



OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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JANUARY 23RD, 2022 + THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

Rejoice in this good news: In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God. **Amen.**

HYMN

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” #843

GREETING (p. 147)

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 (p. 147)

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE (p. 148)

Glory to God in 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 at 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

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the Holy Scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

LET THE CHILDREN COME...

FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

¹All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the Law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Response: Here ends the reading. **Thanks be to God.**

Music by the Choir (11:00)

PSALM 19 (*Read Responsively*)

¹The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

²**One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

³Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,

⁴**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

⁶**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

Response: Here ends the reading. **Thanks be to God.**

READING: 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a}But strive for the greater gifts.

Response: Here ends the reading. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Come and See”

What are you look - ing for? Come,
see, come and see. What are you
look - ing for? Come and see. Come and see.

GOSPEL: Luke 4:14-21

L: The Holy Gospel according to... **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

L: The gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN

“O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate” #722

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – APOSTLES’ CREED (p. 105)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

THANKSGIVING FOR OFFERING AND PRAYER

Offering may be left on the table in the back of the worship space or given online at oursaviorsvc.org

OFFERING HYMN

“Thy Word Is a Lamp”

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me,
and nothing will I fear As long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
I will not forget your love for me and yet my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus be my guide and hold me to your side, and I will love you to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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HOLY COMMUNION (p. 152)

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 our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed...we join their unending hymn: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER (p. 154)

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Lamb of God” p. 154

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

“We Come to the Hungry Feast” #479
“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love” #708

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

“Arise, Your Light Has Come!” #314



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We, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, welcome all to share Christ's love, grow in faith, and to live a life of service glorifying God.

The Radio Broadcast is in memory of Dale Hanson, Betty Etzell, Beverly Diegel, Kyle Bauer, and Linda Skogen given by the WELCA.

Our Savior's Lutheran Foundation Annual Meeting is this Sunday at 9:40 am in the Small Dining Room. Come and learn about the work of the Church Foundation and the asset it is to our ministry. All members are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Congregation Annual Meeting is Sunday, January 30, 2022 at 9:40 am in the sanctuary. Celebrate and get updates about our ministry together. The congregation approves a financial ministry plan for the year and elect committee members. A quorum of 50 people is needed for this meeting. All who attend will have the chance to win a surprise prize! (Yes. That is a bribe). The plan is for the meeting to be made available on our church Youtube Channel, so that those who cannot attend in person have the opportunity to stay connected.

Bible Book Club on the book of "Jude" will meet on Tuesday, January 25th at 3:00 p.m. Hey, Jude, don't be afraid! Read through this short book before Tuesday (or don't!) and join us for a time of conversation and questions.

Coffee Fellowship host are needed! Hosts are responsible for putting coffee on, providing a treat for up to 50 people, serving from 9:30-11:00 am, and clean up. Don't know how to make the coffee? We'd be happy to teach you! Sign up on the link at: www.oursaviorsvc.org

Items for the Abused Person's Outreach Center will be collected at Our Savior's Lutheran Church this month. Items needed: Toilet paper, Cleaning supplies (ex: Lysol/disinfectant spray, toilet brush, gloves), Paper Towels, Band-aids, and Kleenex. Thanks for your support!

The 2022 Missionary Calendar is up! Claim your dates and make a \$25 per day in support of our Global Mission partners.

Our local City-County Health Department has Covid Vaccines and Boosters available. To make an appointment call 845-8518.

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: Kathy Stearns, Reid, Rand; Mavis Stearns; Russell & Lynette Stephens, Blake, Nathan; Curt & Terri Stevens, Tyler; Casey & Lacey Stoudt, Avery; Janice Stowman; Jon Strang, Joshua, Joel, Kyle, Angela, Jonathan.

This Week: **January 23-**
 TODAY: 8:30 a.m. Worship
 8:30 a.m. Facebook Live
 9:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
 9:40 a.m. Foundation Annual Meeting-Small Dining Room
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 9:45 a.m. True Northmen-Library
 10:00 a.m. Choir rehearsal
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 11:00 a.m. Radio Broadcast
 MON: 11:15am & 12:15pm Sr. High Lunch
 TUE: 9:00 a.m. Good Samaritans Quilters
 1:30 p.m. Text Study
 3:00 p.m. Bible Book Club
 WED: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study
 3:00 p.m. Kids for Christ
 6:00 p.m. Youth Gathering
 6:30 p.m. Confirmation
 THURS: 9:30 a.m. Pastor's Conference-Jamestown
 SAT: 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Fellowship
 NEXT SUN: 8:30 a.m. Worship
 8:30 a.m. Facebook Live
 9:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
 9:40 a.m. Annual Meeting
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 11:00 a.m. Radio Broadcast

**Mission Support
 January – December 2021**

Year To Date Income	\$332,622.73
Year To Date Expense	360,074.54
YTD Expense over Income	-27,451.81
A week of OSLC ministry:	\$7,196.17
General Fund Offering from last week :	\$7,061.38

2021-2024 Growing in Grace Capital Appeal



\$846,180.00 Total Pledged
 By 123 Households
 through January 17, 2022

\$254,399.87 Total Given
 through January 17, 2022