

**Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
*Second Sunday after Epiphany*



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



## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GATHERING HYMN

*All Are Welcome*

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## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

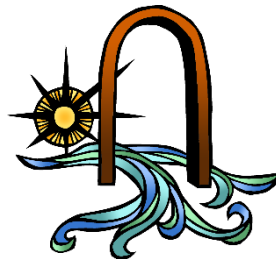
Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
our creator,  
our protector,  
our wellspring of life.

**Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,  
**you speak blessing and compassion into the world.**  
**Forgive us for the ways we act**  
**with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.**  
**We ignore the needs of our neighbors;**  
**we resist your call to oppose injustice;**  
**we give in to scarcity and fear;**  
**we assume the worst about one another.**  
**Cleanse us from our faults**  
**and release us from their grasp.**  
**Show us your lovingkindness.**  
**Restore our hearts and repair your world,**  
**that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance:  
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by name. You are mine."  
In † Christ, you are forgiven.  
In the Spirit, you are made free.  
Refreshed by the waters of mercy,  
live anew as beloved children of God.  
**Amen.**





1 When a star is shin-ing o - ver east - ern hills,  
 2 Where the world is wait-ing for an un - known day,  
 3 Lead us on, O Day-star, in the qui - et night;



when the air is si - lent, and the clam - or stills,  
 where a voice for - got - ten cries, "Pre - pare the way!"  
 guide us through the shad-ow with your gen - tle light;



when the night is wait-ing, and the old hopes rise,  
 Where an earth - ly pow - er makes the heart turn cold,  
 show us in a man - ger our re - demp - tion's sign;



then the time has rip - ened and the heart grows wise.  
 there the gifts are of - fered— in - cense, myrrh, and gold.  
 bring us to a morn-ing where the prom - ise shines.



Lead us on, lead us on, to a morn-ing where the



prom - ise shines. Lead us on, lead us on,



to a morn - ing where the prom - ise shines.

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### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 62:1-5**

- <sup>1</sup> For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.
- <sup>2</sup> The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
- <sup>3</sup> You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
- <sup>4</sup> You shall no more be termed Forsaken,  
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;  
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,  
and your land Married;  
for the LORD delights in you,  
and your land shall be married.
- <sup>5</sup> For as a young man marries a young woman,  
so shall your builder marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
so shall your God rejoice over you.

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

**PSALM: Psalm 36:5-10**

- <sup>5</sup> Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens,  
and your faithfulness to the clouds.
- <sup>6</sup> **Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep;  
you save humankind and animals, O LORD.**
- <sup>7</sup> How priceless is your love, O God!  
All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
- <sup>8</sup> **They feast upon the abundance of your house;  
you give them drink from the river of your delights.**
- <sup>9</sup> For with you is the well of life,  
and in your light we see light.
- <sup>10</sup> **Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you,  
and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

<sup>1</sup> Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup> You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. <sup>3</sup> Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Refrain*



Lead us on, lead us on, to a morn-ing where the  
prom-ise shines. Lead us on, lead us on,  
to a morn - ing where the prom - ise shines.

## GOSPEL: John 2:1-11. The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup> When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." <sup>6</sup> Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. <sup>9</sup> When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup> and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." <sup>11</sup> Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## SERMON

Pastor Liz Cheney

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*We All Are One in Mission*

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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Filled with good news of great joy, let us offer our prayers for the church, the earth, and all people. Please respond to "God of grace," after each petition with "**hear our prayer.**"

## 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

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+ Contacting the church office to set up regular automatic giving

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## OFFERING PRAYER

**God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.**

## 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

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

**LAMB OF GOD**

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 HYMN***Will You Come and Follow Me***ELW 798****TABLE BLESSING****PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.

**BLESSING**

The Spirit of the triune God ✠ bless you with joy,  
anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN***Rise, Shine, You People!***ELW 665**

**DISMISSAL** Go in peace. Live in hope. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE****Jennifer Fredrickson**

## WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for people in need of comfort, hope, healing, or safe transition: families impacted by wildfires, Lorraine M., the Dobson family, Eric, Kyle, Pr. Art, Bob D, Mark O., Janet, John W., Ross-(needs transplant of kidneys & pancreas), Joy T., Deb, Cliff, Margaret, Shannon P., Amanda, Jan, Nicole, Deb, Luddy, Bruce & family, Andrew T., Sharon P., Sue, Gerilyn, Andrew, Alexandria, Courtney, Jill & husband, Amelia, Archer, Jarie, Phyllis, Wally, Deb, Adeline, Tedd, Ed & Karen, Ralph, Chuck, Sue. **Call Janet Heglund @ 218-749-6143 for prayer needs- the prayer chain leader January through June.**

***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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YouTube Page "Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Virginia MN Office"

### **OFFICE HOURS**

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

There will be times we're away from the office doing errands, for this reason, please call ahead if you plan on coming to the church or need assistance!

### **PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS**

Pastor Liz will be here Tues. - Thurs. & off Fridays.

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### **STAFF**

**Pastor:** Rev. Liz Cheney

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**Bookkeeper:** Carole Rutka

**Custodian:** Steve Gagnon

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



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Second week of Epiphany*

### January 19, 2025

**“ALL- CHURCH-TOGETHER” EVENT!** Join us this coming **Wednesday, Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> 5-7pm** for **Pizza & Bingo** in the Fellowship Hall with prizes! Invite your family & friends.

**ANNUAL MEETING** Our Annual Congregational Meeting will take place **Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**. If you are a member, please commit yourself to coming. It will take place after the Worship Service. *Copies of the report are in the narthex under the tv monitor.*

**LIFT CONFIRMATION** Lift will meet again Wednesday, **Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm**, at Messiah Lutheran.

**NEW CONSTITUTION** There are copies of the new Constitution in the office if you would like to look it over before the Annual Meeting.

**TASK FORCE TEAM** We are building a team to look into the **sanctuary windows** and take the next steps for a springtime project. Quotes will be requested from three different local contractors. Please see Pastor Liz or Mark Ongalo if you are interested in serving on this Task Force team.

**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** The Annual Contribution Statements will be mailed out the last week of January. If you require your statement before then, just call the office and one can be made for you early.

**RADIO/LIVESTREAM 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 for \$45 half, or \$90 in full. This supports our tech & sound equipment.

**THE SIGN-UP SHEET WILL NOW BE LOCATED ON THE KIOSK – NEW LOCATION!**

### **EVENTS & MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

1/21 1PM, WELCA BIBLE STUDY

1/22 9AM QUILTING

1/22 PIZZA & BINGO 5PM – 7PM

1/26 ANNUAL MEETING AFTER WORSHIP



# Updates from Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry

## SUMMER 2025 REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Explore with us this summer how God's Word is ALIVE in God's great Northwoods. Registration is open for Summer 2025! To register: email [vlm@vlmcamps.org](mailto:vlm@vlmcamps.org) or go to [www.vlmcamps.org/registration](http://www.vlmcamps.org/registration), or call our Duluth office at **218-481-9080**.

## SUMMER STAFF APPLICATIONS ARE LIVE!

We are hiring summer staff eager to grow in confidence, learn in community, and build lasting friendships. There are a variety of positions that are suitable for young adults with diverse skills and interests. Encourage a young adult you know to apply today! Head to [vlmcamps.org/employment](http://vlmcamps.org/employment) to learn more about the many job opportunities at VLM-Camp Vermilion and Camp Hiawatha!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**February 15th- 11 am** VLM Annual Meeting at Messiah Lutheran Church, Mt. Iron, MN

**March 13-16**-Spring Creatives Retreat- Camp Vermilion

**April 11-13** -From Scratch Retreat- Camp Hiawatha

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Duluth office at **218-481-9080**

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**FROM SCRATCH RETREAT**

Gather in community to learn from scratch techniques

- Bread baking
- Pasta making
- Crafting with natural materials & More!

**APRIL 11-13, 2025**  
FRIDAY 12PM-SUNDAY 12PM

**CAMP HIAWATHA**  
DEER RIVER, MN

**\$ 350 PER ADULT**  
INCLUDES MEALS & MATERIALS

Learn more at [vlmcamps.org](http://vlmcamps.org)

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Camp Hiawatha • Camp Vermilion

**SPRING CREATIVES RETREAT**

Enjoy spring with fellow creatives by working on your own project in community or join a daily guided art practice.

**MARCH 13-16, 2025**  
THURSDAY 12PM-SUNDAY 1PM

**CAMP VERMILION**  
COOK, MN

**\$ 300 PER PERSON**  
INCLUDES MEALS

- Quilting
- Knitting/Crocheting
- Cross stitch
- Beading
- Weaving
- Whatever!

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