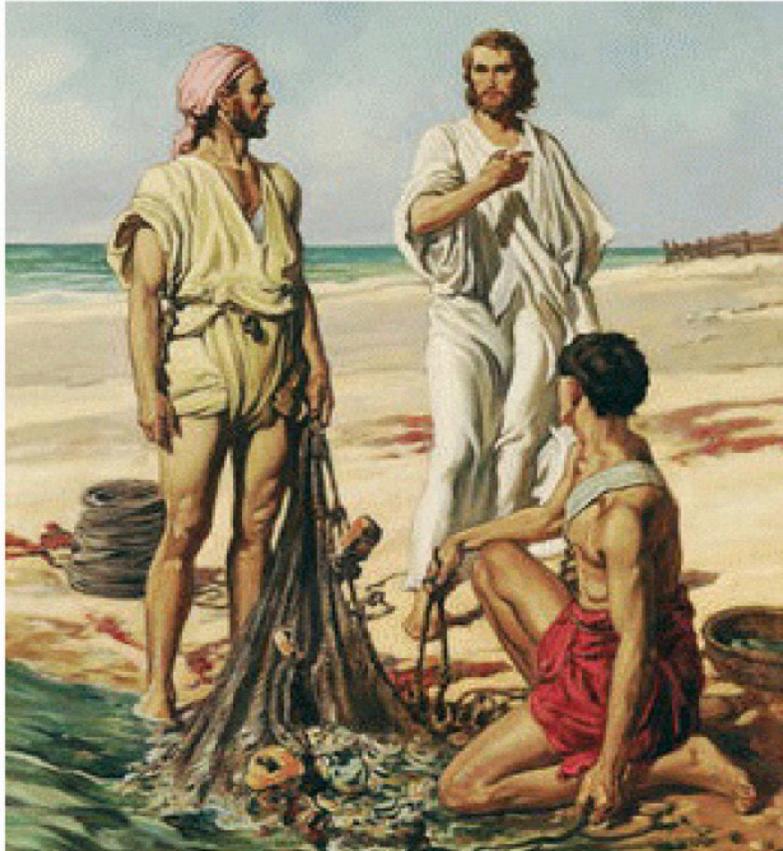


Our Savior Lutheran Church



Service of the Word and Sacrament

25 January 2026

3rd Sunday After Epiphany

Worship: 10.00am

THE GATHERING

Welcome, Announcements, Prayer Requests

CALL TO WORSHIP

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish.

In the former time He brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time He will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

Those who lived in a land of deep darkness-on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation; You have increased its joy;

***They rejoice before You as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.***

For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders;

You have broken the rod of their oppressor as on the day of Midian!

HYMN

"I Have Decided To Follow Jesus"

#300

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray...Gracious and holy God, You have called us out of darkness into Your marvelous light, yet we confess that we often prefer the shadows.You proclaim Good News to the poor and freedom to the captive, but we cling to our own securities and fears. Lord, we confess that we have not always walked in the light of Christ. We have been slow to repent and quick to excuse ourselves. We have listened more carefully to the voices of this world than to Your living Word. We have divided what You have made one, drawing lines where You have called us into Communion. Forgive us, O God. Turn us again toward You. Break the powers of pride, bitterness, and complacency within us. By Your Spirit, grant us true repentance - not merely sorrow for sin, but a turning of our

hearts and lives toward Christ. In the light of Your mercy, restore us. In the power of Your grace, renew us. In the call of Jesus, make us ready to follow - leaving behind what binds us and trusting fully in Your promise of life. We confess our sins in silence before You...Hear our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Light of the world, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. 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 27:1, 4-9

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I asked of the LORD; this I seek:

To live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble;

He will conceal me under the cover of His tent;

He will set me high on a rock.

Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me;

I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

"Come," my heart says, "seek His face!" Your Face, LORD, do I seek.

Do not hide Your Face from me.

Do not turn Your servant away in anger, You who have been my help.

Do not cast me off; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

READING FROM THE EPISTLES - 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the Gospel - and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the Cross of Christ might not be emptied of its Power; because, the message about the Cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to we who are being saved it is the power of God.

GOSPEL LESSON - Matthew 4:12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, He withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made His home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali so that what had been spoken through the Prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles-- the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven has come near." While He walked by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea for they were fishers. He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of people." *Immediately* they left their nets and followed Him. As He went from there, He saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and He called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed Him. Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON *"Effective Calling Means Called Effectively"* 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:

***Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen;
Alleluia!***

***Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen;
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 "We've A Story To Tell To The Nations" #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:

Sundays:

Sunday, 25 January

Saturday, 07 February

Sunday, 08 February

Friday, 13 February

Office Hours 10am-2pm

Bible Study at 11.15am

Annual Meeting {After Service}

Ladies Lunch - 1.00pm - Bamboo Fusion

Council After Service

Movie Night - 6.30pm - "Woodlawn"

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

CHURCH COUNCIL

[meets every 2nd Sunday]

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SERVING TODAY

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Offering
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