

January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023  
Third Sunday after Epiphany



**Our Savior's Lutheran Church**  
Virginia, MN  
Pastor Liz Cheney

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GATHERING SONG    Beautiful Savior

ELW 838

## 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.**

## KYRIE

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer-cy.

For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us

pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

## HYMN OF PRAISE Glory to God

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*Refrain*

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.

*Refrain*

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.

*Refrain*  
 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,  
 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** Let us pray. **Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **FIRST READING Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

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

## PSALM 62:5-12

<sup>5</sup>For God alone I wait in silence; truly, my hope is in God.

<sup>6</sup>**God alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.**

<sup>7</sup>In God is my deliverance and my honor;  
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

<sup>8</sup>**Put your trust in God always, O people,  
pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.**

<sup>9</sup>Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate cannot be trusted.  
Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.

<sup>10</sup>**Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride;  
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.**

<sup>11</sup>God has spoken once, twice have I heard it,  
that power belongs to God.

<sup>12</sup>**Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord,  
for you repay all according to their deeds.**

## SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

<sup>29</sup>Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, <sup>30</sup>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 possessions, <sup>31</sup>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.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL Mark 1:14-20 The Holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

<sup>16</sup>As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

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HYMN OF THE DAY I Love to Tell the Story

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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 OF INTERCESSION** As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation. *God of grace, receive our prayer.*

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**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:

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

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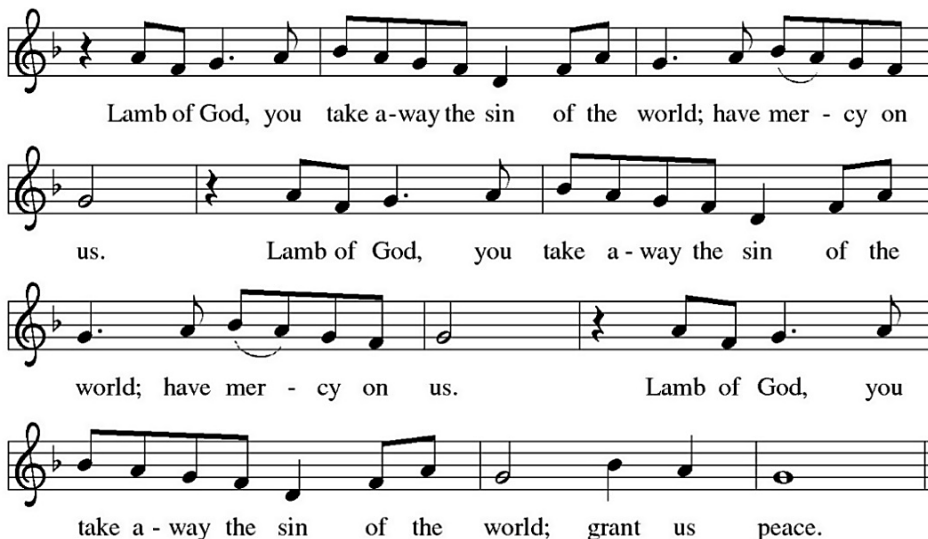
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is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

**O Jesus, I Have Promised**

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**O Savior, Precious Savior**

ELW 820

## 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 Shine, Jesus, Shine**

ELW 671

## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

Kristen Weikum

## We hold in our prayers

Please pray for people in need of comfort, hope, healing, or safe transition: Roya, Larry, Mickey (community), Phyllis S., JoAnne, Barbara, Tom, Mark, Jess, Kate, Joe, Matthew, Russ, Carolyn B., Dan, Adeline, Jesse, Tedd, Ed & Karen, Ralph, Diane, Chuck, Sue, Mike, Kate, Matt, Ken, Ruth T., Hermine, Deb L., Matt, Ross-(needs transplant of kidneys & pancreas), Brandon, Jessica, Breanna, Jeremy, Richard, Shari, Rodney, Lee, Kathy, Mary, Wally C., Marlene, Victoria.

Call Janet Heglund, prayer leader for this month, at 218-749-6143, for prayer needs.

**If you are in need of any pastoral care or if you or someone you know would like a visit, please call Pastor Liz Cheney at 218-780-8907 or the church office at 218-741-6207.**

### CONTACT US

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### OFFICE HOURS

Office Admin hours are Tuesday - Friday, 9am - 5pm

### PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

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### STAFF

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**Church Secretary:** Colleen Brown Jacobson

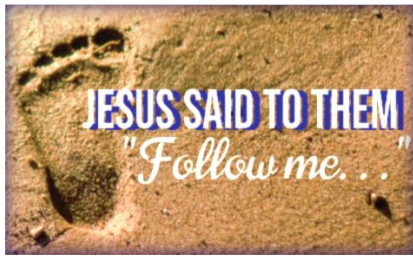
**Bookkeeper:** Carole Rutka

**Musicians:** Kristen Weikum, Mark Ongalo, Ginny Ahrlin

**Custodian:** Steve Gagnon







## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### JANUARY 21<sup>st</sup> 2023

**CLOTHING SALE PREP** Clothes-sorting volunteers are needed **TOMORROW** Jan., 22, starting at 9 am. You are now able to drop off your gently used & clean clothing you wish to donate for the sale – please leave your bags in the back of the Fellowship Hall on a table to the left (mark them for the sale).

**ANNUAL MEETING TODAY after worship.** Grab a coffee & snack, then join us for the meeting in the Fellowship Hall - more reports will be available at the tables. *Please plan to attend as there are important conversations to have, council elections, and other great information to share as we transition into the new year!*

**COMMUNITY BREAKFAST** Thank you all who participated in helping with the breakfast! We'll be hosting this free event **every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month from 9am – 12noon**. Do you know anyone who attends midweek Senior meals, or who goes to Salvation Army? Invite them! This is a community event and we are hoping to reach people who need a warm meal with the information. Help us get the word out to the community.

**VLM NEWS** If you are a delegate, going to be one, or are just interested in Voyageur's Lutheran Ministry, you may pick up a copy of their Annual Report in the narthex, along with their new brochures for the upcoming camp season. You are free to take one home & share with family or friends who have children that may be interested in camp.

**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!

**LITTLE PANTRY** Peanut butter & oatmeal are healthy foods nationally highlighted for the month of January, but both are staples during the winter! There is also a need for boxed meals, pasta & rice, warm breakfast items (oatmeal, malt-o-meal, pancake mix) pouched food (like tuna fish), peanut butter & jelly in plastic bottles for our Little Pantry. Many community members stop by to place food in it, and our church has been faithful in supplying food as well – thank you! Donating even an item or two adds up and provides a meal for someone. *Thinking ahead, February's focus will be heart healthy meals.*

**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.**

### **EVENTS & MEETINGS:**

Fun-duh-mentals Bible Study, 5:30pm, Fireside Room, Tues., 1/23

Quilting, 9am – 2-3pm, Wed., 1/24

### **SPECIAL EVENTS IN FEBRUARY:**

Adult Forum, after worship, Sunday, 2/4

Free Community Breakfast 9am – 12pm, Sat., 2/10

Ash Wednesday is early this year, the service will be at 6pm, Wed., Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>

*\*Lent Meals & Worship will also start at 6pm on Wednesdays: Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, Mar. 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>.*

# ANNUAL MEETING

## TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

**GIVING IS EASY  
WITH OUR QR CODE**

**Just scan it with your  
phone's camera to  
learn more about  
contributing to  
OSLC's Ministries!**



**ROCK RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL & CONCORDIA COLLEGE MOORHEAD BAND NEED OUR HELP!** Are you interested in being a **HOST HOME** for a few college students who will need a place to stay for a night, **Wed., Feb. 7th**, as they work with Rock Ridge Students and perform together Thursday, Feb. 8th? The concert is also open to the public and is sure to be entertaining! Concordia College is bridging their well-known music department's teaching to Rock Ridge students with Master classes etc. for two days and a combined concert - it is a blessing to local students. Maybe a few people can bless them with a meal and a warm place to stay! If you think this sounds possible for you, please contact Daniel Melby, Rock Ridge Band Teacher @ 641-251-4598.