



Sunday, January 21, 2024  
Third Sunday after Epiphany

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.

If you need **hearing assistance**, ask in the church office for our special devices. If you need **assistance with the live stream**, please call 608.782.3468 or join us on the phone live stream at 1.877.552.3468 (toll-free).

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## PRELUDE

## 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.**

# 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.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911

Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

## 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.**

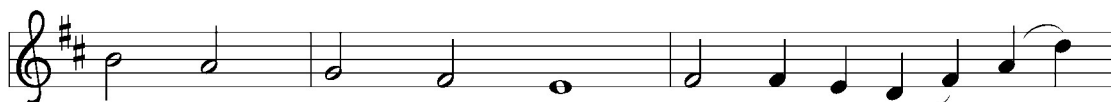
## HYMN OF PRAISE

**ELW #848**

### Give to Our God Immortal Praise!



1 Give to our God im - mor - tal praise! Mer - cy and  
2 He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and  
3 Give to the Lord of lords re - nown; the King of



truth are all his ways. Won - ders of grace to  
dark - ness and the grave. Won - ders of grace to  
kings with glo - ry crown. His mer - cies ev - er



God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.  
God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.  
shall en - dure when lords and kings are known no more!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, by grace alone you  
call us and accept us in your service.

Strengthen us by your Spirit,  
and make us worthy of your call,  
through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

<sup>29</sup>Friends , the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, <sup>30</sup>and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, <sup>31</sup>and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

<sup>16</sup>As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

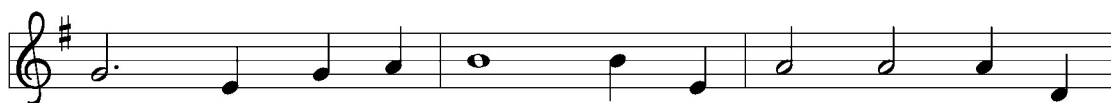
Pastor Joanne Richmond



## Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our  
 2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the  
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
 5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice  
 Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and  
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
 may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me:"  
 kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.  
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
 be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895

Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

## **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 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying, ELW #752)*

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

God our rock and deliverance, do not let your church be shaken. We trust you never abandon your promises to the most vulnerable among us. Give your church wisdom and empathy in its varied ministries.

God our hope and refuge, guide our care of oceans and all creatures that live in them. Hold us accountable for actions that endanger water sources and the people who depend on them.

God of grace, hear us as we sing:

### Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying



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God who proclaims judgement and offers mercy, be a model to the leaders of our nation and the world. As they lead, may they follow in your way of justice and truth.

God who cares for the suffering, care for survivors of assault and sexual abuse and sustain all who minister to them. Keep safe any who live under threat of violence, those living in poverty, and any among us who are ill or in pain.

God of grace, hear us as we sing:

### Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

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God of resurrection and new life, as the first disciples shared the good news, empower us and this faith community to be open to your call. When we are uncertain of desires, assure us. When we have strayed from your ways, redirect us.

God who holds the saints against your tender bosom, we trust you welcome them into your care. Comfort those who grieve, even as we place our hope in your salvation.

God of grace, hear us as we sing:

### Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

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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 FOR THE EMERGENCY FUND**

### **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**

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.**

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.**

## O Jesus, I Have Promised



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;  
 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.  
 3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still  
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.  
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt-ing sounds I hear.  
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.  
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,  
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.  
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.  
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard-ian of my soul.  
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

Text: John E. Bode, 1816–1874, alt.

Music: MUNICH, *Neuermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

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

**Presiding Minister:** Pastor Joanne Richmond

**AV Team:** Gary Wold and Ashe Zinniel

**Communion Assistant:** Kim Grapes and Deb Wollin

**Guitarist:** Colin Stiemke

**Reader/Prayer Reader:** Jeanne Johnson

## **TODAY! 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!

**END OF YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** are available in the Narthex.

Please take yours home with you today to help us save on the cost of postage to mail them.

## **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. **Annual reports are available in the Narthex.** Please take a copy home (and bring back for the annual meeting) so you can look it over before the meeting.

## **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.

## **ASH WEDNESDAY & LENT MEALS**

Wednesday evenings during Ash Wednesday and Lent we will gather for a light supper at 5:30—6:15pm followed by worship at 6:30pm in the sanctuary. We are looking for individuals, families, and/or church groups to sign up to provide meals. Look for the sign up on the bulletin board next to the church office or talk with Pastor Joanne or Lois Losby, Worship & Music Board Chair.

## **2024 LUTEFISK AND MEATBALL DINNER**

**Saturday, February 17, 2024, 3-7pm – Fellowship Hall**

Mark your calendars and save the date!

**Tickets go on sale starting Sunday, January 28, 2024.**

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

It has been said that many hands make light work, but in this case, many hands make for a lot of fun! And it really is a fun time to get together with all of our church family and deliver what is widely recognized as one of the BEST Lutefisk dinners in town.

Volunteer sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board next to the church office to help during the dinner and or provide needed supplies and desserts. Sign up early to get your favorite job. As an added bonus, volunteers sit down and eat together after the meal! Youth volunteers can get volunteer hour credit for helping out too!

If you are interested in helping at the dinner or providing homemade baked goods please contact Jessica Zinniel (608.738.1016, call/text or [youthfamily@oursaviorslutheranchurch.net](mailto:youthfamily@oursaviorslutheranchurch.net)) and sign up today! Thank you in advance for your consideration.

## **CHOCOLATE SUNDAY**

**Sunday, February 11, 2024, 10:15am – Fellowship Hall**

Come experience pure chocolate bliss and enjoy a morning of scrumptious confections and decadent desserts by bringing a chocolate treat to share.

***It's also a great Sunday to invite a friend to worship!***

## **JOIN A ZOOM CLASS!**

Synod School of Theology presents:

### ***Becoming a Better Listener***

Jan. 18 & 25 and Feb. 1 & 8, 5:30—6:50pm

Presenter: Pastor Nile Sandeen

Dynamics of preaching for non-preachers. What should be the listener's criteria for a good sermon? This course explores preaching not for the purpose of learning to preach but for the vocation of listening. It aims to help the student understand the dynamics of preaching to empower the congregant in partnering with the preacher to make a more effective sermon.

### ***What the Hell?***

Jan. 18 & 25 and Feb. 1 & 8, 7—8pm

Presenter: Pastor Libby Howe

An exploration of hell, what it is and isn't and how it is talked about in the Bible. The spectrum of how Lutherans think about it. Historical literacy and religious thought that informs our contemporary conceptions of it. And its social function related to the human need for justice for unrighted wrongs and unhealed wounds.

Cost: \$35 for one class / \$60 for both classes

Both classes are filling up... you can register too! Contact Sara in the synod office at 608.788.5000 to save your spot.

More info: [www.LaCrosseAreaSynod.org/school-of-theology](http://www.LaCrosseAreaSynod.org/school-of-theology)

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

**Dinner & Movie Night**, Friday, January 26, 5—7pm

**Annual Meeting**, Sunday, January 28, 2024, 10:15am

**Chinese New Year Potluck**, Sunday, February 4, 2024, 10:15am

**Chocolate Sunday**, February 11, 2024, 10:15am

**Ash Wednesday**, February 14, 2024, 12 noon and 6:30pm

**OSLC Cook-Off**, February 14, 2024, 5:30pm

# OUR SAVIORS THIS WEEK

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

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, January 21, 2023

**9:30am** Worship/HC  
**10:15am** Mardi Gras  
**11:15am** Choir Rehearsal  
**6:30pm** Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.

### Monday

**9am-1pm** Office Open  
**10am** Chuck Miller Visitation  
**11am** Funeral lunch following

### Tuesday

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

### Wednesday

**9am-1pm** Office Open  
**9am** Staff meeting  
**12 noon** Worship/HC

### Thursday

**9am-1pm** Office Open

### Friday

**Office Closed**

### **Pastor's Sabbath**

**5-7pm** Dinner & Movie

### Saturday

**9 am-1pm** WCC open

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#### **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

**Pastor Chuck** Miller, **Byron** Blackmore, and **Joanne** Allemand

### MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN ARMED FORCES

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

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Alivia Grover	January 21
Kae Deal	January 23
Carol Rhode	January 24
Erik Rudrud	January 24
Diane Olson	January 26
Eleanor Richards	January 26
Ben Carlson	January 27