

SAVING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH



The Third Sunday after Epiphany
Saturday, January 24, 2026 @ 3pm
Sunday, January 25, 2026 @ 8:30am, Livestreamed

INVOCATION In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn "Let the Whole Creation Cry" **Hymn #242**

Let the whole creation cry, "Glory to the Lord on high!"
Heav'n and earth, awake and sing, "Praise him, our almighty King!"
Praise him, angel hosts above, Ever bright and fair in love;
Sun and moon, lift up your voice; Night and stars, in God rejoice.

Warriors fighting for the Lord, Prophets burning with his word,
Those to whom the arts belong Add their voices to the song.
Kings of knowledge and of law, To the glorious circle draw;
All who work and all who wait, Sing, "The Lord is good and great!"

Men and women, young and old, Raise the anthem loud and bold,
And let the children's happy hearts In this worship take their parts;
From the north to southern pole Let the mighty chorus roll:
"Holy, Holy, Holy One; Glory be to God alone!"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Heavenly Father, we can't get rid of the burdens that weigh us down.
We try everything in our own strength to make our lives better.

Jesus Christ, you turn our lives around and relieve the heavy burdens we carry.
We have found repentance in Jesus Christ our Savior.

Holy Spirit, help us again to find all of our confidence in you.
Unify us in our purpose to praise you and tell others about the good news.

(Please observe a moment of silence for personal reflection and self-examination)

Heavenly Father, you have freed us from the impossible pressure of working ourselves into heaven. Our actions could never measure up. Our thoughts would never comprehend. Our emotions would never amend. Your forgiveness covers us completely. Therefore, as a called and ordained minister of

the Church of Christ and by his authority, I declare to you, who do truly repent and believe in Jesus Christ, the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Heavenly Father, thank you for sending your Son to come and find us. Give us ears to hear his call again with excitement and joy for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

PASTOR'S WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WORD

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| FIRST READING | Isaiah 9:1-4 | OT p. 624 |
| | <i>(When Reading is concluded, the congregation responds, "Thanks be to God")</i> | |
| SECOND READING | 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 | NT p. 1040 |
| | <i>(When Reading is concluded, the congregation responds, "Thanks be to God")</i> | |
| SPECIAL MUSIC (SUN.) | "Lead Me, Lord" | Becker, Hayes |
| | Saving Grace Choir, Sara Hartwig (flute) | |
| GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | "Alleluia" | p. 83 |
| | Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? | |
| | You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. | |
| GOSPEL | Matthew 4:12-23 | NT p. 881 |
| | <i>(Before the Gospel is announced, the congregation says "Glory to you, O Lord")</i> | |
| | <i>(After the Gospel is concluded, the congregation says, "Praise to you, O Christ")</i> | |
| SERMON | "The Last Word, First" | Pastor Dan Doran |

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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| Hymn of the Day | "Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast" | Hymn #234 |
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**Almighty God, your Word is cast Like seed into the ground;
Now let the dew of heav'n descend And righteous fruits abound.**

**Let not the sly satanic foe This holy seed remove,
But give it root in ev'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.**

**Let not the world's deceitful cares The rising plant destroy,
But let it yield a hundred-fold The fruits of peace and joy.**

**So when the precious seed is sown, Your quick'ning grace bestow,
That all whose souls the truth receive Its saving pow'r may know.**

RECEPTION OF OFFERING

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin, Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

HOLY COMMUNION (SATURDAY)

LORD'S PRAYER (SUNG)

Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

BLESSING AND PRAYER (SATURDAY)

SENDING

Sending Hymn

"Rise, Shine, You People!"

Hymn #393

Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered

Our human story; God in him is centered.

He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, With grace unbounded.

See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;

He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.

All men and women, who by guilt are driven, Now are forgiven.

Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling,

Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.

To all the world go out and tell the story Of Jesus' glory.

Tell how the Father sent his Son to save us.

Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.

Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation His new creation.

BENEDICTION & DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly hosts;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

DISMISSAL Go in peace and serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

Psalms 27:1, 4-9

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

⁴One thing I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:
to live in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the LORD,
and to inquire in his temple.

⁵For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will set me high on a rock.

⁶Now my head is lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

⁷Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"
Your face, LORD, do I seek.

⁹Do not hide your face from me.

Do not turn your servant away in anger,
you who have been my help.
Do not cast me off, do not forsake me,
O God of my salvation!

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