

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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JANUARY 17TH, 2021 + SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Take a Breath. Jesus Knows.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness, cascades over all creation. **Amen.**

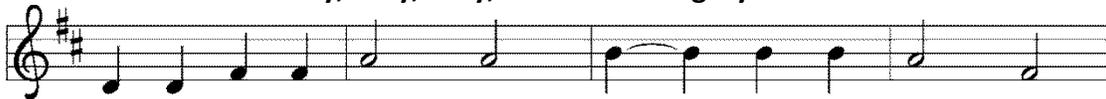
Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another...Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of † Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

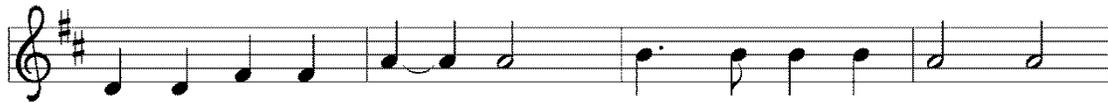
"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!" #413



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

GREETING (ELW p. 138)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE (ELW P. 138)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 139)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

LET THE CHILDREN COME...

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-20

At a time when visions are rare and unexpected, the LORD comes to Samuel and calls him to speak the divine word. Though just a boy, Samuel responds to God obediently, as Eli the priest has taught him to respond. This marks the beginning of Samuel’s prophetic ministry. or offering forever.”

PSALM 139:1-6, 13-18

You have searched me out and known me. (Ps. 139:1)

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Paul helps the Corinthians understand that God has claimed the entirety of their lives through the death of Christ. Hence Christian relationships and conduct, including areas of human sexuality, are to reflect the reality that we belong to Christ and that the Holy Spirit lives within us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 142)

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

GOSPEL: John 1:43-51

In John’s gospel, Jesus’ ministry begins with the call of disciples, who then bring others to Jesus. Philip’s friend Nathanael moves from skepticism to faith when he accepts the invitation to “Come and see.”

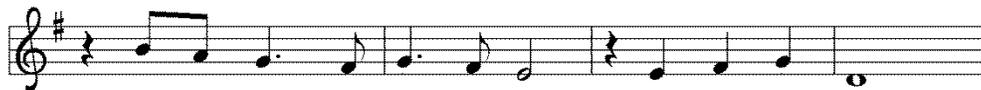
SERMON

HYMN

“Here I am, Lord” #574



1 “I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 “I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple’s pain.
3 “I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin - est bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you
call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you
lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

NICENE CREED (ELW p. 104)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

SHARING OF THE PEACE

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN:

“As Saints of Old” #695

- 1 As saints of old their firstfruits brought of orchard, flock, and field to God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield; so we today firstfruits would bring, the wealth of this good land, of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.**
- 2 A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and give; to make our life an offering to God, that all may live. The church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true: a world redeemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.**
- 3 In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way. O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son, teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.**

OFFERING PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER
BLESSING

SENDING HYMN:

"Day by Day" #790



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



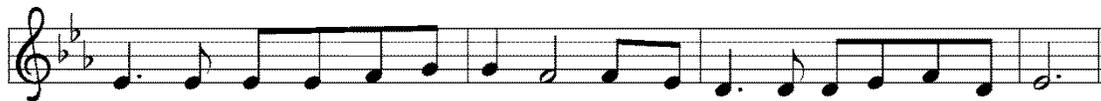
to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all
o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,
of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,
what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,



lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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This Week's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Darlene Windingland, Mark Kvien, Dennis Friestad given by WELCA.

Sunday Worship from Home continues: 8:30 am Facebook Live, 11:00 KOVC 1490 AM Radio Broadcast, afternoon "OSLC Valley City" YouTube. If you will like a bulletin mailed to you, please contact the church office.

January Worship Opportunities: For those for whom worshipping from home isn't working, beginning January 10th, we will resume in person worship opportunities with short, socially distanced services of Word and Prayer on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. January 24th will include Holy Communion. At 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday 26th, we will offer a short service of Prayer and Holy Communion. As always, these in person opportunities are subject to change.

January Bible Reading Challenge: During the month of January, you are invited to read the gospel of Mark. If you read one chapter a day, you could read the whole story of Jesus' life in just over 2 weeks. Will you join the challenge?

The 2021 Missionary Calendar is now available to be filled! Claim a date and donate \$25 in support of our missionaries, Willie and Anne Langdji and Global Health Ministries. Donations can be made with checks clearly marked for "Missionary Calendar" or through the "GIVE" button on our website, oursaviorsvc.org.

Monday Morning Prayer Group will not gather in person at this time. From wherever we are on Monday mornings, we will start our week in prayer as we pause and pray for the people of Our Savior's as well as a variety of prayer concerns. This week, we hold in prayer: Daniel Taylor, Jill Taylor, Madison, Miles, Mitchel, McKenna; Gary & Lori Thompson; John Thompson & Kara Kramin; Aarika Thornton, Jason Thorton, Alex, Ryanne; Alfred Thum.

Apartment for Rent Unfurnished, ~950 square feet, 2nd floor apartment with hot water & heat included, two bedroom (carpet), hardwood floor hallway/living room, stove, fridge, shared washer and dryer, private entrance with off street parking. (No pets or smoking). Call Bobby Koeplin 701-840-0250.

The Annual Meeting for the Our Savior's Lutheran Church Foundation is scheduled for Tuesday, January 19th at 9:00 am in the Small Dining Room. The congregation is invited to attend and participate in the business of your Foundation.

The Annual Meeting of Our Savior's Lutheran Church is scheduled for Sunday, January 31st at 10:30 a.m. You can attend the meeting either in person or online through Zoom. If you wish to attend through Zoom, you will need to register. The registration link was sent. You may also email rev.emmy@gmail.com to request a registration link.

If you are new to Zoom, you are invited to participate in a "Tech Check Session" on Sunday, January 24th at 10:30 am. The link to register was sent.

A Prayer for Christian Unity event is scheduled for Tuesday, January 19 starting at 12:10 pm. Short times of prayer will be held in the parking lots of three churches in our community. 12:10 pm at St. Catherines, 12:25 pm at Epworth United Methodist, and 12:40 pm at New Life Assembly of God. We center ourselves around the theme of Abiding in Jesus' love. Hosted by the Barnes County Ministerial Association.

Thank you for your ongoing generosity! Offerings can be mailed to the church office at 138 3rd St. NW, Valley City, ND. Online offerings can be made at the church website, www.oursaviorsvc.org, by clicking the blue "Give Now" button at the bottom of the homepage.

January – December 2020

Year To Date Income \$340,144.94

Year To Date Expense \$356,138.83

Year To Date – Expense Over Income (-\$16,178.91)

A week of OSLC ministry: \$7,148.10

Last week's General Fund Offering: \$4,426.14