

**Our mission
is to teach,
love,
and connect...
teach all ages
about Jesus,
love one another
as God loves us,
and connect
with others
in a hurting world.**



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We warmly welcome you in the name of Jesus!

We are always glad to have you worship with us.

*If you do not have a regular church home,
we invite you to make our church home yours.*

- † Our worship services are on Sunday mornings at 8:30 and 11:00 AM. We also invite and encourage you to join us in Sunday School and Bible Study at 9:45 AM.
- † Assisted hearing devices, children’s bulletins, and large print service folders are available; please ask an usher for one.
- † While we encourage children to be present in worship, the upstairs cry room opposite the elevator is available for you.
- † Our worship services can now be viewed on the church’s Facebook page (live or after the service), as well as on our YouTube channel. *The Lutheran Hour* can be heard on Sundays at 9:00 AM at KAWZ (102.7FM).

Prayer before worship:

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

AS WE GATHER Blessings abound in today’s readings! Jeremiah laments the one who “trusts in man,” but sees the one who “trusts in the Lord,” to be like a tree planted with abundant water that “does not cease to bear fruit” (Jeremiah 17:5, 7, 8). Note that we are “planted,”—a passive verb, grace! Luke records another time Jesus preached using beatitudes. He concluded that we, his hearers, should rejoice and leap for joy, for our reward is great in heaven. Such grace! No wonder that Paul, in the Epistle, warns against those who doubt Christ’s resurrection. Our Lord is only “the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep” (1 Corinthians 15:20). Today our worship is full of rejoicing in the grace of God. It also gives us strength to produce fruit every day.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

11:00 AM, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025

PRESERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF BELL

OPENING SONG

“Come, Now Is the Time to Worship”

by B. Doerksen

Come, now is the time to worship;
Come, now is the time to praise your God.
Come, just as you are to worship;
Come, just as you are before your God, come.

One day ev’ry tongue will confess You are God,
One day ev’ry knee will bow;
Still, the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly serve You now. *Repeat both sections.*

Come, now is the time to worship;
Come, now is the time to praise your God.
Come, just as you are to worship;
Come, just as you are before your God, come.
Come, come, just as you are, come. Come.

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WELCOME

Please stand.

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

1 Corinthians 15:3–4; Luke 6:23

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received:

People: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

Pastor: In fact Christ has been raised from the dead,

People: the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Pastor: Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy,

People: for behold, your reward is great in heaven.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Pastor: If we say, “We have no sin.” we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Indeed, all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. *1 John 1:8, Romans 3:23*

People: Yet God loved the world this way: He gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in Him will not die but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

Pastor: Let us then confess that we are sinners, and thank God our Father for the forgiveness that He has given us through Jesus Christ.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment.

Psalm 51:1-5, Romans 7

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Pastor: Gracious God,

All: through our faith in Your Son, Jesus Christ, You have had mercy on us and forgiven us. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, 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.

Psalm 23, Psalm 51:6-17

Pastor: Scripture guarantees that God, who began this good work in us, will carry it through to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:6

As we are the forgiven people of God, let us always live to glorify our Triune God, Father, ☩ Son and Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Remain standing for the Song of Praise.

SONG OF PRAISE “Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me”

by J. Robinson, M. Farren, R. Thompson

**What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer.
There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.**

**To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.
For my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

**The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,
For by my side the Savior, he will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,
For in my need, his power is displayed.**

**To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me.
Through the deepest valley he will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

**No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,
The future sure, the price, it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
And he was raised to overthrow the grave.**

**To this I hold: my sin has been defeated.
Jesus now, and ever, is my plea.
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

**With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
For he has said that he will bring me home.
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne.**

**To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.
All the glory evermore to him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me. Yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

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Please be seated.

COME AND HEAR THE GOOD NEWS!

OLD TESTAMENT READING *The one who trusts in the Lord is firmly planted.* **Jeremiah 17:5–8**

Reader: Thus says the LORD:

“Cursed is the man who trusts in man
and makes flesh his strength,
whose heart turns away from the LORD.

He is like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see any good come.

He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

“Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

He is like a tree planted by water,
that sends out its roots by the stream,
and does not fear when heat comes,
for its leaves remain green,
and is not anxious in the year of drought,
for it does not cease to bear fruit.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Stand firm in what we believe.

1 Corinthians 15:1–20

Reader: Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand in reverence to the Gospel.

HOLY GOSPEL

Jesus preaches both blessings and curses.

Luke 6:17–26

Pastor: Hear now the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

Pastor: [Jesus] came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

“Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

“Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

“Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ!**

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

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 of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated.

SERMON

“I Search the Heart”

Jeremiah 17:7,9-10a

Rev. Ron Richeson, preacher



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and
 2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners
 3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I
 4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my
 5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's



wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -
 may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in
 have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt
 soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -
 bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of



lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:
 faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.
 ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:
 ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.
 heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD.

WE PRAISE THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS *Tithes and offerings are collected by the ushers. We encourage you to sign and pass the Friendship Book at this time. All communicants are invited to read and prayerfully consider the following.*

We believe that...

- † *Holy Communion is a Sacrament since it was instituted by Christ Himself.*
- † *We are truly worthy and well prepared to partake of Holy Communion when we repent of our sins and have faith in these words, "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins."*
- † *We receive the bread and wine and the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ when, as repentant, true believers we partake of Holy Communion.*

Our Savior Lutheran Church practices close communion.

What does this mean?

Confirmed members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are welcome to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of our church or one of our sister congregations, we encourage you to speak to the pastor about preparing to participate in communion at Our Savior.

† *Children and those not communing are welcome to come forward for a blessing (indicated by folded hands), or to remain seated for individual prayer. When the wine is offered, communicants have the choice of an individual cup or the common cup. Individual cups containing DARK WINE are alcohol-free for those with medical need only, please.*

OFFERTORY

Please stand.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Pastor: Let us pray for ourselves, the church around the world, and all people in their various circumstances.

People: **Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.**

Pastor: Around the world many are poor and homeless, wandering far from home. Heavenly Father, meet their needs through us, Your servants, and even those people who may think they control them. Give them the clothing and shelter they need, and introduce them to the promise of Christ about His rule.

People: **Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.**

Pastor: We pray, Lord Jesus, for Your blessings on all who work in voluntary relief organizations and professional counseling agencies. Protect and guide them so that their efforts bring thanksgivings, health, and new opportunities.

People: **Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.**

Pastor: O Holy Spirit, hear the prayers of those who are sick, in mourning, or unemployed, [*especially . . .*]. Answer them as Your plans allow, relieve their suffering, calm their tears, and give them opportunity to use the gifts and abilities You have given them.

People: **Blessed are you when people hate you.**

Pastor: Visit, strengthen, guide, and direct us in the church here and around the world, Lord, our God. Grant that what we say with our lips be reflected in how we live our lives and what we accomplish with our hands and feet.

These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.

People: **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE AND SANCTUS

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us, revealing Your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to His own brilliant light. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying,

People: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!”

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.

WORDS OF CONSECRATION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

Pastor: In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PEACE and AGNUS DEI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen. Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

DISTRIBUTION

Please be seated. If you are communing, please follow the directions of the ushers.

SONG

“He Is Here”

by P. Baloche & B. Doerksen

He is here; He is near us,
In our hearts, in our lives, in our midst;
He is here; He is near us,
Calling us to trust in Him. *repeat*
Cast your ev'ry care
On the One Who gave you life;
Lay your burdens down at His feet;
Open up your heart to the living Word of God;
He is love, He is love.

He is here; He is near us,
In our hearts, in our lives, in our midst;
He is here; He is near us,
Calling us to trust in Him.

Cast your ev'ry care
On the One Who gave you life;
Lay your burdens down at His feet;
Open up your heart to the living Word of God;
He is love, He is love.

He is here, He is near us
Calling us to trust in Him,
Calling us to trust in Him.

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Please stand.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

“Thrive”

by M. Hall & M. West

(Oh, oh)

Here in this worn and weary land
Where many a dream has died,
Like a tree planted by the water, we will never run dry.
So, Living Water flowing through,
God, we thirst for more of You.
Fill our hearts and flood our souls with one desire:

Chorus

Just to know You, and to make You known.
We lift Your name on high.
Shine like the sun, make darkness run and hide.
We know we were made for so much more
Than ordinary lives.
It's time for us to more than just survive:
We were made to thrive.

Into Your Word we're digging deep to know our Father's heart.
Into the world we're reaching out to show them who You are.
So, Living Water flowing through, God, we thirst for more of You.
Fill our hearts and flood our souls with one desire: *Chorus*

Bridge

Joy unspeakable, faith unsinkable,
Love unstoppable, anything is possible *Repeat 3X*

Chorus

Oh oh, Oh oh, We were made to thrive.

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Readings for next Sunday, 2/23:

Genesis 45:3–15, Psalm 103:1–13, 1 Corinthians 15:21–26, 30–42, Luke 6:27–38
