

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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BAPTISM OF OUR LORD (A)
JANUARY 8, 2023 • 10:00 A.M.



To Our Members, Guests and Visitors

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

Please contact us if we can be of help in any way.

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Prelude - Dr. Jaeyong Lee

Welcome and Announcements

- Welcome! Whether you are a longtime member or visiting for the first time, you are a gift from God to us. Guests, so that we may all celebrate your presence and give thanks to God for you, please fill out the yellow card on the back of your pew and place it in the offering plate later in the service. May the love of Christ comfort you, and the love of His people encourage you!
- All who are baptized and desire to share in the Body and Blood of our Lord are welcome to receive Communion. We begin communing children in 5th grade and offer a class to prepare them to receive this Sacrament.

Please stand (in body or in spirit)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER” (WOV #690) Vs 1,3&4

Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain:

*Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.*

Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we ev'ry burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown.

Refrain

Soon we'll reach the shining river,
soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace.

Refrain

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. In the name of Jesus 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

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

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Almighty and everlasting God, by the baptism of your beloved Son you manifested your Triune nature and your will to save us. May we remember our own baptism so that we may daily die to sin and walk in newness of life; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Please be seated

The Service Of The Word

FIRST READING ~ ISAIAH 42:1-9

R: ¹Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. ⁵Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶"I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. ⁹Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them."

R: This is the Word of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM 29

R: ¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

C: ²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

R: ³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

C: ⁴**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

R: ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

C: ⁶**He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

R: ⁷The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

C: ⁸**The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.**

R: ⁹And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

C: ¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as King forevermore.**

R: ¹¹The LORD shall give strength to his people; the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

SECOND READING ~ ROMANS 6:1-11

R: ¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

R: This is the Word of the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand (in body or in spirit)

CHILDREN'S SONG / LESSON

"I GOT A HOME IN GLORY LAND" (DO, LORD)

I've got a home in Gloryland	Do Lord, oh do Lord,
That outshines the sun!	Oh do remember me.
I've got a home in Gloryland	Do Lord, oh do Lord,
That outshines the sun!	Oh do remember me.
I've got a home in Gloryland	Do Lord, oh do Lord,
That outshines the sun!	Oh do remember me.
Look away beyond the blue.	Look away beyond the blue.

GOSPEL CANTICLE ~ "ALLELUIA. LORD"

**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 3rd Chapter.

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

MATTHEW 3:13-17

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to You, O Christ.**

Please be seated

SERMON ~ PASTOR MARTIN MOORE

HOMILY FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

HYMN OF THE DAY ~ "BAPTIZED IN WATER" (WOV #693)

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,	One with his rising, freed and forgiven,
Cleansed by the blood of Christ, our king:	Thankfully now God's praise we sing.
Heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,	Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Faithfully now God's praise we sing.	Marked with the sign of Christ, our king:
Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,	Born of the Spirit, we are God's children;
Dead in the tomb with Christ, our king:	Joyfully now God's praise we sing.

Please stand (in body or in spirit)

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**

A LITANY FOR BAPTISM

- P: Called to the water of life in the name of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, you might ask "What is Baptism?"
- C: Baptism is not merely water; it is water used according to God's command and connected with God's Word.**
- P: What is this Word of God?
- C: This Word is the Word of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded in the last chapter of Matthew: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19)**
- P: Is there a promise that comes to us in Baptism?
- C: There are gifts or benefits that Baptism brings. It brings about forgiveness of sins, delivers us from death and the devil, and gives everlasting salvation to all who believe, as the Word and promise of God declare.**
- P: What is this Word and promise of God?
- C: This Word and promise of our Lord Jesus Christ is recorded in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." (Mark 16:16)**
- P: What are the Means of Baptism? How can water do such great things?
- C: It is not the water that does these things, but the Word of God connected with the water and our faith which relies on that Word. For without the Word of God it is simply water and not Baptism.**
- P: What happens when water is connected with God's Word?
- C: When connected with the Word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a gracious water of life and a washing of regeneration in the Holy Spirit. As Saint Paul says to Titus: "He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become**

heirs according to the hope of eternal life. The saying is trustworthy.” (Titus 3:5-8a)

P: What is the daily purpose of Baptism? What does it signify?

C: Baptism signifies that the old Adam in us, together with all sins and evil desires, should be drowned by daily repentance and sorrow for sin, and be put to death, and that the new person should come forth every day and rise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

P: And where is this written?

C: It is written in Romans: “We were buried therefore with him by Baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.” (Romans 6:4)

– Luther’s Small Catechism

Please be seated

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY MUSIC

Please stand for the Offering and the Communion

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. Amen**

POST OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, 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

The Holy Meal

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

We come to the table at the gracious invitation of the Lord, receiving the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of our sins. Adults and children not receiving communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

Please remain standing

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

“O LIVING BREAD FROM HEAVEN” (LBW #197)

O living Bread from heaven,
how well you feed your guest!
The gifts that you have given
have filled my heart with rest.
Oh, wondrous food of blessing,
oh, cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing,
with praises overflows!

My Lord, you here have led me
within your holiest place,
and here yourself have fed me
with treasures of your grace;
for you have freely given
what earth could never buy,
the bread of life from heaven,
that now I shall not die.

You gave me all I wanted;
this food can death destroy.
And you have freely granted
the cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit
the favor you have shown,
and all my soul and spirit
bow down before your throne.

Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened
with heav'nly food, while here
my course on earth is lengthened,
to serve with holy fear.
And when you call my spirit
to leave this world below,
I enter, through your merit,
where joys unmingled flow.

“EL SHADDAI”

Chorus:

*El Shaddai, El Shaddai,
El, El-yon-na Adonai,
Age to age You're still the same,
By the power of the name.
El Shaddai, El Shaddai,
Er-Kam Kana Adonai,
We will praise and lift You high,
El Shaddai.*

Through Your love and through the ram,
You saved the son of Abraham,
Through the power of Your hand
You turned the sea into dry land.
To the outcast on her knees
You were the God who really sees,
And by Your might
You set Your children free
Chorus

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Through the years You made it clear
That the time of Christ was near,
Though the people could not see
What Messiah ought to be
Though Your Word contained the plan

They just could not understand
Your most awesome work was done
In the frailty of Your Son.
Chorus

“I RECEIVED THE LIVING GOD” (WOV #700)

Refrain:

*I received the living God,
and my heart is full of joy.
I received the living God,
and my heart is full of joy.*

Jesus said: I am the bread
kneaded long to give you life;
you who will partake of me
need not ever fear to die.

Refrain

Jesus said: I am the way,
and my Father longs for you;
so I come to bring you home

to be one with us anew.

Refrain

Jesus said: I am the truth;
come and follow close to me.
You will know me in your heart,
and my word shall make you free.

Refrain

Jesus said: I am the life
far from whom no thing can grow,
but receive this living bread,
and my Spirit you shall know.

Refrain

“EAT THIS BREAD” (WOV #709)

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Trust in me and you will not thirst.

Please stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you
in his grace.

C: Amen

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE ~ “NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD”

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. Amen

BENEDICTION ~ (P. 95, 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

CLOSING HYMN ~ "10,000 REASONS"

Chorus:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul.

Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up:

it's a new day dawning,

It's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass,

and whatever lies before me,

Let me be singing

when the evening comes.

Chorus

You're rich in love and You're

slow to anger,

Your name is great,

and Your heart is kind.

For all Your goodness

I will keep on singing;

Ten thousand reasons

for my heart to find.

Chorus

And on that day

when my strength is failing,

The end draws near

and my time has come.

Still my soul will sing

Your praise unending;

Ten thousand years

and then forevermore.

Chorus

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul.

Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name...

I'll worship Your holy name...

I'll worship Your holy name.

DISMISSAL

P: The Lord be with you! Go and serve in Jesus' name.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Second Corinthians: Finding Strength in Weakness."

This class is open to all ages. We have just started this study this morning. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 a.m. next Sunday.

Discover how Paul learned to depend on God's grace. Second Corinthians encourages believers to embrace and follow the way of Jesus. This path of discipleship transforms lives and values generosity, humility, and weakness.

Prime Timers

Prime Timers will be meeting Thursday, January 12th at 11:30 a.m. The plan is to have a Chili Cook Off with all the "fixins". So, bring your favorite chili recipe. And for those that prefer not to cook, we need a few people to bring some condiments such as corn bread, perhaps some chopped onions, jalapenos, sour cream or some shredded cheese. And a few people could bring some desserts to top our meal off.

And after much debate about who has the best chili we will have a game of Andy Griffith Trivia pursuit. You have a generous two weeks to brush up on Andy and Barney. Please come and bring a friend.

Annual Congregational Meeting

We will be holding our annual meeting immediately following our church service on Sunday, January 22nd.

Giving Envelopes Status

I am sorry that the Giving Envelopes have not come in yet. They were ordered in February of last year. They are hoping to have them to us in the next couple of weeks. In the meantime, if you remember your #, please write it in the memo line of your check. If not, it's ok, I will look you up. Thank you - Amanda

Upcoming Events at OSLC (January 9-15)

Monday:	Executive Council Meeting	3:00 p.m.
Tuesday:	Quilters	9:00 a.m.
Wednesday:	Embroiderer's Guild	9:30 a.m.
Thursday:	Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
	Prime Timers	11:30 a.m.
	CODA	6:00 p.m.
Saturday:	Altar Guild Team #2	
	Council Meeting	1:00 p.m.
Sunday:	Adult Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
	Children's Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
	Choir Practice	9:15 a.m.
	Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
	Confirmation Class	4:30 p.m.

Our Worship Servants This Morning:

Greeter:	Becky Chambers
Acolyte:	Jonah Rhodes
Ushers:	Cliff & Sally Dengerud
Reader:	Bailey Storkson
Communion Assistants:	Carmen Nazario, Amy Norris, & Courtney Henriksen
Projectionist:	Toby Fite

Stewardship

January 1, 2023

Average Monthly Expenses: \$ 23,740
Offerings on January 1st: \$ 5,467
2023 Offerings to Date: \$ 5,467

Attendance Last Week 90
2023 Average Attendance 90

Household Baptisms in the New Testament:

- The Household of Cornelius, Acts 11:13–14: “Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon whose surname is Peter, who will tell you words by which you and all your household will be saved.”
- The Household of Lydia, Acts 16:15: “And when she and her household were baptized, she begged us, saying, ‘If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.’”
- The Philippian Jailer’s Household, Acts 16:33: “And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized.”
- The Household of Crispus, Acts 18:8: “Then Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his household. And many of the Corinthians, hearing, believed and were baptized.”
- The Household of Stephanas, 1 Corinthians 1:16: “Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas.”

Testimony of the Post-Apostolic Church and the Reformation

“The Church received from the apostles the tradition of giving baptism even to infants.” (Origen, *Commentary on Romans* 5:19 [A.D. 248])

“[Laying] his hand on them, [the Bishop] will exorcise every foreign spirit.... At the hour in which the cock crows, they shall first pray over the water . . . the little ones shall be baptized first. All of the children who can answer for themselves, let them answer. If there are any children who cannot answer for themselves, let their parents answer for them, or someone else from their family. After this, the men will be baptized; and last the women.” (Hippolytus, *Apostolic Tradition*, 20.8; 21.1-5 [A.D. 205])

“The custom of Mother Church in baptizing infants is certainly not to be scorned, nor is it to be regarded in any way as superfluous, nor is it to be believed that its tradition is anything except apostolic.” (Augustine, *The Literal Interpretation of Genesis* 10:23:39 [A.D. 408])

Now, since God confirms Baptism by the gifts of His Holy Spirit as is plainly perceptible in some of the church fathers, as St. Bernard, Gerson, John Hus, and others, who were baptized in infancy, and since the holy Christian Church cannot perish until the end of the world, they must acknowledge that such infant baptism is pleasing to God. For He can never be opposed to Himself, or support falsehood and wickedness, or for its promotion impart His grace and Spirit. This is indeed the best and strongest proof for the simple-minded and unlearned. For they shall not take from us or overthrow this article: I believe a holy Christian Church, the communion of saints.” (Martin Luther, *Large Catechism*)