

**Welcome To
Our Savior Lutheran Church**



**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
January 23, 2022
9:00 AM**

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WE GATHER IN CHRIST'S NAME

PRELUDE

ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God,

**C: to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: 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.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Hark, the Glad Sound

GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

This Is The Feast

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power and riches and wisdom and strength,
and honor and blessing and glory are his.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor and glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray . . . Blessed Lord God,

**C: 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.**

WE HEAR GOD'S SAVING WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

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

The exiles have returned and rebuilt Jerusalem. Now Ezra, the priest, reads the law of Moses to them in the public square. When they hear it, they weep for their sins and for the long years in exile, but Ezra reminds them that "the joy of the LORD is your strength."

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."

A: The Word of the Lord

C. Thanks be to God

Psalm 19

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.**

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

The apostle and pastor Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately connected we are in the church. For this struggling congregation in Corinth, Paul delivers a vital message of unity that is a mark of the church today.

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.

A: The Word of the Lord

C. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

ACCORDING TO

St. Luke 4:14-21

Glory to you, O Lord

Near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.

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.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

HYMN OF THE DAY

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Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

APOSTLE’S CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our
Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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 INTERCESSION

A: The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

A brief silence.

A: Lord God you reveal yourself to us in the reading of scripture. Fulfill your word through the faithful witness of your church. Send us out to bring your liberating good news to all people.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

A: All creation proclaims your handiwork. Teach us to love the intricate and beautiful bodies that you have created. Bless tiny insects, enormous whales, and every creature in between. Sustain species at risk of extinction.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

A: You desire that there be no dissension among us. Where we are divided in our society, nation, or world, come quickly to reunite us into one body. Ease conflict, dispel violence, and bring an end to war.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

A: Anoint with your Spirit all who seek your favor. Grant provision and justice for people living in poverty, people living with disability, those living with pain, or those living under oppression.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

A: Build up the body of Christ in this place. Bless the variety of ministries in this congregation. Empower us to freely welcome and deeply value each person who enters into worship and ministry among us.
God of grace,
hear our prayer.

A: In thanksgiving we lift before you the saints for whom the promise of salvation has now been fulfilled. Tend to those who mourn. Bring us together in your everlasting glory.
God of grace,
hear our prayer.

A: Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

HOLY COMMUNION LITURGY

WE ARE SENT OUT WITH JOY

BENEDICTION

P: God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, ✠ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

How Majestic Is Your Name

Oh Lord, our Lord, how majestic is
Your name in all the earth.

Oh Lord, our Lord, how majestic is
Your name in all the earth.

Oh Lord, we praise Your name;

Oh Lord, We magnify Your name;

Prince of Peace, Mighty God,

oh Lord God Almighty.

Repeat

"How Majestic Is Your Name" by Michael W. Smith

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DISMISSAL

P: Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

This Sunday's Reading

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Luke 4:14-21

Next Sunday's Readings

Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30

THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

TODAY – January 23

- 9:00 am Worship
- 11:30 am CGPE Sunday School
- 12:30 am CGPE Church Service

TUESDAY – January 25

- 8:30 am Men's Bible Study
- 12:00 am Text Study

WEDNESDAY – Wednesday 26

- 5:30 pm Adult Study

THURSDAY – January 27

- 12:00 pm Optimist
- 6:30 pm Book Worms

SUNDAY – January 30

- 9:00 am Worship
- 11:30 am CGPE Sunday School
- 12:30 pm CGPE Church Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOOD MORNING! We are happy you have joined us today to praise, listen and be fed by Almighty God. Whoever you are and wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here!

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Joe & Felicia Duffy in honor of Felicia's birthday.

THE FIRST QUARTER GIVING JUG (Jan. Feb. Mar.)

Donations to the Giving Jug will go to Jonathan's House Central African Republic for the first quarter of 2022. One of the things happening at Jonathan's house this past summer

was developing and improving agriculture. They are working towards more sustainable solutions. Not only are they feeding children, but are teaching them how to produce and maintain agriculture as well. This is just one of the ways our generous contributions are used. Our offerings are a blessing to this mission, thank you for supporting this worthwhile project.

Service & Mission

VALENTINE BANQUET – has been cancelled.

IN OUR PRAYERS TODAY

OSL MEMBERS

Peyton Kretzmann – health issues
Linda Lindblom – recovering after surgery
John & Nancy Reardon – health issues
Larry Park – recovering at Glenwood
Hatti Groth – recovering at home
Allen Dale – health issues
Larry Kester – health issues
Vern Hunzelman – The Willows
Dale & Lois Wilson – health issues
Pat Smith – The Willows
Dave Luthro – Bickford Assisted Living, Ft Dodge
Floyd Harthun – health issues

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

James & Barbara Herschberger –
 parents of Pastor Mike & Rhonda
Don Myers – son-in-law of Charlene Barth
Kelly Lindblom – daughter of Ken Lindblom
Albert Boldt – nephew of Hap Kretzmann
Sue Usgaard – daughter of Donna Patton
Ken Peterson – friend of David Goode
Tina Johnson – niece of Charlene Barth
Arla Mae Discher – mother of Tina Nelson

Scott & Chris Byerly – son & daughter-in-law
of Duane & Andrea Byerly
Abby Ruff – granddaughter of Marlene Kester
Carol Fleming – friend of Larry & Nancy Park
Kirsten Martin – daughter of Joe & Felicia Duffy
Marcus Black – nephew of Dr. James & Kathy Black
Chad Winterhof – nephew of Shirley Gregor
Brandon, Kristine & Claire Miller-
friends of Allen Dale
Kathy Shaffer – friend of Larry & Nancy Park
Sheri Beaver – friend of Marlin Pruismann
Christy Schuler – friend of Donna Sharp
Robert Adams – nephew of Karen Adams
Pastor Greg Ellcey – neighbor of Jerry & Deb Duder
Jim Reiss – friend of Joel Hunzelman
Ann Schulte – friend of Allen Dale
Spenser Ahn – grandson of John & Nancy Reardon

MILITARY

Please pray for our troops for their safety.

Autumn Kane – granddaughter of Jim & Linda Pepper
Anthony Nielsen – nephew of Pastor Mike & Rhonda
Chris Coalter – nephew of Joe & Shirley Gregor
Nathan Massa – grandson of Mike & Kathy Massa
Luke Sease – son of Brad Sease and
grandson of Larry & Cathy Sease
Joe Stoterau – grandson of Sandy & LaRee Wise
Jimmy Sease – son of David Sease and
grandson of Larry & Cathy Sease
Jake & Amanda Lutcavish – step grandson and
step granddaughter Floyd & Ella Harthun