

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

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*Bringing Christ to the
people and the
people to Christ.*

We are a community of faith,
formed in the grace and
joy of Jesus Christ.

We are a people involved in
God's sure and unfolding
promise to mend His
creation through the life,
death and resurrection of
His Son, and in the power
of the Holy Spirit.

We are a church under the
cross of Christ, shaped by
the ancient rhythms of
Christian worship,
fellowship, and
service to others.

Come share the joy!

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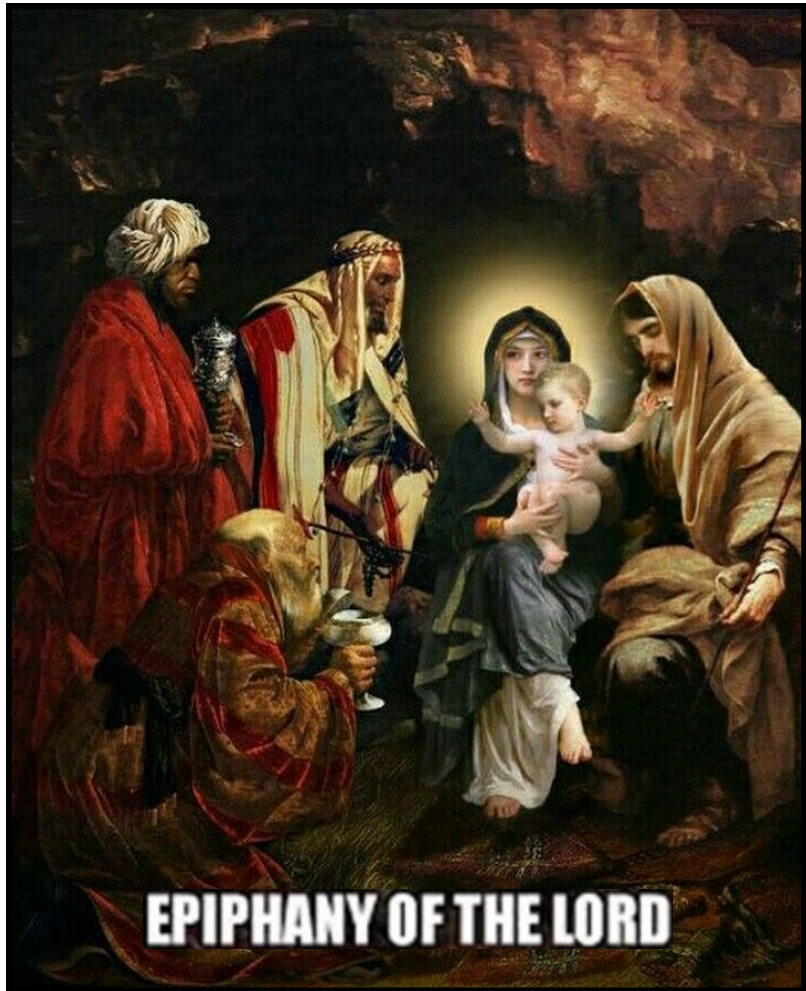
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First Sunday after the Epiphany - Year B

January 7, 2024 • 10:00 A.M.



Our Members, Guests and Visitors

We are all on a journey of faith; God does not expect us to make the journey alone.

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Prelude - Dr. Jaeyong Lee

Welcome and Family News

- Welcome! Whether you are a longtime member or visiting for the first time, you are a gift from God to us. Guests, please fill out the yellow card on the back of your pew and place it in the offering plate later in the service.
- All who are baptized and desire to share in the Body and Blood of our Lord are welcome to receive Communion.

Please stand

GATHERING

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD" (LBW #241)

We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.

We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our fathers, we bless you;
through trial and tempest our guide you have been.

When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.

With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.

To you, our great redeemer, forever be praise!

WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

As the Pastor says the Invocation, the Sign of the Cross ✠ may be made in remembrance of our Baptisms.

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen**

P 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. **C 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.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C **We confess that we are in bondage 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 Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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

APOSTOLIC 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.**

KYRIE

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

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

C Lord, have mercy.

A 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. **C Lord, have mercy.**

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

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

HYMN OF PRAISE (LBW, PGS. 79-80)

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| <i>Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.</i> | You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. |
| Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. | You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. |
| Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: | 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

^P The Lord be with you. ^C **And also with you.**

^P Heavenly Father, as your beloved Son was sent to be the Light to all nations, so may His light shine in and through us. Send us to be Christ's light in our homes, schools, workplaces, and to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. ^C **Amen**

Please be seated

The Service Of The Word

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 60:1-6

^R This is the Word of the Lord! ^C **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 72:1-11

^R ¹ Give the king your **justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son!**

^C ² **May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice!**

^R ³ Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness!

^C ⁴ **May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor!**

^R ⁵ May they fear you while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!

^C ⁶ **May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth!**

R ⁷In his days may the righteous flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more!

C ⁸**May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth!**

R ⁹May desert tribes bow down before him, and his enemies lick the dust!

C ¹⁰**May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute; may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!**

R ¹¹May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him!

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 3:1-12

R This is the Word of the Lord! C **Thanks be to God!**

Feeding Our Little Lambs ~ "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Please stand

GOSPEL CANTICLE ~ "ALLELUIA" (LBW, P. 83)

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 2nd Chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

MATTHEW 2:1-12

P The Gospel of the Lord. C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Please be seated

SERMON ~ PASTOR MARTIN MOORE

"Living As Children of Light"

"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you." (Isaiah 60:1)

"For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light." (Ephesians 5:8)

Please stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

“I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT” (LBW #649)

I want to walk as a child of the light. Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on
I want to follow Jesus. my path.
God set the stars to give light to the world. And show me the way to the Father.
The star of my life is Jesus. *Chorus*

Chorus:

*In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the
race,
We shall know the joy of Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God
I want to look at Jesus.

Chorus

APOSTLES' 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

THE PRAYERS

^P Confident in God's steadfast love through Jesus Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayers the congregation responds... Hear our prayer.

^P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. ^C **Amen**

Please be seated

OFFERING

Please stand

THE DOXOLOGY ~ “GLORY TO GOD, WE GIVE YOU THANKS” (WOV #787) Vs. 1

Glory to God, we give you thanks and praise;
Of heav’nly joy and earthly peace we sing.
We worship you, to you our hearts we raise,
Lord God, almighty Father, heav’nly King.

POST OFFERTORY PRAYER

^P Let us pray. Merciful Father,

^C **We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Please remain standing

THE HOLY MEAL

PASSING OF THE PEACE

^P The peace of the Lord be with you always. ^C **And also with you.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ~ P. 88 LBW

^P The Lord be with you.

^C **And also with you.**

^P Lift up your hearts.

^C **We lift them up to the Lord.**

^P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ^C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

^P It is indeed good, right, and salutary that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

^C **Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow’r and might: Heaven 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

- ^P In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: *Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.*
- ^P Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: *This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.*
- ^P Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
- C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**
- ^P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C 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 and ever. Amen**

LAMB OF GOD ~ P. 92 LBW

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.

Please be seated

Distribution & Communion Hymns

"HERE IS BREAD"

Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is
with us, He is with us.

Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ
is with us here.

Refrain:

*In this bread, there is healing, in this cup
is life forever.*

*In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is
with us here.*

Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is
with us, he is with us.

Know his grace, find his peace, feast
on Jesus here.

Refrain

Here we are, joined in one, Christ is
with us, he is with us.

We'll proclaim till he comes Jesus
crucified.

Refrain

“SHINE, JESUS, SHINE” (WOV #651)

Chorus:

Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your Word, Lord,
And let there be light!

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining;

Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me:

Chorus

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
So our faces display your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.

Shine on me, shine on me:

Chorus

“GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME”

Chorus:

God is good, all the time.

He put a song of praise
in this heart of mine.

God is good all the time,
Through the darkest night
his light will shine.

God is good, God is good...,
all the time.

If you're walkin' through the valley
And there are shadows all around,
Do not fear, He will guide you,
He will keep you safe and sound.
'Cause He has promised to never
leave you;

Nor forsake you, and His Word is true.

Chorus

We were sinners, so unworthy,
Still for us He chose to die.
Filled us with His Holy Spirit;

Now we can stand and testify
that His love is everlasting,
and His mercies they will never end.

Chorus

Though I may not understand
all the plans You have for me.
My life is in Your hands,
and through the eyes of faith
I can clearly see...

God is good, all the time.

He put a song of praise
in this heart of mine.

God is good all the time,
Through the darkest night
his light will shine.

God is good, God is good,
God is good, He's so good,
God is good, He's so good,
... all the time!

Please stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

^P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. ^C **Amen**

CANTICLE ~ "NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD" (LBW #534) V. 3

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

^P Let us pray. We give you thanks almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. ^C **Amen**

BENEDICTION ~ P. 94 LBW

^P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit. ^C **Amen**

SENDING HYMN

"WASH, O GOD, OUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS" (WOV #697)

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| Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, Where your cleansing waters flow. Number them among your people; Bless as Christ blessed long ago. Weave them garments bright and sparkling; Compass them with love and light. Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, Holy dove and heart's delight. | God, renew us, guide our footsteps; Free from sin and all its snares, One with Christ in living, dying, By your Spirit, children, heirs. Oh, how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways! To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise! |
| We who bring them long for nurture; By your milk may we be fed. Let us join your feast, partaking Cup of blessing, living bread. | We your people stand before you, Water-washed and Spirit born. By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us; God, transform! |

DISMISSAL

ℙ The Lord be with you! Go and serve in Jesus' name. ℄ Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- It's time for our Christmas decorations to come down! The Altar Guild and friends are going to be taking down our beautiful trees and decorations immediately after church TODAY. Please stay and help if you can.
- First Primetimers Gathering of 2024! January 12th at 12:00 will be our annual Chili cookoff. A signup sheet has been posted in the Narthex. If you can make a pot of chili - great, but if not, please bring a side dish like a salad, bread, or dessert. After we eat, we will have a Jeopardy Challenge in small teams. Winning teams will earn prizes!! Join us for a great time and invite a friend.
- Our Annual Congregational meeting is scheduled for Jan. 21st immediately after service. Members and visitors are encouraged to stay.
- Offering Envelopes are out in the Narthex for you to pick up. If you don't use envelopes, please pick up your box and put it on Amanda's desk.
- Please pick up your yearly offering report in the Narthex.
- The Church office will be closed on Tuesday, January 16th.

Our Worship Servants This Morning:

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| Greeter: | Helen Siebert |
| Acolytes: | Ean & Jonah Hollenbeck |
| Ushers: | Ryan Gibbs & Bill Videtto |
| Cantor: | Blaine Davis |
| Reader: | Kristin Blaise |
| Communion Assistants: | Jan Moch, Linda Webster, Carmen Nazario |
| Projectionist: | Toby Fite |

**Upcoming Activities at OSLC
(January 8th - 14th)**

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| Tuesday: | Quilter's | 9:00 a.m. |
| | Spin Class | 6:30 p.m. |
| Wednesday: | Embroiderer's Guild | 9:30 a.m. |
| Thursday: | Bible Study | 10:00 a.m. |
| | CODA | 6:00 p.m. |
| Friday: | PrimeTimers | 12:00 p.m. |
| Saturday: | Altar Guild Team #2 | |
| Sunday: | Choir Practice | 9:15 a.m. |
| | Sunday School & Youth | 9:15 a.m. |
| | Worship Service | 10:00 a.m. |
| | Council Meeting | 11:30 a.m. |

Stewardship

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| Monthly Budget | \$ 25,245 |
| Offerings on December 31st | \$ 2,058 |
| Other Weekly Offerings | <u>\$ 2,860</u> |
| Total Weekly Offerings | \$ 4,918 |
| Previous December Offerings | \$ 25,546 |
| Total December Offerings | \$ 30,494 |
| 2023 Offerings to Date | \$ 314,169 |

December 31, 2023

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| Attendance Last Week | 93 |
| 2023 Average Attendance | 108 |