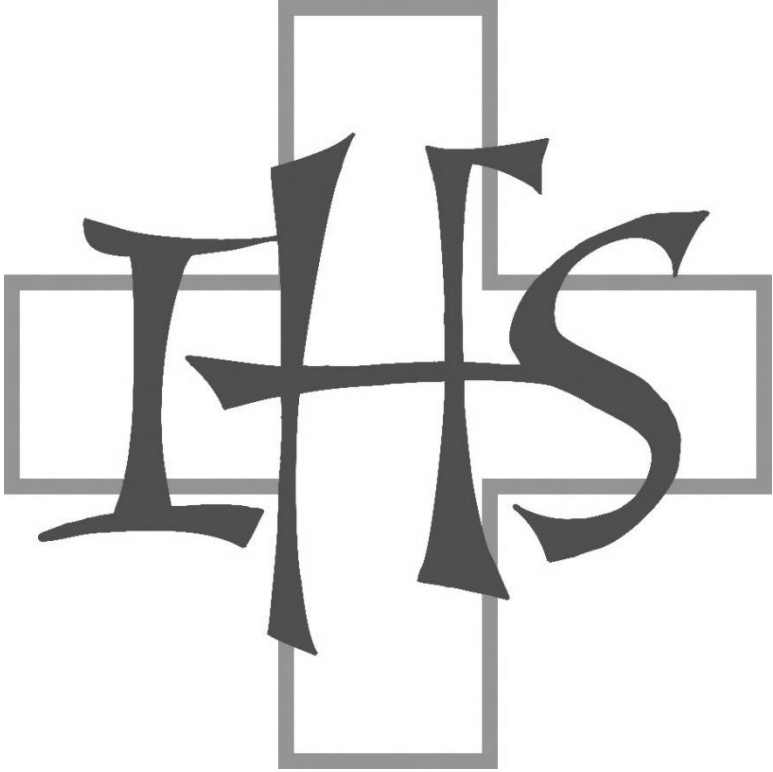


# The Lutheran Church of the Savior

**A Community of Faith:** *Centered in Christ – Called to Serve*



“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away  
the sin of the world!”

*John 1:29b*

## Order of Worship

*January 15, 2023 10:45 AM*

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## Introit

*Psalm 19:14, 1-4a, b*

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be  
acceptable in your sight,

O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

The heavens declare the glory of God,

and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

Day to day pours out speech,

and night to night reveals knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words,

whose voice is not heard.

Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to  
the end of the world.

In them he has set a tent for the sun.

## Communion Theology and Practice

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is intended for those:

- who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God,
- who have faith in Jesus Christ as God the Son in the flesh and their personal Savior from sin, death, and the devil;
- who believe that they have sin that needs forgiving, hurt that needs healing, and faith that needs strengthening;
- who are committed to amending their sinful ways; and
- who believe that in, with, and under the bread and wine they receive the true body and blood of the risen Christ, together with the forgiveness of all their sins.

*If you are a visitor with us this morning and wish to receive the  
Lord's Supper, please speak with the pastor before the service.*

*Thank you.*

# Second Sunday after the Epiphany

## Divine Service

### Invocation for the Epiphany Season

**P** This is the day the Lord has made;

**C** Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

*Psalm 118:24*

**P** Arise! Shine! For your light has come.

*Isaiah 60:1*

**C** We have seen His star and have come  
to worship Him!

*Matthew 2:2*

**P** Arise! Shine! For your light has come.

**C** And the glory of the Lord has risen upon us!

*Isaiah 60:1*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*Matthew 28:19*

**C** Amen.

### Opening Song

Firm Foundation

*Gordon, Harvill*

*Chorus, Chorus, Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus, Tag*

#### CHORUS

F B♭ Csus F

Je - sus, You're my firm foun - da - tion, I know I can stand\_

\_ se - cure; Je - sus, You're my firm foun - da - tion,

*continued on next page*

I put my hope in Your ho - ly Word, \_\_\_\_\_

I put my hope in Your ho - ly Word. \_\_\_\_\_ *Fine*

I have a fu - ture;  
might - y in pow - er;

I have a fu - ture;  
might - y in pow - er;

God has a plan for me,  
God will de - liv - er me,

God has a plan for me, of  
God will de - liv - er me, of

of this I'm sure. \_\_\_\_\_  
of this I'm sure. \_\_\_\_\_

this I'm sure. \_\_\_\_\_  
this I'm sure. \_\_\_\_\_

## Prayer of Confession

- P** Heavenly Father, as we come in the name of Jesus, confident that with you there is forgiveness, we ask you to hear the confession of our sins.
- C** **Often we do not follow the guiding light of your Word, but turn to the artificial lights of sin which Satan has placed on our path.**
- P** Many times our thoughts and words, our intentions and our actions have been sinful.
- C** **We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. In our sin, we have fallen short of the glory of God, and have no power to free ourselves from our sinful condition.**

*We pause for silent confession and reflection*

- P** For all our sins – those known to us and others, and those known only to you,
- C** **We ask you Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

## Absolution

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen!**

## Psalm

*Psalm 40:1–11*

*Spoken responsively, whole verse by whole verse*

<sup>1</sup>I waited patiently for the LORD;  
he inclined to me and heard my cry.

<sup>2</sup>**He drew me up from the pit of destruction,  
out of the miry bog,  
and set my feet upon a rock,  
making my steps secure.**

<sup>3</sup>He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God.  
Many will see and fear,  
and put their trust in the LORD.

**<sup>4</sup>Blessèd is the man who makes  
the LORD his trust,  
who does not turn to the proud,  
to those who go astray after a lie!**

<sup>5</sup>You have multiplied, O LORD my God,  
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;  
none can compare with you!  
I will proclaim and tell of them,  
yet they are more than can be told.

**<sup>6</sup>Sacrifice and offering you have not desired,  
but you have given me an open ear.  
Burnt offering and sin offering  
you have not required.**

<sup>7</sup>Then I said, "Behold, I have come;  
in the scroll of the book it is written of me:

**<sup>8</sup>I desire to do your will, O my God;  
your law is within my heart."**

<sup>9</sup>I have told the glad news of deliverance  
in the great congregation;  
behold, I have not restrained my lips,  
as you know, O LORD.

**<sup>10</sup>I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;  
I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness  
from the great congregation.**

<sup>11</sup>As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain  
your mercy from me;  
your steadfast love and your faithfulness will  
ever preserve me!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

# Song of Praise

# Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

*Founds*

*Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus x2*

## VERSE

Lord, I lift your name\_\_\_\_\_ on high,

Lord, I love to sing\_\_\_\_\_Your prais- es; I'm so glad You're in\_\_\_\_\_ my

life, I'm so glad You came\_\_\_\_\_ to save\_\_\_\_\_ us.

## CHORUS

You came from heav - en to earth\_\_\_\_\_ to show\_\_\_\_\_ the way,\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ from the earth\_\_\_\_\_ to the cross\_\_\_\_\_ my debt\_\_\_\_\_ to pay;\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ From the cross\_\_\_\_\_ to the grave,\_\_\_\_\_ from the grave\_\_\_\_\_ to the sky,\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Lord, I lift Your name\_\_\_\_\_ on\_\_\_\_\_ high.\_\_\_\_\_

*Fine*

## Prayer

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 49:1–7*

- <sup>1</sup>Listen to me, O coastlands,  
and give attention, you peoples from afar.  
The LORD called me from the womb,  
from the body of my mother he named my name.
- <sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword;  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow;  
in his quiver he hid me away.
- <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
- <sup>4</sup>But I said, "I have labored in vain;  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my right is with the LORD,  
and my recompense with my God."
- <sup>5</sup>And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be  
his servant, to bring Jacob back to him;  
and that Israel might be gathered to him—  
for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD,  
and my God has become my strength—
- <sup>6</sup>he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;  
I will make you as a light for the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."
- <sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation,  
the servant of rulers:  
"Kings shall see and arise;  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves;  
because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**



## Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:1–9

<sup>1</sup>Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, <sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: <sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—<sup>6</sup>even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup>who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

John 1:29–42a

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>29</sup>The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup>And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup>And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

<sup>35</sup>The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup>He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they

came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). <sup>42</sup>He brought him to Jesus.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **Nicene Creed**

**C** **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from  
heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living  
and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who with the Father and the Son  
 together is worshiped and glorified,  
 who spoke by the prophets.  
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
 and the life  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. Amen.**

**Sermon Song**

Christ Above Me

*Chisum, Sercy*

*Chorus, Chorus, Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus, Tag*

Christ ab-ove me, Christ be-side me, Christ with-in me,  
 ev - er guid - ing; Christ be-hind me, Christ be-fore,  
 Christ my love, my life, my Lord.

1. Bread of life from Heav - en,  
 2. Mer - cy ev - er - last - ing,  
 Lov - er of my soul; Peace of God, so  
 ten - der-ness di - vine; Word of God so

ev - er pres - ent, I sur-ren-der my con - trol to  
 ev - er heal - ing I sur-ren-der heart and mind to

# Sermon



## Prayers of the Church Family and the Lord's Prayer

- P** O Lord, let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to You, for You are our Rock and our Redeemer. Answer us according to Your promises and for the sake of Jesus Christ.

*Response after each petition*

- P** Lord, in your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Grant that we who have celebrated the incarnation of our Lord, Jesus Christ, may die to sin and rise to new life, that we may treasure up and ponder in our hearts the Christ announced by Your forerunner; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

- C** **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.**

## Benediction

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

**C** Amen.

## Song The Way Of The Cross Leads Home *Brown Pounds, Dearman*

*Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus, Verse 3, Chorus, Chorus*

I must reach Heav-en's home by the way—  
jour - ney — on in the blood—  
of the cross;— There is no oth - er way — but this;—  
washed — way, — the rough, thorn - y path — He trod;—  
I will nev - er have sight — of the gates —  
I'm de - ter - mined to run 'til the race  
of light — if the way of the cross I miss.  
is won — and my soul is at home with God.  
Oh, the way of the cross leads home; Yes, the way  
of the cross — leads home; 'Til I reach the goal, it's a  
joy to know — the way — of the cross — leads home, the  
way of the cross leads home. Ooh. I must

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22 So I bid fare - well to the way of the world, — to walk —

25 in it no more; — For my Lord says come, and I

28 seek my home where He waits at the o - pen door.

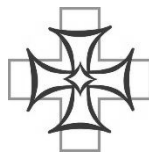
31 Oh, the way — of the cross — leads home; Yes, the way —

34 of the cross leads home; 'Til I reach the goal, it's a

37 joy to know — the way — of the cross — leads home, the

40 way of the cross — leads home. Yes, the way home; — Yes, the way —

44 of the cross leads home, the way of the cross leads home.



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# Resources for Meditation this Week

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

15 January 2023

### Readings

Isaiah 49:1–7

1 Corinthians 1:1–9

John 1:29–42a

### **God Reveals His Glory in Christ and His Cross**

*“The LORD, the Redeemer of Israel,”* calls forth *“his Holy One”* (Is. 49:7), Jesus, the Christ, *“from the womb”* of His mother (Is. 49:1). The incarnate Son of God is revealed as the Savior, not only for Israel but also *“as a light for the nations,”* whose salvation reaches *“to the end of the earth”* (Is. 49:6). John came *“baptizing with water”* (John 1:31) to reveal Jesus as *“the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world”* (John 1:29), and who glorifies His God and Father by His atoning sacrifice upon the cross. When Jesus was baptized in the waters of the Jordan, the Holy Spirit descended *“from heaven like a dove”* and *“remained on him”* (John 1:32). By our Baptism, we are anointed by the same Spirit, adopted by God the Father, and *“called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ”* (1 Cor. 1:9). Therefore, we *“are not lacking in any gift,”* but we can trust Him who promises to sustain us to the end, *“guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ”* (1 Cor. 1:7–8).





**Readings**

Isaiah 9:1–4

1 Corinthians 1:10–18

Matthew 4:12–25

***The Lord Manifests His Glory through His Office of the Holy Ministry***

By His coming in the flesh and by His preaching and miracles, the Lord Jesus shines the light of His Gospel upon *“the people who walked in darkness”* and *“who dwelt in a land of deep darkness”* (Is. 9:2). He also has *“multiplied the nation”* and *“increased its joy”* (Is. 9:3) by calling disciples to Himself from the ends of the earth. For this purpose, He calls Peter and Andrew, with James and John, to follow Him and be *“fishers of men”* (Matt. 4:19). As Jesus did, they also go forth *“proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people”* (Matt. 4:23). They preach the foolishness of the cross of Christ as the very power and wisdom of God. This word and preaching of the cross divides *“those who are perishing”* from *“us who are being saved”* (1 Cor. 1:18), but it unites the Church, the one Body of Christ, *“in the same mind and the same judgment”* (1 Cor. 1:10).

