

Our Savior Lutheran Church



Service of the Word and Sacrament

04 January 2026

Epiphany Sunday

Worship: 10.00am

THE GATHERING

Welcome, Announcements, Prayer Requests

CALL TO WORSHIP

You have heard of the commission of God's Grace
and how the mystery was made known;

***In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind,
It has now been revealed to His Apostles and Prophets by the Spirit:***

The gentiles have become heirs, members of the same body, sharers in
the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel.

***Through the Church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be
made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.***

It was in accordance with the eternal purpose
that He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord,

***It is in Him that we have access in boldness and confidence
through faith in Him. Let us worship God!***

HYMN

"We Three Kings"

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Let us pray...Gracious God, You have revealed Your glory in Jesus Christ,
the Light of the World, yet we confess that we often walk in darkness. We
have not loved as You command, we have listened to our own voices
instead of Your Word, and we have resisted following Christ beyond our
comfort. Forgive us, Lord. By Your Spirit, open our eyes, turn us again to
Your Light, and lead us to walk as faithful witnesses of Jesus Christ Who
was revealed to the nations and gave Himself for the life of the world.
Have mercy on us, renew us, and lead us, that we may walk as Children of
the Light. AMEN*

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 -Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Give the king Your justice, O God,
and Your righteousness to a King's Son.

**May He judge Your people with righteousness
and Your poor with justice.**

May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.

**May He defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.**

May He live while the sun endures and as long as the moon,
throughout all generations.

**May He be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the Earth.**

In His days may righteousness flourish and peace abound,
until the Moon is no more.

**May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render Him tribute;
may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.**

May all kings fall down before Him, nations give Him service.

**He delivers the needy when they call,
the poor and those who have no helper.**

He has pity on the weak and the needy
and saves the lives of the needy.

**He redeems their life from oppression and violence,
and precious is their blood in His sight.**

READING FROM THE PROPHETS - Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine, for your Light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. Darkness shall cover the Earth and thick darkness the peoples, but the LORD will arise upon you, and His glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your Light and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together; they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried in their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you; the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

GOSPEL LESSON - Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, Magi from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the Child who has been

born King of the Jews? For we observed His Star in the East, and have come to pay Him homage.^[Micah 5:2] When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the Prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for from you shall come a Ruler who is to shepherd My people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the Magi and learned from them the exact time when the Star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the Child, and when you have found Him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay Him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the Star that they had seen in the East, until it stopped over the place where the Child was. When they saw that the Star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the Child with Mary His mother, and they knelt down and paid Him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, and, having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"East or West? Doesn't Matter..."

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

"As with Gladness"

Pastor Larry

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!

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

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

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BENEDICTION & SENDING

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

happy Epiphany

Weekly Activities

Wednesdays:

Thursdays:

Sunday, 04 January

Saturday, 10 January

Sunday, 11 January

Friday, 16 January

Sunday, 25 January

Drop In to visit Pastor 10am-2pm

Bible Study at 10am

{**RESUMES 08 JANUARY 2025**}

De-Decorate Church {After Service}

Ladies lunch: 1.00pm, **Locale** TBD

Council Meeting {after Service}

Movie Night {God's Not Dead} 6.30pm

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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