

Our Savior Lutheran Church



Service of the Word and Sacrament

18 January 2026

2nd Sunday After Epiphany

Worship: 10.00am

THE GATHERING

Welcome, Announcements, Prayer Requests

CALL TO WORSHIP

I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.
***He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog,
And set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.***
He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD.
***Happy are those who make the LORD their trust,
who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.***
You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your
Thoughts toward us; none can compare with you.
***Were I to proclaim and tell of them,
They would be more than can be counted.***
Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you gave me an open ear.
Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.
***Then I said, "Here I am; in the Scroll of the Book it is written of me.
I delight to do Your will, O my God; Your law is within my heart."***

HYMN

"The Battle Belongs To The Lord"

Insert

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Let us pray...Holy and Faithful God, You who formed us and called us by
Your grace, we come before You acknowledging our sin and weakness.
You call us to trust that our cause is with You, but we measure our lives
by visible success and grow weary when obedience feels hidden or costly.
Forgive us for doubting Your purposes and for forgetting that our times
are in Your hand. Lord Jesus, You take away the sin of the world, yet we*

confess that we cling to our sin. We are slow to recognize You, slow to follow, and quick to look elsewhere for life. We hear Your voice, but don't always obey it. Have mercy on us, Gracious Father, so that we don't forget that You are the One Who WILL Cleanse us by the blood of Christ. Restore us by Your Spirit, so that we will follow Jesus more faithfully, bear witness to Him more boldly, and rest more in Your unfailing grace. We now confess our sins in silence before You...

ABSOLUTION/ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the Good News! Jesus Christ is the Light of the World. Whoever follows Him will not walk in darkness but will have the Light of Life. In Christ, and Christ Alone, Your sins are forgiven. **AMEN**

Gloria patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost! As it was in the Beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end! Amen. Amen

Holy Scripture

RESPONSIVE READING - *Isaiah 49.1-78*

Listen to me, O coastlands; pay attention, you peoples from far away!

***The LORD called me before I was born;
while I was in my mother's womb He named me.***

He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in His hand He hid me;

He made me a polished arrow; in His quiver He hid me away.

***He said to me, "You are my servant, Israel,
in whom I will be glorified."***

But I said, "I labored in vain; I spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD and my reward with my God."

***Now the LORD, Who formed me in the womb to be His servant,
to bring Jacob back to Him that Israel might be gathered to Him,
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength:***

He says, "It is too light a thing that you should be My servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel;

***I will give you as a light to the nations,
that My salvation may reach to the end of the Earth."***

Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and His Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the Nations, the slave of rulers,

***"Kings shall see and stand up; princes, and prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.***

READING FROM THE EPISTLES - *1 Corinthians 1:1-9*

Paul, called to be an Apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be Saints, together with all those who in every place call on the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in Him, in speech and knowledge of every kind just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the

Day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord

GOSPEL LESSON - John 1:29-42

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One." The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter)

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"In What/Whom Do We Trust"

Pastor Larry

CONFESSION OF FAITH

We believe in One God, eternal, holy, and sovereign, Who created all things for His glory and rules over all by His Providence. We believe that in the fullness of time God revealed Himself in Jesus Christ, the eternal Son, True God and True man, the Light of the World and Savior of the nations. We believe that by Grace alone, through Faith alone, we are united to Christ, forgiven of our sins, and made children of God - not by our works, but by the mercy of God in Christ. We believe that the Holy Spirit illumines our hearts, guides us into Truth, and empowers us to live in obedience, holiness, and love. We believe that Christ reigns even now and will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and to make all things new. Therefore, we confess our Faith, trusting in Christ alone, and committing ourselves to walk as Children of the Light, to the praise of God's glorious grace. Amen

OFFERING, DOXOLOGY, PRAYER

The Eucharist

THE 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 Him thanks and praise...

Let us raise to Him in great joy and love singing:

*O come, Let us adore Him!
O come, Let us adore Him!
O come, Let us adore Him!
O come, Let us adore Him!
Christ the Lord!*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER

...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. AMEN.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION, COMMUNION, PRAYER

HYMN "Trust and Obey" #504

Go in Peace and serve the LORD!
Thanks be to God!

LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH

*Let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with me; Let there be peace on Earth,
Peace that was meant to be; With God as our Father, Brothers all are we;
Let me walk with my brothers in perfect harmony!
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now; With every step I take, let this
be my solemn vow; To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally
Let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with me!*

REMINDER:

For "Jesus Loves You Ministry":
All of January we will be collecting T-Shirts
[and] **anything** CAMO

Weekly Activities

Wednesdays: Drop In to visit Pastor 10am-2pm
Sundays: Bible Study at 11.15am
Sunday, 25 January Annual Meeting {After Service}

*Pastor Larry is ALWAYS available by appointment...
941-763-9975 Pastor Larry Cell*

CHURCH COUNCIL

[meets every 2nd Sunday]

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