

# Our Savior Lutheran Church



## Service of the Word and Sacrament

08 February 2026

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany

Worship: 10.00am

### THE GATHERING

*Welcome, Announcements, Prayer Requests*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the LORD! Happy are those who fear the LORD,  
Who greatly delight in His commandments.

***Their descendants will be mighty in the land;  
The generation of the upright will be blessed.***

Wealth and riches are in their houses;

Their righteousness endures forever.

***They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;***

***They are gracious, merciful, and righteous.***

Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid;

They will look in triumph on their foes in the end.

***They are not afraid of evil tidings;***

***Their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.***

HYMN

*"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"*

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### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray...***Merciful God, You call blessed the poor in spirit, yet we confess our pride and self-reliance. We trust in our own strength instead of depending on Your grace. You call blessed those who mourn, yet we turn away from the pain of the world and from the sorrow of our own sin. We harden our hearts rather than repent. You call blessed the meek, yet we seek power, control, and recognition. We insist on our own way and fail to listen to others in love. You call blessed those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, yet we are satisfied with what is easy and comfortable. We neglect justice, ignore the needs of our neighbors, and settle for less than Your will. You call blessed the merciful, yet we withhold forgiveness and cling to resentment and judgment. You call blessed the pure in heart, yet our motives are mixed and our devotion divided. You call blessed the***

***peacemakers, yet we contribute to division through our words, our silence, and our fear. You call blessed those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, yet we shrink back from faithful witness when it costs us something. Forgive us, O God. By Your Spirit, turn us again to You. Create in us clean hearts, and shape our lives according to the way of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.***

### **ABSOLUTION/ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hear the **Good News!** Trusting in God's steadfast love, believing in Christ Jesus as Lord, guided by the power of the Holy Spirit, and confessing our sins, in Jesus' Name be assured that you 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.58.1-12 (excerpts)***

Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet!  
***Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways,  
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness...***

"Why do we fast, but You do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but You do not notice?"

***Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself?***

***Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?***

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?

***Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin?***

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before you;  
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.  
***Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help,  
and He will say, "Here I am."***

If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,  
***If you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.***

The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your needs  
in parched places and make your bones strong,  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water whose waters never fail.

***Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
the restorer of streets in which to live.***

### **READING FROM THE EPISTLES - *1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)***

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your Faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. We speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory, and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified

the Lord of Glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love Him". God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. We speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny."For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

### **GOSPEL LESSON - Matthew 5.1-12**

When Jesus saw the crowds, He went up the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him. Then He began to speak, and taught them, saying:

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.*

*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.*

*"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the Earth.*

*"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.*

*"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.*

*"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.*

*"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.*

*"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.*

*"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account.*

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in Heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

This is the Word of the Lord!

***Thanks be to God!***

**SERMON**

*"Blessed Are The Contrary..."*

Pastor Larry

### **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

***We believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of All...acts faithfully toward the world, delivering, sustaining, and calling a people to live in covenant love. We believe the Lord requires of us not empty offerings or outward religion, but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with Him, Whom we came to know through Jesus of Nazareth, His only begotten Son, constantly guided by their Holy Spirit. We confess that our life together is grounded in God's steadfast mercy. We believe that the message of the Cross is the Power of God for those who are being saved. Though it appears foolish to the world, in Jesus Christ crucified, God reveals True Wisdom, True Strength, and True Salvation. We believe that God chooses what is weak to shame the strong, what is despised to bring life and hope to the world; therefore, none may boast except in the Lord. We believe Jesus has become for us our Righteousness, our Sanctification, and our Redemption. Therefore, our life, our faith, and our witness rest not in human achievement, but in God's grace alone. Trusting in this grace, we seek to live as God's people: walking humbly, loving mercy, doing justice, and boasting only in the Cross of Christ. 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:

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## 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

*"Standing on the Promises"*

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## **BENEDICTION & SENDING**

Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

### REMINDER:

For "Jesus Loves You Ministry": **February** Are collecting UNDER WEAR [and] anything CAMO

## Weekly Activities

**Wednesdays**

**Sunday, 08 February**

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**Friday, 13 February**

Office Hours, 10.00am - 2.00pm

Council Meeting after service

Bible Study after Service

Movie Night, 6.30pm - "Woodlawn"

*Pastor Larry is ALWAYS available by appointment...*

*941-763-9975 Pastor Larry Cell*

## CHURCH COUNCIL

*[meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday]*

**President**

Dot Smith

**Vice President**

Jeanne Keyser

**Treasurer**

Dean Carson

**Secretary**

Andrea Yerger

**Council Member**

Bob Burchard; Bubbles Burress

Ellie Selk; Pat Spence; Fran Thibideau

### SERVING TODAY

**Reader**

Dean Carson

**Offering**

Bob Burchard

## 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!*

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