

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship

January 25, 2026

Third 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 (hospitalization); Scott Koenig (death of grandfather); Rankin Family (death of Mike's mother); Delaossa Family (death of Lisa's mother); 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.

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OVERVIEW OF TODAY’S SCRIPTURE:

The lections for this third Sunday in the season of Epiphany explore what it means to follow God who comes to us in Word and Presence and Call. To a people facing uncertainty and threat, Isaiah bids the trusting of God’s promised light. The psalmist sings praise and confidence in God who has brought deliverance. In the midst of church divisions, Paul appeals to the unifying message of the cross and its power. Matthew narrates the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry. Disciples are called; and the Gospel comes to light in acts of teaching, preaching, and healing.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, January 31, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Help create the second phase of our rain garden. At Our Saviour's.

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



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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 *My Lord what a Morning*

Bill DeVinney

*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 Isaiah.

The Church often hears these words of Isaiah solely in the context of a later verse's promise of "unto us a child is born." But the text is more complicated. In the Hebrew Bible, verse 1 in our reading is the concluding verse of chapter 8. There it is directly linked to an alarming vision of darkness that has descended upon Israel. The very promise of "unto us a child is born" is given to a king whose fear led him to rely more on military alliances than trust in God. Our passage's promise of light is not a foregone conclusion, then or now. Opening to light is a radical act of trust in God when all around seems cloaked in shadows.

Isaiah 9:1-4

¹ There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the Lord] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

³ You have multiplied exultation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴ For the yoke of their burden
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

PSALM 27:1, 4-9

¹ The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

⁴ **One thing I ask of the Lord; one thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek God in the temple.**

⁵ For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

⁶ **Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the Lord.**

⁷ Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.

⁸ **My heart speaks your message “Seek my face.”
Your face, O Lord, I will seek.**

⁹ **Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.
Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.**

SECOND READING

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

Concerns over church unity have troubled the Church from the beginning. Several years after leaving the church he founded in Corinth, Paul writes to address their conflicted community. The divisions in our reading are groupings based on “celebrity.” Paul will later address divisions at the communion table. Those issues will center on practical spinoffs of members divided by wealth and poverty. But here at the outset, Paul lays out the overall basis for church unity. It is the message of the cross.

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

¹⁰ Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹ For it has been made clear to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹² What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” ¹³ Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸ For 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.

*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 4:12-23

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—

¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death

light has dawned."

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. ¹⁹ And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them.

²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³ Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #798 Will You Come and Follow Me

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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 *Steal Away*

Bill DeVinney

*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 #866 We Are Marching in the Light

ELW #482 I Come with Joy

SENDING PRAYER

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

***SENDING HYMN** ELW #661 I Love to Tell the Story

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. Do justice. 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

Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call

your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low

know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as -
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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I Love to Tell the Story

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst-ing to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long-ings as noth - ing else would do.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

1/25/26

Presiding Minister Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister Hildi Williams
Communion Assistants Mary Pflibsen, Patty Sirls, Wendi Van Beek
Acolyte Jennifer Strand
Keyboard Marie Sierra
Cantor Bill DeVinney
Music Bill DeVinney
Usher Kathy DeVinney, Jennifer Strand
Greeter Sophia Rankin
Cross Bearer Mary Pflibsen
Coffee Host Catalina Rankin
Treats Mary Lou Forier, Jack Wahl
Tech Team Pflibsen/Bustamante
Scripture Background John Indermark

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY

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 Asher Havenhill, Kent Pflibsen
Greeter Mary and Asher Havenhill
Cross Bearer Gloria Schmidt
Coffee Host Asher Havenhill
Treats Mary Havenhill
Tech Team Pflibsen/Bustamante
Scripture Background John Indermark

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9:00 - Sanctuary
Coffee following

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Monday - Thursday
8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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Online Offering

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