



Sunday, January 14, 2024  
The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Day Remembrance

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, ELCA  
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***"Our mission is to make the love of Christ known  
to all as we worship, serve and grow together."***

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All are welcome in this church! The Good News of God's grace  
is for all, regardless of age, abilities, physical & mental health,  
race, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression,  
education, income or strength of faith. There is nothing we do,  
have done or will do that can separate us from the love of God.  
God makes no exceptions, nor do we. Come join us in praise,  
prayer and the work of our Lord, including ongoing work  
for racial equity in our Church and in the world.

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**Welcome, visitors! We're glad you are here!** We hope your time with us is a blessing, and that you will come back soon.

**We would like to be in touch with you! Visitors**—please use the Live Stream Attendance Info Form ([www.allarewelcome.org](http://www.allarewelcome.org) under the Live Stream tab) today. **Members**—you only need to fill them out once a year when you receive Holy Communion. **In addition**, use the form for prayer requests, hymn requests, to get the monthly newsletter, to give us address changes, or for any communication with the office or pastor.

**Fellowship time** is offered after worship, we hope you will join us.

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## PRELUDE

*Take My Life and Let It Be*

Frances R. Havergal and Henri A. C. Malan

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✝ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation,  
come to the help of your people,  
turning us from our sin to live for you alone.  
Give us the power of your Holy Spirit  
that we may confess our sin,  
receive your forgiveness,  
and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

**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.**

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.

**Amen.**

## Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand

*Refrain*



Kwa - ke    Ye - su    na - si - ma - ma,    ndi - ye  
Here on    Je - sus    Christ    I will    stand.    He's the



mwam - ba ni    sa - la - ma.    Ndi - ye    mwam - ba ni    sa - la -  
sol - id rock    of my    life.    He's the    sol - id rock    of my



ma,    ndi - ye    mwam - ba ni    sa - la - ma.  
life.    He's the    sol - id rock    of my    life.



1 There's no oth - er place I can hide till the  
2 It is not the work of my hands that has  
3 When my days on this earth are done, and I



storm that rag - es sub - sides. My voice cries to God from the  
washed a - way all my sins. I'm re - deemed, and all of my  
stand at God's ho - ly throne, my heart will not have an - y



*Refrain*

flood, and I'm saved be - cause of his blood.  
days, Je - sus Christ will be my heart's praise.  
fear; in Christ's righ - teous - ness I am here.

Text: Kenyan hymn; adapt. Greg Scheer, b. 1966

Music: KWAKE YESU NASIMAMA, Kenyan melody; adapt. Greg Scheer

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## GREETING

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

**And also with you.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

**ACS #1089**

### Holy, Holy, Holy *Santo, santo, santo*

San - to, san - to, san - to, oh Dios del u - ni - ver - so:  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of might and mer - cy,

... lle-nos es-tán el cie - lo y la tie - rra de tu glo - ria.  
your glo - ry fills all heav-en and earth. ... You are ho - ly, God.

Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en nom - bre del Se - ñor. ...  
... Bless - ed be the Sav - ior, the one who comes in your name.

Ho - san - na en el cie - lo. San - to e - res, oh Dios.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. You are ho - ly, God.

Text: Traditional; English text, hymnal version  
Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional  
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## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God of faithfulness,  
you bless those who are persecuted.  
Strengthen those who have suffered  
or are suffering for the sake of conscience.  
When they are accused,  
save them from speaking in hate;  
when they are rejected,  
save them from bitterness;  
when they are imprisoned,  
save them from despair.  
Give us grace to respect their witness  
and to discern the truth,  
that our society may be  
cleansed and strengthened;  
for the sake of our merciful  
and righteous judge,  
Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **GOSPEL: Mark 8:34-38**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Humanity will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Joanne Richmond



## Build a Longer Table



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,  
 2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;  
 3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.  
 4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.  
 where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.  
 Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.  
 Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,  
 For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,  
 When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,  
 So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.  
 Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.  
 Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.  
 None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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## **APOSTLES CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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**

*(Response to each petition is Let Not the Needy Be Forgotten, ACS #1058)*

As we celebrate Christ  
embodied in human form,  
we pray for God's blessing  
on the church, the world,  
and all of creation.

Encourage the ministry and mission  
of the church, God of truth.  
Let the leaders of your church  
be trustworthy and accountable servants,  
that all our resources and outreach  
bring hope and healing.

Delight in the goodness of your creation, God.  
Heal areas of the world harmed by human greed.  
Restore those recovering from natural disaster.  
Protect our forests and waterways  
and all the creatures that live in them.

God of grace, hear us as we sing:

## Let Not the Needy Be Forgotten

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first system covers the first two lines of the lyrics. The second system covers the next two lines. The melody is primarily in the soprano part, with the bass part providing harmonic support. The lyrics are: 'Let not the need-y be for - got - ten. And let not the hope of the poor be stripped a - way.' The score includes a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The first system ends with a double bar line. The second system also ends with a double bar line.

Let not the need - y be for - got - ten. And let not the hope of the

poor be stripped a - way.

Text: Bret Hesla, b. 1957

Music: SANCTUARIES BLOOM, Bret Hesla; arr. Tom Witt, b. 1957

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Call the leaders of every neighborhood  
and nation to serve faithfully, God.

As the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King saw  
and spoke, give us visions of justice and unity.

Lead our leaders, and us, to action  
that promotes equitable partnership  
and uplifts those on the margins of society.

Hold in your care any  
who suffer and struggle, God.

You who know our inner hearts,  
be present with any who are oppressed,  
victims of racism or cultural bias,  
and all who long for respite or restoration.

God of grace, hear us as we sing:

## Let Not the Needy Be Forgotten

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is primarily in the Soprano part, with the Bass part providing harmonic support. The lyrics are: "Let not the need - y be for - got - ten. And let not the hope of the poor be stripped a - way." The score consists of two systems. The first system covers the first line of the lyrics, and the second system covers the second line. The music features a mix of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The key signature is G major, and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

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Give this congregation a sense  
of anticipation and excitement,  
inspiring and empowering us  
to do your work in the world, God.  
Make us faithful as we build communities  
of inclusion and mutual care.

Trusting God who raised Jesus  
and will also raise us in spirit and truth,  
we remember all who have died  
and are at peace among the saints,  
especially the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.  
whose faithful advocacy for peace  
and justice continues to embolden us.

God of grace, hear us as we sing:

## Let Not the Needy Be Forgotten

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first system covers the lyrics 'Let not the need-y be for - got - ten. And let not the hope of the'. The second system covers 'poor be stripped a - way.' and ends with a double bar line. The melody is primarily composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some half notes and rests. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics are placed below the corresponding vocal lines.

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Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **NOISY OFFERING**

## **DIALOGUE**

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.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars;  
beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

**We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness:  
through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness;  
out of exile; into the future.

**We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son:  
at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;  
beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

**We thank you, O God.**

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.

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.

Remembering his love for us on the way,  
at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:  
in our gathering; within this meal;  
among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God,  
through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **COMMUNION**

*You may come forward for communion using the center aisle. After receiving bread from Pastor, please take an empty glass from the small table. If you prefer grape juice, take a full glass. Proceed to the person with the pouring chalice. After receiving your wine/blessing, place your empty glass in the basket you will see as you walk toward the side aisle.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Giver of every gift,  
Christ's body is our food,  
and we are Christ's body.  
Raise us to life  
by your power  
for the benefit of all  
and to your glory,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**Amen.**

## Guide My Feet



1 Guide my feet  
 2 Hold my hand  
 3 Stand by me while I run this race.  
 4 I'm your child  
 5 Search my heart



Guide my feet  
 Hold my hand  
 Stand by me while I run this race.  
 I'm your child  
 Search my heart



Guide my feet  
 Hold my hand  
 Stand by me while I run this race,  
 I'm your child  
 Search my heart



for I don't want to run this race in vain.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: GUIDE MY FEET, African American spiritual

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*The Stand*

Joel Houston

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### **+FOR OUR WORSHIP TODAY+**

**Presiding Minister:** Pastor Joanne Richmond

**AV Team:** Gary and Deb Wold

**Communion Assistant:** Lois Losby

**Pianist:** Dr. Eddie Kim

**Prayer Reader:** Lois Losby

## **TODAY! MOO-MOO'S PRAYER CLUB**

**Sunday, January 14, 2024, 10:15am—Sanctuary**

All ages are welcome (especially infants, toddlers, and elementary-age school children) to come join us to discover the many different ways people can praise and serve God! A short video will be shown with a small snack and followed by an activity and/or discussion.

## **NEXT SUNDAY! MARDI GRAS OSLC STYLE!**

**Sunday, January 21, 2024, 10:15am—Fellowship Hall**

The fun begins after worship, with New Orleans style food and music. This is a chance for our whole church family to get together before we prepare for Lent. Proceeds go to those attending the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this summer. Join us for this fun fellowship event!

## **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**Sunday, January 28, 2024, 10:15am—Fellowship Hall**

Come hear leadership reports, discuss the ministry of Our Savior's, and vote funding the 2024 budget and the ballot of individuals to serve on the church council for 2024.

## **DINNER AND MOVIE NIGHT**

**Friday, January 26, 5 – 7pm – Fellowship Hall**

Join us for a family movie night (all ages and stages welcome) that is fun for everyone! Dinner and snacks will be provided. For more information, please call/text Jessica at 608.738.1016.



# OUR SAVIORS THIS WEEK

POST ON A FRIG, NEAR A PHONE, ON AN ALTAR AND ANY OTHER SACRED PLACE

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, January 14, 2023

**9:30am** Worship/HC  
**10:15am** Prayer Club  
**6:30pm** Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.

### Monday

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day**  
**Church Office Closed**

### Tuesday

**9am-1pm** Office Open  
**1—5pm** WCC open  
**4pm** CFS—Doors Open  
**4:30-5:30pm** Meal Served

### Wednesday

**9am-1pm** Office Open  
**12 noon** Worship/HC  
**1pm** Art & Faith  
**6pm** Council mtg.

### Thursday

**9am-1pm** Office Open

### Friday

**Office Closed**  
**Pastor's Sabbath**

### Saturday

**9 am—1pm** WCC open

### Sunday, January 21, 2023

**9:30am** Worship/HC  
**10:15am** Mardi Gras  
**6:30pm** Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.

#### Calendar Notations:

HC—Holy Communion  
 CF—Coffee Fellowship  
 CFS—Come For Supper  
 WCC—Women's Clothes Closet

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### HEALING AND PEACE

**Alison** Geier, **Ardelle** Ender, **Athena** Burg, **Barb** Dolato, **Barry** N., **Bev** Hanson, **Carol** Kant,, **Connie** Garson, **Casey** Kanter, **Cheryl** Zoerb, **Chuck** Miller, **Cindy** Moe, **Dale** Duresky, **Dan** Odenbach, **Danielle** Sorenson, **Eric** Mihalovic, **Erik** Rudrud, **Eugene** Herold, **Gabe** Centanni, **Jane** Speer, **Jean** Koll, **Jeannie** White, Jennifer Beck-Hicks **Jessie**, **John** A., **Joyce** Gosman, **Juliana** A., **Karen** Geoglein, **Kilian** Crary, **Lane** C., **Lloyd** Clark, **Lois** Horne, **Louis** Herlitzke, **Margaret** Namejunas, **Mary** Covey, **Patti** Hanson, **Rachel** Muehlenkamp, **Rich** Pitz, **Robert** Onsrud, **Rose** Sabotta, **Roxanne** North, **Rudy** Nedvidek, **Sally** Vaaler, **Sonja** Simonson-Schrag, and **Tom** Cade

### GRIEVING FAMILY & FRIENDS OF

**Byron** Blackmore and **Joanne** Allemand

### MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN ARMED FORCES

**Gabriel** W. Kleven, **Greg** Phillips, **Ricky** Macon and **Stacie** Phillips

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

<b>Britney</b> Oliver	January 7
<b>Mariah</b> Wold	January 7
<b>Carol</b> Poole	January 8
<b>Patti</b> Hanson	January 11