

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship

February 1, 2026

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



WELCOME



ELCA

Your presence builds up the body of Christ. We welcome and affirm God's diversity, including all ethnicities, cultures, races, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, abilities, ages, and life experiences. You are invited to full participation in

our congregation because of who you are. We lament and confess how the Christian Church has withheld Christ's love by misusing the power of institution. We commit to advocating for God's justice and mercy for all of creation, including humans. We commit to anti-racism and other ways of ending systems that cause harm. Christ is our peace and breaks down the walls that divide us. Our communion table is Christ's table. You and all people are welcome without exception.



RECONCILING IN CHRIST

Newcomers and Visitors + Newcomers and Visitors + We're glad you're here. Please fill out the green slip in the pew rack and place in the offering plate. You're welcome to share in Holy Communion. Families - we have a small play area up front.

Nametags + Nametags help us get to know and remember each other. Please let the ushers know if you need one made for you.

Expansive Language + As Lutherans, we teach that "God calls all creation into being and gives people language as a way of responding to God and forming community" (Principles for Worship, Principle L-1). In worship at Our Saviour's, we seek to use expansive language for God and people, sometimes changing or offering alternatives to the printed text.

Current Liturgy Music + liturgy is the flow of our worship service - working together as people to praise God. Our current liturgy is from All Creation Sings, Setting 12, and Sundays and Seasons.

Prayer Requests; Our Saviour's Community: Family and Friends of Isobel Barnhill; Mary Wildner-Bassett (daughter's health diagnosis); Patty Sirls (death of dear friend); Paul Stum (at home care); Corky Ronstadt (at-home care), Mary Neff (hospice care), Schatzi Taylor (in a rehabilitation center following a fall and diagnosis), and those at home and in care facilities.

Our Extended Friends & Family: Sarah and family (great niece of Donna Lounsbury); David (friend of Pat Alvord); Shawn (friend of David Lester); Becky (Daughter of Mary Wildner-Bassett) Frenchie (Friend of Judy and John Indermark); Lia (granddaughter of Angie Grandison), Beverly (Mother of Hildi Williams), David (Son of Geoff and Suzy Swann); Jeanne (Cousin of Alan Bales); Barbara (sister-in-law of Kenith Ijams); Peggy (sister of Bonnie Phelps); Josh, Melissa, Mary Ann, and Libby (friends of Chris and Theda Doak); Megan (niece of Chris and Theda Doak); Sandy and Doug, Sally, Ashley, and Kamri (friends of Kathy DeVinney); Grant and Shirley (brother and sister-in-law of Theda Doak; John (son of Martha Neff Stum and Paul Stum); Sam; Eleanor (mother-in-law of Kris Sanchez; Daniel (neighbor's son of Gloria Schmidt); Rich (cousin- in-law of Jennifer Strand) Misty (friend of Schatzi Taylor)Will (nephew of Chris and Theda Doak); Leaticia, Azogan, Meivis, Sidibe, Bintou, Zinsou, and Mabel (friends of Rachel Starner); Pat (friend of Suzanne Hesh).

Names will generally remain on the list for three weeks, unless requested for renewal. Please contact the church office for corrections, updates, and additions.

OVERVIEW OF TODAY’S SCRIPTURE:

The readings for this fourth Sunday in Epiphany bring powerful messages for shaping faithful life and community. Micah imagines God and Israel in a courtroom setting. The “judgment” rendered is one of the Bible’s most vivid summaries of what God seeks in our living. The psalm links holy worship and holy living. Paul reminds the church that the cross of Jesus overturns our norms about what is wise and what is foolish in God’s sight. In Matthew, the list of those blessed by God surprises, humbles, and challenges customary views of a “blessed life.”



Today’s Sunday Forum: Mission Plan Review & Meet Our Council Nominees

February 8 Sunday Forum: Annual Congregational Meeting - directly following the service.

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*An asterisk indicates the congregation should stand in body and/or spirit.
Congregation's speaking and singing parts are in bold font.

WELCOME

PRELUDE *Simple Gifts* arranged by Carl Wiltse

Bell Choir

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
the Word who spoke life into being,
the Wind stirring the waters.

Amen.

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty God, lover of justice,
you call us to life in community,
but we have served our own interests
at the expense of our neighbors.
We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.
We say the right words,
but our hearts are far from you.
Turn us to seek your face.
Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,
that we may do justice, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.

The former things have passed away,
and new things God now declares:
Like a spring of water that never fails,
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,
and forgives your sin in ☩ Jesus' name.
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,
and bless you with the gift of peace.
Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN - Glory to You, God**



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

***GREETING**

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

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

FIRST READING

Our Old Testament reading is from the book of Micah

This scene in Micah is narrated as a courtroom drama. A case comes before a jury whose members are the foundations of the earth. The prosecutor is God, the defendant is Israel. The prosecutor asks in the opening statement: "what have I done to you," and then recites God's gracious actions toward the defendant. Israel responds, not with a claim of innocence but a "plea bargain:" "what am I supposed to do; what do You want?" Then, in one of the Bible's most enduring verses, the prophet gives them, and us, the gist of what God seeks in faithful living.

Micah 6:1-8

- ¹ Hear what the Lord says:
Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.
- ² Hear, you mountains, the case of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the Lord has a case against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.
- ³ "O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!
- ⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.
- ⁵ O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord."
- ⁶ "With what shall I come before the Lord
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
- ⁷ Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"
- ⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

PSALM 15

¹ Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

² **Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;**

³ they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

⁴ **In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the Lord.
They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

⁵ **They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the
innocent.**

Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

SECOND READING

Our New Testament reading is from Paul's first letter to the church at Corinth.

The previous verses in Corinthians called out divisions within that church. Paul closed by appealing to the message of the cross. But what does that message mean when it comes to how the Christian community is to understand itself? In this reading, God turns wisdom and foolishness upside down in the light of Jesus' cross, and for those who would follow its way.

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸ The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶ Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, ²⁹ so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

*GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 5:1-12

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The Gospel of Jesus Christ. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #705 God of Grace and God of Glory

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*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

...God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

...Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

*EXCHANGE OF PEACE

OFFERING *Toccata in A Minor* - Mary G McCleary

Bell Choir

*OFFERING PRAYER

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 right, our duty and our joy... ..we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY HOLY HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

This congregation tends to use the traditional form of the Lord's Prayer. You are welcome to pray using other versions, words, or languages that may be more familiar to you. You are also encouraged to address God in a way that most opens your heart to relationship with God (Creator, Father and Mother, Abba, Our Only Home are a few options). Jesus taught this form of prayer to the disciples to encourage sincere and meaningful conversation with God.

COMMUNION

Come to this Table of mercy. Become what you receive.

This is Christ's table. You and all are welcome, without exception. If you prefer a blessing only, cross your arms over your heart. Gluten-free wafers available by request. The wine is red; the grape juice is clear. Please let an usher know if you would like communion brought to your pew.

COMMUNION HYMNS Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

ELW #814 Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

ELW #715 Christ, Be Our Light

SENDING PRAYER

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

***SENDING HYMN** ELW #669 Rise Up, O Saints of God!

Turn to follow the cross as it passes and leads us to love and service in the world.

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*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God!

Lent with Our Saviour's and Lutheran Campus Ministry

Daytime services are led by Our Saviour's; Evening services led by LCM. All are invited to attend either – or both.

Ash Wednesday, February 18 - 12:00 PM & 6:15 PM – Service in Koch Chapel

Wednesdays, February 25 – March 25 - 12:00 PM - Service

Wednesdays, February 25 – March 25 - 6:15 PM – Service with communion, followed by dinner

UPCOMING

Monday, February 23 9:30 AM - Lutheran Day at the Legislature, Arizona Capitol, Wesley Bolin Plaza

God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969
 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

Rise Up, O Saints of God!

1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;
 3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;

Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
 as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
 re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
 stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
 and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

Text: Norman O. Forness, b. 1936

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

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THOSE SERVING TODAY

2/1/2026

Presiding Minister Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister Linda Zizka
Communion Assistants Bonnie Phelps, Patty Sirls, Wendi Van Beek
Acolyte Bonnie Phelps
Keyboard Betsy Dunlap
Cantor Aysen Millioğullari
Music Bell Choir
Usher Mary and Asher Havenhill
Greeter Gloria Schmidt
Cross Bearer Asher Havenhill
Coffee Host Catalina Rankin
Treats Mary Havenhill
Tech Team Pflibsen/Bustamante
Scripture Background John Indermark

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY

2/8/2026

Presiding Minister Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister Bill DeVinney
Communion Assistants Mary Pflibsen, Patty Sirls, Wendi Van Beek
Acolyte Mary Pflibsen
Keyboard Betsy Dunlap
Cantor Joy Bulawa
Music Chancel Choir
Usher Ann DeVinney, Angie Grandison
Greeter Donna Lounsbury, Daphne Myers
Cross Bearer Mary Pflibsen
Coffee Host Fred and Donna Hudson
Treats Mary Havenhill
Tech Team Pflibsen/Bustamante
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9:00 - Sanctuary
Coffee following

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Online Offering

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