



# Our Savior's Lutheran Church

**Our Mission:** *We gather together to explore and celebrate the wonder of Christ, equipping all to live a God centered life.*

**Tune your radio to 89.5 FM – 8:00am**

**January 15, 2023**

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*Welcome to worship! We celebrate Holy Communion at each service. Guests and visitors are always welcome. We are happy that you are worshipping with us. The “pray-ground” near the organ is available for those families with little ones to sit and enjoy while being part of our worship. A Parent Room is also available for your use if your child just needs a space of their own!*

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## **PRESERVICE MUSIC, WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PEACE**

*\* Indicates to stand as you are able*

**\*SIGN OF THE CROSS:** *We remember the sign of our baptismal calling.*

**\*GREETING:** *...and also with you*

**GATHERING SONG:** Lamb of God ELW #336

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:** *We confess and receive God's forgiveness. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY:** *Let us pray: O God, you give us a song that fills our hearts with your goodness and love. As Jesus invites us to come and see on our journey of faith, we pray for the courage to realize the sacred space we all share together. In the name of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord we pray together: Amen!*

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Celtic Alleluia ELW #174

**\*SCRIPTURE OF THE DAY:** John 1:29-42 *The Lord is with you. And also with you. A reading from the holy gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.* The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man

who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter). The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ!**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & THE HOMILY:**

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**\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:** *We lift up our prayers and needs of the church and community. Our spoken response is "Lord, hear our prayer."*

**OFFERING ~** *We are grateful for your presence today and we never want you to feel obligated to give. Our parishioners are responsible for supporting our ministry and mission through their gifts to God. If you would like to give a gift today, you are welcome to place it in the offering plates located in the gathering space when you leave today. Little ones can place a gift in Noah's Ark up by the altar!*



**\*OFFERING PRAYER:** Let us pray together:

**O God, we offer back with love this day our lives and our offerings- gifts themselves from You. Receive us and these gifts as we strive to share Christ's joy with the world! In the name of Jesus we pray: AMEN!**

**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION:** *Jesus' words at the Last Supper become our prayer over the bread and wine.*

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER:** *We pray the words of peace that Jesus gave us.*

**\*HOLY COMMUNION:** Christ invites all of God's people to share in this banquet for this is the meal of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

*(You are invited to come forward down the center aisle to receive baked bread and then dip that bread into the glass of red wine or juice. Gluten free bread is available as well. For those who prefer, communion kits are available in a basket near the front of the sanctuary. All are welcome to share in this meal with us!)*

**\*COMMUNION BLESSING:** The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his resurrected grace. **Amen!**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:** *Let us pray together:* **For this meal, O Bountiful God, we praise You. These simple gifts have fed and renewed our faith as we declare and deliver Your boundless love to all those in need. We pray together in the name of Jesus our Savior: AMEN!**

**\*FINAL BLESSING:** May God go before you to guide you; be behind you to encourage you; above you to watch over you and beneath you to support you. But may you discover the presence of God within you and know that God will always be your friend. **AMEN!**

**\*SENDING SONG:** Great Is Thy Faithfulness ELW #733

**\*SENDING PROCLAMATION:** Inviting others to come and see, let's go be church after church! **Thanks be to God!**

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**Welcome to Worship at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Welcome to long-time Lutherans, Christians from every tradition, and people new to this faith. Welcome to friends new and old. Welcome to people of every age and size, color and culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression; every socioeconomic and marital status, political conviction, ability and challenge. Welcome to believers and questioners, and questioning believers. Welcome.**