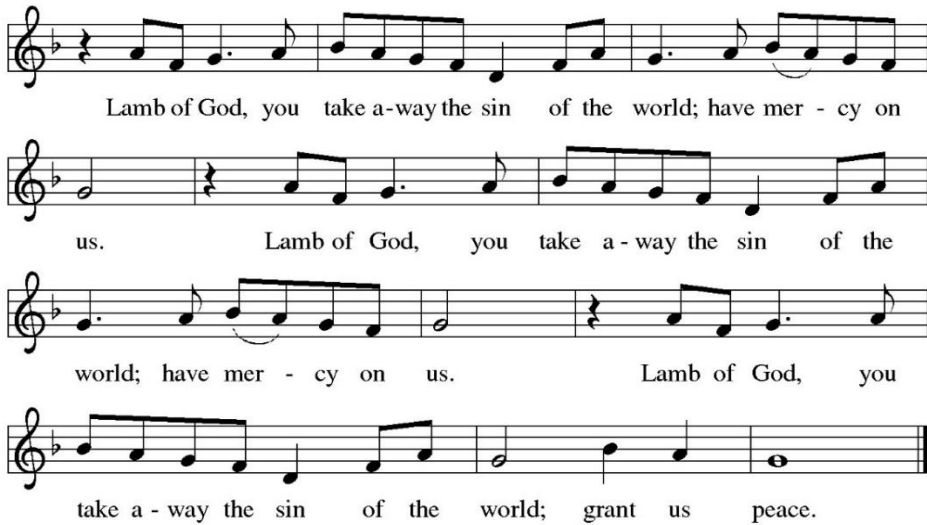
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us
from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table. All are welcome.

LAMB OF GOD

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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.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Christ Be Our Light

ELW 715

In a Lowly Manger Born

ELW 718

TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.
Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory,
now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

God who names you, Christ who claims you,
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,
✠ bless you and remain with you always. Amen.

SENDING SONG Arise Your Light Has Come

ELW 314

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are God's beloved. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Kristen Weikum



ANNOUNCEMENTS

JANUARY 14th, 2023

BE THE LIGHT SUNDAY today! We will celebrate Epiphany, learn about the star and the Magi and get a star word to lead you through the year! Join us in the fellowship hall after worship for more intergenerational fun and activities!

YOUTH GROUP Wednesday, January 17th 6-8pm, we are having breakfast for dinner, games and an epiphany lesson! All are welcome.



ANNUAL MEETING Annual meeting **January 21st after worship**. Please plan to attend as we have important conversations to have, council elections, and other great information to share as we transition into a new year!

ANNUAL MEETING PACKET OF REPORTS are available for you **TODAY**. All reports, agenda, and information for the annual meeting are ready for you to review before the **ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY 21ST, AFTER WORSHIP**. Please plan to attend!

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS We are in need of people to sign up to help **serve communion, be a lector, usher, greet**, etc...in order for worship on Sunday mornings to run smoothly. The sign-up sheets will now be located on the kiosk in the narthex. This work belongs to all of us, the ministers of the congregation. We all can take a Sunday to help out in many ways and that makes the work light. Please prayerfully consider how you might be able to sign up for one Sunday, a couple Sundays, a whole month to assist in worship in 2024. Not sure how to do something, just ask!

TECH TEAM FORMATION It's exciting to see what we will be able to do in the very near future! Shortly, Our Savior's will have the equipment and ability to live stream our worship services, funerals, weddings, concerts, etc... LIVE! People will be able to tune in at 9:30 on Sunday mornings and watch our worship in the moment on both our FB page & YouTube. This is very exciting! Pastor is looking to put together a *Tech Team* that would be able to help on Sunday mornings get mics on, camera on, radio on, easy tasks... Dan Peliska has been our solo Tech Team with help from our secretary Colleen. It's time to expand our team, and with our new equipment, now seems to be a good time. Please talk with Pastor Liz if you are interested in helping out in this way.

RADIO SPONSORSHIP If you are interested in sponsoring a Sunday Worship 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 shared/partial at \$45. Just call the church office, **and/or sign up on the sheet provided on the bulletin board by the fountain**. You can also sponsor to support our new tech and sound equipment.

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS:

Office closed Monday 1/15

WELCA Board Meeting, 9:30am, 1/16

Quilting, 9am – 2-3pm, 1/17

Youth Group, 4th-8th gr., 6pm – 8pm, Wed. 1/17

Annual meeting after worship, 1/21

**There will be a small community event in our Fellowship Hall Saturday, Jan. 20th 12pm – 4pm*

GLOBAL GOOD GIFTS!

IN DECEMBER WE COLLECTED \$201.85 FOR GLOBAL GOOD GIFTS!

I WONDER WHAT ANIMALS WE WILL PURCHASE (?)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS THIS INITIATIVE.

ANNUAL MEETING

AFTER WORSHIP

JAN. 21ST

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phone's camera to
learn more about
contributing to
OSLC's Ministries!

