

Our Saviour Lutheran Church

"Making disciples and growing in grace"

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February 2, 2025

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude

Rise and Shine

Davis, Soccorsi, and Wong

Verse 1

Arise

There's a new day upon us
So come out of the darkness
Stand in the morning light

Take heart

There's a new wind that's blowing
Heaven's gates are wide open
It's time to lift your eyes
Oh it's time to lift your eyes

Chorus

Rise and shine
For the light the light has come
Jesus Christ
Come behold the Risen Son
Hold on to hope
Shake off your fear
Sing like you know
Freedom is here
Rise and shine
For the light the light has come

Oh the light has come
Oh (the light has come)

Verse 2

Wake up

It's the dawn of revival
Calling saints and disciples
Into the promised land

Sing praise

Let it rise from your spirit
So the whole world can hear it
Lift up His Holy Name *Chorus*

Oh the light has come

Oh (the light has come)

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Please stand

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
our creator, our protector, our
wellspring of life.

Amen.

Trusting that God receives our words
and the meditations of our hearts, let us
confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

**you speak blessing and compassion
into the world.**

**Forgive us for the ways we act
with judgment, cruelty, or
indifference.**

**We ignore the needs of our neighbors;
we resist your call to oppose injustice;
we give in to scarcity and fear;
we assume the worst about one another.
Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp.
Show us your loving kindness.
Restore our hearts and repair your world,
that we may live in Christ's ways.
Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance:
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name. You are mine."

In ✠ Christ, you are forgiven.
In the Spirit, you are made free.
Refreshed by the waters of mercy,
live anew as beloved children of God.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn ELW 705
God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your pow'r;
crown your ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage

for the living of these days,
for the living of these days,

3 Cure your children's warring
madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

4 Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.

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Prayer of the Day

**Almighty and ever-living God,
increase in us the gifts of faith,
hope, and love; and that we may
obtain what you promise, make
us love what you command,
through your Son, Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

First Reading:

Jeremiah 1:4-10 (pb 688)

¹ Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,

⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." ⁶ Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." ⁷ But the

Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. ⁸ Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord."

⁹ Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰ See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 71:1-6 (pb-524)

¹ In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame.

² **In your righteousness, deliver me
and set me free;
incline your ear to me and save
me.**

³ Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me
safe;

you are my crag and my stronghold.

⁴ **Deliver me, my God, from the hand
of the wicked,
from the clutches of the evildoer
and the oppressor.**

⁵ For you are my hope, O Lord God,
my confidence since I was young.

⁶ **I have been sustained by you ever
since I was born; from my mother's
womb you have been my strength;
my praise shall be always of you.**

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (pb-1317)

¹ If I speak in the tongues of mortals
and of angels, but do not have love, I
am a noisy gong or a clanging

cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic
powers, and understand all
mysteries and all knowledge, and if I
have all faith, so as to remove
mountains, but do not have love, I
am nothing. ³ If I give away all my
possessions, and if I hand over my
body so that I may boast, but do not
have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love
is not envious or boastful or
arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist
on its own way; it is not irritable or
resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice in
wrongdoing, but rejoices in the
truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes
all things, hopes all things, endures
all things.

⁸ Love never ends. But as for
prophecies, they will come to an
end; as for tongues, they will cease;
as for knowledge, it will come to an
end. ⁹ For we know only in part, and
we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰ but
when the complete comes, the
partial will come to an end. ¹¹ When
I was a child, I spoke like a child, I
thought like a child, I reasoned like a
child; when I became an adult, I put
an end to childish ways. ¹² For now
we see in a mirror, dimly, but then
we will see face to face. Now I know
only in part; then I will know fully,
even as I have been fully known.
¹³ And now faith, hope, and love
abide, these three; and the greatest
of these is love.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.



Gospel: Luke 4:21-30 (pb-1206)

The Holy Gospel according to the fourth chapter of Luke.

Glory to you O, Lord.

²¹ Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” ²³ He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” ²⁴ And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. ²⁵ But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶ yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷ There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” ²⁸ When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰ But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

Young Peoples Message Laura Patrick

Sermon


Pastor Jim

Please stand.

Sermon Song

ELW 631

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.
 - 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.
 - 3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.
 - 4 Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Please stand.

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 the Intercession

Following each prayer petition, respond to "God of Grace," with "**hear our prayer.**"
Typed out prayers are printed and included on the bulletin insert.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you. *(Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.)*

Please sit.

Offering

Offertory

Send Me Lake, Johnson, and Jobe

Verse 1

If it's bandaging the broken or washing filthy feet

Here I am Lord send me
If it's loving one another even when we don't agree
Here I am Lord send me

Verse 2

If I'm poor or if I'm wealthy
I'll serve You just the same
Here I am Lord send me
On the mountain or the valley
I will choose to praise
Here I am Lord send me

Chorus

If I'm known by how I love let my life reflect
How much I love You I love You
And before You even ask oh my answer will be yes
'Cause I love You I love You

Verse 3

If the truth cuts like an arrow I will say it anyway
'Cause here I am Lord send me
If it's means that they'll reject me
Lord I will still obey
Here I am Lord send me

Chorus

If I'm known by how I love let my life reflect
How much I love You I love You
And before You even ask oh my answer will be yes
'Cause I love You I love You

Verse 4

When I'm standing in Your glory
I'll be glad I chose to say
Here I am Lord send me
Well done good and faithful I live to hear You say
Here I am Lord send me

Here I am Lord send me
Here I am Lord send me

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Offering Prayer

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.

Holy Communion

Holy are you, Lord God, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your Church delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming again.

Amen! Come, Lord Jesus.

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray.

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

Invitation to Communion

The joy of the Lord is our strength.
Come, eat this meal of gladness.

Please sit.

Song during Communion ELW 676

Lord Speak to Us, That We May Speak

1 *Lord, speak to us, that we may
speak*

*in living echoes of your tone;
as you have sought, so let us seek
your straying children, lost and lone.*

2 *Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may
lead*

*the wand'ring and the wav'ring feet;
oh, feed us, Lord, that we may feed
your hung'ring ones with manna sweet.*

3 *Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may
teach*

*the precious truths which you impart;
and wing our words, that they may
reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.*

4 *Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord,
until our very hearts o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
your love to tell, your praise to show.*

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Prayer after Communion

**Nourishing God, at this table you
have refreshed us with holy gifts of
food and drink. Strengthen us for
service, and send us out to embody
your good news of liberation and
healing for the sake of the world.
In the name of Christ we pray,
Amen.**

Please stand

Blessing

The Spirit of the triune God ☩ bless
you with joy, anoint you with
compassion, and send you in love.

Amen.

Sending

May the Peoples Praise You
Zimmer, Cash, Getty, & Townend

Verse 1

*You have called us out of darkest night
Into Your glorious light
That we may sing the wonders of
The risen Christ*

Verse 2

*May our every breath retell the grace
That broke into our strife
With boundless love and deepest joy
With endless life*

Chorus

*May the peoples praise You
Let the nations be glad
All Your blessing comes
That we may praise
May praise the Name of Jesus*

Verse 3

*All the earth is Yours and all within
Each harvest is Your own
And from Your hand we give to You
To make Christ known*

Verse 4

*May the seeds of mercy grow in us
For those who have not heard
May songs of praise build lives of grace
To spread Your Word*



Chorus
May the peoples praise You
Let the nations be glad
All Your blessing comes
That we may praise
May praise the Name of Jesus

Verse 5
This our holy priv'lege to declare
Your praises and Your name
To every nation tribe and tongue
Your church proclaim

Chorus
May the peoples praise You
Let the nations be glad
All Your blessing comes
That we may praise
May praise the Name of Jesus

Bridge
Holy Holy is the Lord Almighty
Worthy worthy is the Lamb who was
slain
Holy Holy is the Lord Almighty
All creation praise Your glorious Name

Chorus
May the peoples praise You
Let the nations be glad
All Your blessing comes
That we may praise
May praise the Name of Jesus
(Repeat Chorus)

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Live in hope.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude *May the Peoples Praise You*

Worship volunteers for today: : Acolyte:
Sophia; Ushers: Carmen and Travis;
Lector: Laura Patrick; Communion Asst.:
Diana Duncan; A/V: ?; Tellers: T & T
Hobbs; Pastor: Jim DuMond; Music
Director: Martha Hawk; Organ/Piano:
Carolynn Bailey

Worship volunteers for February 9:
Acolyte: Tobias; Ushers: Travis and
Janeen; Lector: Allan Forsman;
Communion Asst.: Patty Neas; A/V: ?;
Tellers: M Miller, K Wilson; Pastor: Jim
DuMond; Music Director: Martha Hawk;
Organ/Piano: Carolynn Bailey

Please Pray For

Members: Karin McCoy; Sharon Raye; Ann
Cunningham, Bill Ewing; Barbara
Jernigan; Duane Williams; Doug Huff;
Becky Hamilos; Kathy Robinson; Curtis
Van Hooser; Bill Brooks; Barbara Diehl;
Karin and Larry McCoy; Steve and Karen
Mears; Pat Keffer; Mary King; Fred &
Sylvia Beckelhimers; the Scott & Cindy
Gibsons; John Paul Neas.

Family Members & Friends: Julian Hawk;
Barry Fetterolf; Sharon Beck; Ginny
McGee; Betty Edwards; Carolyn Parrish;
Nikki Miller; Juniper Hawk; Joann Baier;
Brian and Doug Beier; Ryan Nesseth
(ALS); Alice Sulkowski.

Families of the Week: Charles and Andrea
Danner, Carolynn Bailey



Announcements

The Celebration of Life service for Kevin Schutt will be on Friday, February 14th at 11:15 am. Visitation prior to the service is at 10 am.

The monthly WELCA meetings have been changed. The monthly meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of each month at 1pm.

Melting Pot needs individually wrapped desserts. Please bring these by and place them in the kitchen.

Summer Camp Scholarships for children and youth are available. Application forms are on the bulletin board. Call Cheryl for more information.

Please wear your name tag or use a sticker tag.

Prospective members! If you have an interest in becoming a member, please reach out to the pastor.

If you want a prayer request, fill out the card in the back of each pew, where the envelopes sit, and give your information to the pastor before the service starts.

Christ calls each of us to offer our time, talents, and treasures to carry out his mission in the world.

We always need volunteers:

- ▶ to serve as ushers for our Sunday morning services. See Janeen Bradley Pennell
- ▶ we need teachers for the children. Sign up on bulletin board.
- ▶ coffee maker, set out sugars, creamers, and bring a snack each Sunday at 9am. Signup sheet is on bulletin boards.
- ▶ volunteer drivers to carpool members to and from church. Call or email the office.
- ▶ a volunteer to keep the website current. Training will be provided. See Pastor

Offering envelopes are in the hall next to the library. If you want envelopes contact Karen Wilson at finsec@oslc.church.

Sunday, February 2

9am-Sunday school/coffee hour
10am-Worship

Monday, February 9

9-2pm-PDO

Tuesday, February 4

6:15pm-W & M

Wednesday, February 5

9-2pm-PDO

9am-Blue Ridge Quilters

11am-Primetimers

4:30pm-Choir

5pm-Band

Saturday February 8

10am-Council Retreat

Sunday February 9

9am-Sunday school/coffee hour
10am-Worship

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Prayers of the Intercession

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Creator God, you have loved us from the beginning. Out of love you saved us from sin and eternal death through your son, Jesus, and restored our relationship with you. By the work of your Holy Spirit, help us to grow in our love for you and one another. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your creation sustains us and all living creatures. Grant us humility to acknowledge the ways we bring harm to the earth. Grant us courage to make effective change so that all lands and living things prosper.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Embolden leaders of nations, corporations, and all in authority, that they lovingly tend those in their charge. Help them to respond to all who cry out in need. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We pray for those whose lives are darkened by despair, pain or illness, (*especially*). Encourage them with the promise of your love and restore them to wholeness.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We pray for the young people in our congregations. May their voices

be celebrated. Give youth a place of honor and value among us.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Comfort those who are grieving the loss of loved ones, especially the family of Larry McCoy. We remember those who have gone before us. Let their faithful example continue to bear witness to us all. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

Amen.