

Sunday, February 9th, 2025

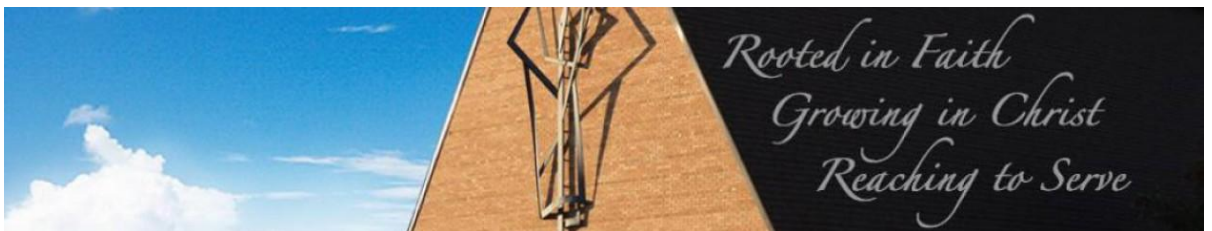
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Virginia, MN

Pastor Liz Cheney



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

ELW 413

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

When a Star is Shining

ACS 915



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.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993
Music: WHERE THE PROMISE SHINES, Bob Moore, b. 1962
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PRAYER OF THE DAY Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ² Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³ And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴ The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶ Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷ The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” ⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!” ⁹ And he said, “Go and say to this people:

‘Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.’

¹⁰ Make the mind of this people dull,

and stop their ears, and shut their eyes,

so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed.”

¹¹ Then I said, “How long, O Lord?” And he said:

“Until cities lie waste without inhabitant,

and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate;

¹² until the LORD sends everyone far away,
and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.

¹³ Even if a tenth part remain in it,
it will be burned again,
like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing
when it is felled.”

The holy seed is its stump.

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

PSALM: Psalm 138

¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

³ When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.

⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵ They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶ **The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.**

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

⁸ **You will make good your purpose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹ Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ² through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³ For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴ and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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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: Luke 5:1-11. The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ² he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵ Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" ⁹ For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." ¹¹ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Liz Cheney

HYMN OF THE DAY

Here I Am, Lord

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation. We begin with the refrain from *Let Justice Roll Like a River*. The refrain will be sung after each petition ending with *Let Justice Roll*. Let us sing and pray...



Let jus - tice roll like a riv - er, and wash all op -
pres - sion a - way. Come, O God, and take us,
move and shake us; come now, and make us a - new,
that we might live just - ly like you.

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people. **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.

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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.

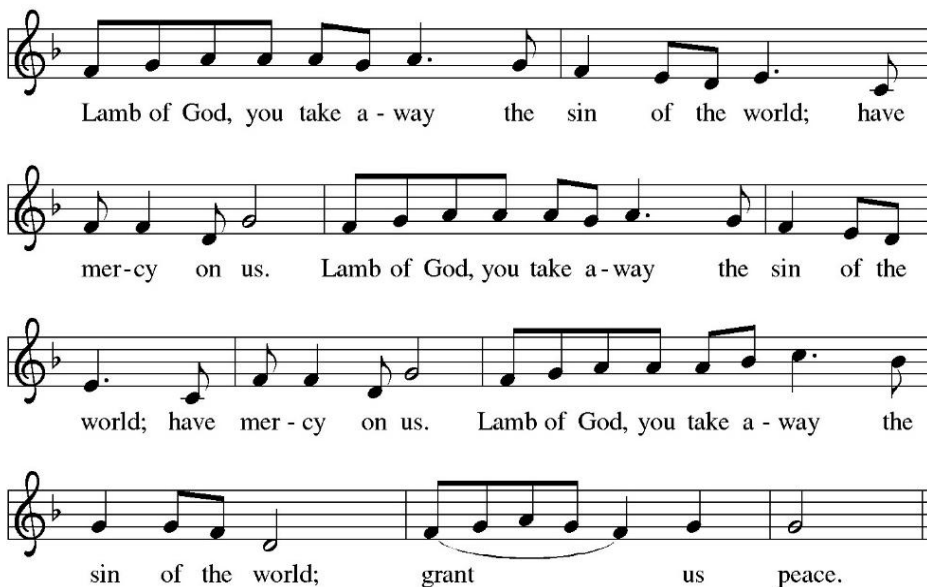
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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into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

I Am the Bread of Life

ELW 485

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

This Little Light of Mine

ELW 677

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: Addy, Deb, Cliff, Lorraine M., Eric, Kyle, Pr. Art, Bob D, Mark O., Janet, John W., Ross-(needs transplant of kidneys & pancreas), Joy T., Deb, 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. *Please keep Marlene Kauppinen in your prayers, at the sudden loss of her daughter. 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.

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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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fifth week of Epiphany

February 9th, 2025

ADULT FORUM Grab a coffee & treat, then join us after Worship today for an Adult Forum on “Spiritual Direction,” presented by Kristi Ongalo.

LIFT CONFIRMATION Lift will meet again this Wednesday, **Feb. 12th, 6-8pm**, at Messiah Lutheran.

CLOTHING SALE We are collecting clothes & gently used household items for our Annual Clothing Sale April 25th & April 26th. Please bring items to the back of the Fellowship Hall and leave them on a table on the left. Please make sure your items are clean! Thank you~

CLOTHES SORTING If you are good at organizing, come help sort clothes that have been collected for our upcoming sale in April. Sorting will be on **Monday at noon!** Come anytime and stay as long as you like! Thank you for your help ~

WORSHIP SPONSORSHIP Today's Worship Service is sponsored by **Pete Boorman, in loving memory of his wife, Carol Boorman. Thank you for your 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 any amount you choose from \$25 - \$100. The funds will be used to keep our new sound system and electronic equipment up to date and functioning. We will need to continue to update other microphones and add additional items that will continue to enhance and expand the experience of worship.

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

CONSTITUTIONS New copies are available in the church office if you would like one.

EVENTS & MEETINGS THIS WEEK

- 2/09 ADULT FORUM TODAY AFTER WORSHIP
- 2/10 6PM BOY SCOUTS MTG FELLOWSHIP HALL
- 2/11 9:30AM WELCA BOARD MEETING, FIRESIDE ROOM
- 2/11 11AM COUNCIL MEETING, FIRESIDE ROOM
- 2/12 9AM -2PM QUILTING FELLOWSHIP HALL
- 2/12 12PM-3PM COMMUNITY CLOSET, WEST WING
- 2/12 6PM-8PM LIFT AT MESSIAH LUTHERAN
- 2/15 11AM, VLM ANNUAL MTG AT MESSIAH LUTHERAN
- 2/15 1PM FUNERAL FOR JEN KAUPPINEN

LECTOR SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 2025

KEVIN BROWN FEB. 2ND
JUDY PELISKA FEB. 9TH
JEN FREDRICKSON FEB. 16TH
KRISTI ONGALO FEB. 23RD



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**WEDNESDAYS
12PM - 3PM**
**AND 2ND SATURDAY
EVERY MONTH
9AM - 12PM**

*clothing for all ages
food pantry items
limited household
goods*

Our West Wing *Community Closet* is opening on February 5th for the first time to the public.

Please help us spread the word. Want to help? Here is how you can:

- 1) Volunteer to work a day in the closet (every Wednesday and Second Saturday). The sign-up sheet is on Kiosk in the Narthex.
- 2) Bring clothing, shoes, household items, personal hygiene products, bedding, pillows, food pantry items, books, movies, puzzles.
- 3) Post flyers around town.

The community closet is for anyone in need of clothing, food, personal or household items.

All items are FREE.

In February we will be collecting personal hygiene items such as:

- * Soap
- * Shampoo
- * Toothpaste
- * Deodorant
- * Wash Cloths
- * Towels
- * etc...

ITEMS CAN BE DROPPED OFF IN THE
CHURCH OFFICE OR IN THE WEST
WING CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE
LEFT, NEXT TO THE NURSERY.