



# **Coping with Change**

January 21, 2024  
**Third Sunday after Epiphany**  
**8:00 Service**

**Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
8001 NW 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Plantation, Florida 33324  
Rev. Tony Durante, Pastor



## **“Serving Christ-Serving Others-Changing Lives”**

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*As we gather, please take a minute to fill out your Connection Card.*

### **Divine Service**

#### **Prelude**

*(Bells rung to begin service)*

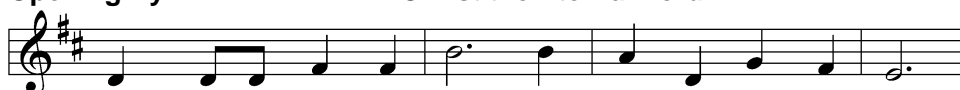
#### **Announcements**

*(P=pastor, L=liturgist, C=congregation, R=reader)*

*(Please stand)*

#### **Opening Hymn**

#### **Christ the Eternal Lord**



1 Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, Whose prom - ise here we claim,  
2 Christ the un - chang - ing Word To ev - 'ry pass - ing age,  
4 Christ the un - fad - ing Light Of ev - er - last - ing day,



Whose gifts of grace are free-ly poured On all who name Your name;  
Whose time-less teach-ings still are heard Set forth on Scrip-ture's page;  
Our Morn-ing Star in splen-dor bright, The Life, the Truth, the Way;



With thank - ful - ness and praise We stand be - fore Your throne,  
Trans - form our thought and mind, En - light - en all who read,  
That light of truth You give To ser - vants as to friends,



In - tent to serve You all our days And make Your glo - ry known.  
With - in Your Word by faith to find The bread of life in - deed.  
Your way to walk, Your life to live, Till earth's brief jour-ney ends.

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## Invocation

- L** In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Confession and Absolution

- L** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**  
**L** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**  
**L** Let us **kneel** and confess our sins to God our Father.  
**L** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God be merciful to me, a sinner.  
**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**  
**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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word *(Please stand)*

### Kyrie



- C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Responsive Psalm

**L** As for me, I call to God,  
**C** and the Lord saves me.  
**L** Evening, morning and noon  
**C** I cry out in distress,  
 and he hears my voice.  
**L** He rescues me unharmed  
**C** from the battle waged against me,  
 even though many oppose me.  
**L** God, who is enthroned from of old, who does not change—  
 he will hear them and humble them,  
**C** because they have no fear of God.  
**All:** 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.

*(Reprise)*

**L** As for me, I call to God,  
**C** and the Lord saves me.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**L** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.  
**L** Let us pray.  
**L** O God Eternal, in the midst of chaos You bring order. In an everchanging world You  
 are stability. Let us encounter Your unchanging love in Your unfailing grace so that  
 we would have continued peace through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.  
**C** Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

**L** An ancient Greek philosopher said, "Change is the only constant in life." Today's  
 lessons from scripture tell us that even in a constantly changing world, God remains  
 the same.

**First Reading—1 Samuel 15:17-29** Samuel said, “Although you were once small in your own eyes, did you not become the head of the tribes of Israel? The Lord anointed you king over Israel. <sup>18</sup> And he sent you on a mission, saying, ‘Go and completely destroy those wicked people, the Amalekites; wage war against them until you have wiped them out.’ <sup>19</sup> Why did you not obey the Lord? Why did you pounce on the plunder and do evil in the eyes of the Lord? <sup>24</sup> Then Saul said to Samuel, “I have sinned. I violated the Lord’s command and your instructions. I was afraid of the men and so I gave in to them. <sup>25</sup> Now I beg you, forgive my sin and come back with me, so that I may worship the Lord.” <sup>26</sup> But Samuel said to him, “I will not go back with you. You have rejected the word of the Lord, and the Lord has rejected you as king over Israel!” <sup>27</sup> As Samuel turned to leave, Saul caught hold of the hem of his robe, and it tore. <sup>28</sup> Samuel said to him, “The Lord has torn the kingdom of Israel from you today and has given it to one of your neighbors—to one better than you. <sup>29</sup> He who is the Glory of Israel does not lie or change his mind; for he is not a man, that he should change his mind.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Second Reading—Hebrews 6:17-20** Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath. <sup>18</sup> God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope set before us may be greatly encouraged. <sup>19</sup> We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, <sup>20</sup> where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*(Please stand)*

**L** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter, verses 6-8, 35

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

You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. <sup>7</sup> Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. <sup>8</sup> All these are the beginning of birth pains. <sup>35</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

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

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

## The Nicene Creed

**L** Let us with one voice confess our faith saying the 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.

*(Please be seated)*

### Hymn of the Day

### How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,  
3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose

Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;

What more can He say than to you He has said  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!

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**Sermon Text—Hebrews 13:8** Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

**Sharing of Peace** *(Share greetings with others by saying, “Peace be with you.”)*

**Offering and Voluntary** *(Please fill out your connect cards.)*

*(Please stand)*

**Offertory** **Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

**C** **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*(Please stand)*

**Prayer of the Church**

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and all people according to their needs.

**(After each petition: Pastor: Lord in your mercy. People: Hear our prayer.)**

**P** All these things and whatever else You know that we need grant us for the sake of Him who died and rose again and who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## **Service of the Sacrament**

*As we turn our thoughts toward Holy Communion, we are reminded that this is a sacrament of God’s Grace intended for baptized Christians who believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior, repent or turn from their sins and believe that in and with the bread and wine is Christ’s true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and strength to live a new life.*

### **Preface**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

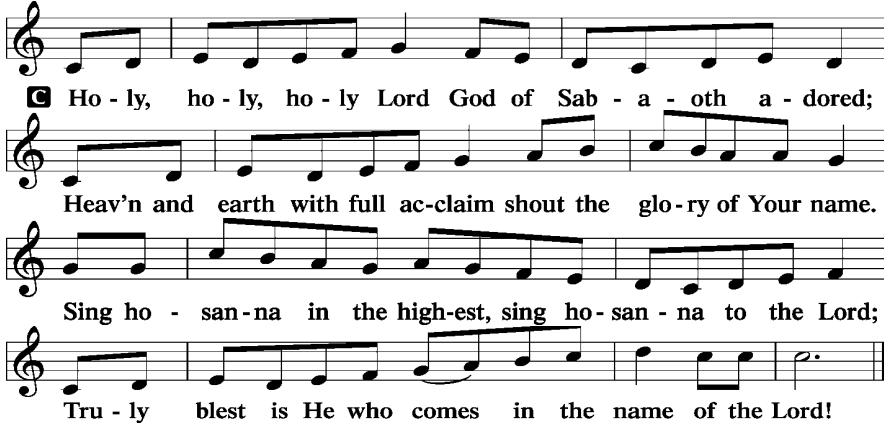
**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** 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; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## The Lord's Prayer

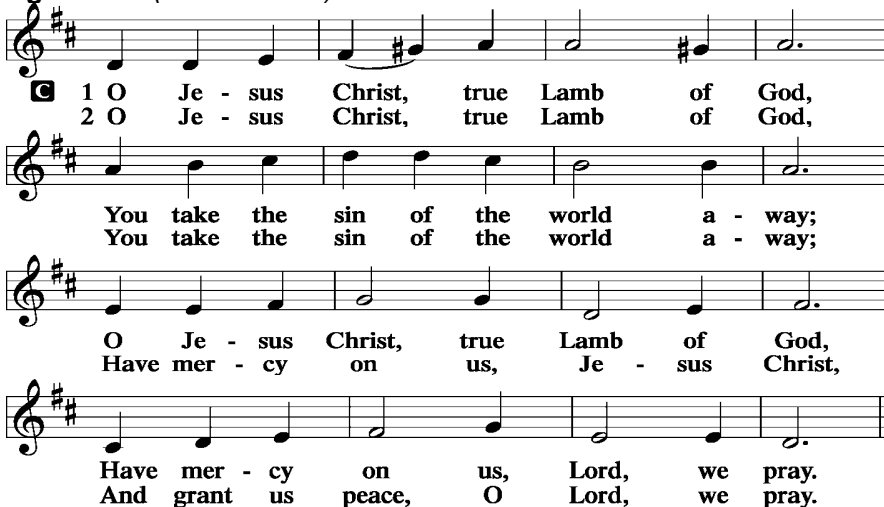
- P** Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray.
- C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## Words of Our Lord (*Pastor*)

### Peace of God

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

### Agnus Dei (*Lamb of God*)



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.



(Please be seated)

## Distribution

*Holy Communion is a gift from God. It is the Lord's Table to which He invites us. As we prepare to receive the Sacrament, we might ask ourselves the following questions: Do I realize that I am a sinful human being? Do I understand that our Lord gave His life, His body and blood, for me on the cross that I might be forgiven of my sins and in His resurrection raised me to a new life? Do I realize that in the Lord's Supper He gives me His true body and blood that I might be assured of forgiveness and that my faith is strengthened that I might serve my Lord and through Him serve others? If you are a baptized Christian and share these Biblical truths, please join us in the celebration of the Sacrament. If you have not yet been baptized or received instruction, please come forward for a blessing, crossing your arms over your chest to indicate you are not receiving the elements.*

**General Distribution:** We invite you to come up to the altar for communion.

**Special Distribution:** Those that are unable to use the stairs to commune at the altar, please stay seated until a communion assistant team comes to the bottom of the stairs. An usher will guide you to walk up and receive communion. For those who cannot walk to the front, communion assistants will commune you at your seat.

## Distribution Hymn

## Hail to the Lord's Anointed



1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, Great Da - vid's great - er Son!  
2 He comes with res - cue speed - y To those who suf - fer wrong,  
3 He shall come down like show - ers Up - on the fruit - ful earth;  
4 Kings shall fall down be - fore Him And gold and in - cense bring;  
5 O'er ev - 'ry foe vic - to - rious, He on His throne shall rest,



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, His reign on earth be - gun!  
To help the poor and need - y And bid the weak be strong;  
Love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, Spring in His path to birth.  
All na - tions shall a - dore Him, His praise all peo - ple sing.  
From age to age more glo - rious, All bless - ing and all - blest.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, To set the cap - tive free,  
To give them songs for sigh - ing, Their dark - ness turn to light,  
Be - fore Him on the moun - tains Shall peace, the her - ald, go;  
To Him shall prayer un - ceas - ing And dai - ly vows as - cend;  
The tide of time shall nev - er His cov - e - nant re - move;



To take a - way trans - gres - sion And rule in eq - ui - ty.  
Whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, Were pre - cious in His sight.  
And righ - teous - ness in foun - tains From hill to val - ley flow.  
His king - dom still in - creas - ing, A king - dom with - out end.  
His name shall stand for - ev - er— That name to us is Love.

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*(Please stand)*

## Dismissal

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace

**C** Amen.

## Thank the Lord



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

## Post-Communion Prayer

**P** Let us pray.

Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to us in this holy Sacrament. Keep us in Your faith and favor that we may live in You even as You live in us. May Your body and blood preserve us in the true faith to life everlasting. Hear us for the sake of Your name.

**C** Amen.

## Benediction (Pastor)

## Closing Hymn

## Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all life Thou giv - est— to both great and small—  
4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;  
In all life Thou liv - est, the true Life of all;  
Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree  
All laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.  
Thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
And with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - es Thee.  
'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light that hides Thee.

Text: W. Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt.

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**P** Go in Peace and Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

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## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

### THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVED TODAY.

Greeters:	Junko Durante 8:00 Kiara & Ella Westby and Abbey & Olivia Jones 10:30
Preacher:	Pastor Tony Durante
Liturgist:	John Wheeler 8:00—Haroldo Camacho 10:30
Cantor:	Ian Johnson 8:00
Lay Reader:	Thomas Boatwright 8:00—Mahnla Entezari and Malaika Gelin 10:30
Communion Asst:	Lerryn Latimer and Neville Morrison 8:00 Brian Warfel and Carol Tucek 10:30
Ushers:	Mike Zaske, Mitch Van Sant, David Volz, Mark Williamson 8:00 Marc Benda, Yerusalem Tzeggai, Doug and Myke MacLeay 10:30
Sound and visuals:	Andy Clark and Renee Bilodeau/Nyla Green
Prayer Team:	Jodi Waldron and Robert Spencer
Organist:	Carisa Meier
Praise Team Leader:	Wayne Rediker 10:30
Viola/Music Leader:	Ian Johnson 10:30
Keyboard:	Nancy Volz 10:30
Bass:	Duane Srot 10:30
Drummer:	Crystal Gossard 10:30

8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Services

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