

TREES:

Life

February 8, 2026 | Third Sunday After the Epiphany

Our Savior Lutheran Church

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“Serving Christ-Serving Others-Changing Lives”

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

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

Prelude

(Bells rung to begin services.)

Announcements

Rite of Holy Baptism

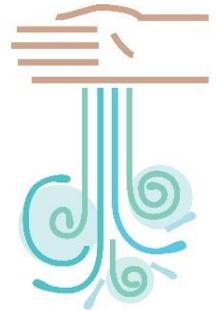
The Presentation

- P** Let us confess the faith into which we baptize by saying together the Apostle’s Creed.
- C** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come 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.**

The Baptism

The Welcome

- P** Through Baptism, God has added _____ to His own people to declare the wonderful deeds of our Savior, who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.
- C** **We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, to work with us in His kingdom.**
- P** And you, _____, the Lord bless you in all your ways from this time forth and even forevermore. **C** **Amen.**



(Please stand)

8 AM

Opening Hymn—LSB 561 The Tree of Life

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| 1 The tree of life with ev'ry good
In Eden's holy orchard stood,
And of its fruit so pure and sweet
God let the man and woman eat.
Yet in this garden also grew
Another tree, of which they knew;
Its lovely limbs with fruit adorned
Against whose eating God had warned. | For on a tree uplifted high
His only Son for sin would die,
Would drink the cup of scorn and dread
To crush the ancient serpent's head! |
| 3 What mercy God showed to our race,
A plan of rescue by His grace:
In sending One from woman's seed,
The One to fill our greatest need— | 4 Now from that tree of Jesus' shame
Flows life eternal in His name;
For all who trust and will believe,
Salvation's living fruit receive.
And of this fruit so pure and sweet
The Lord invites the world to eat,
To find within this cross of wood
The tree of life with ev'ry good. |

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(8 a.m. attendees, please proceed to the *Invocation* on [pg. 4](#) →)

(Please stand)

Opening Song 1—Praise

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| 1. Intro
Let everything that has breath
Praise the Lord (2x) | 4. Chorus A
<i>Praise the Lord oh my soul (2x)</i> |
| 2. Verse 1
I'll praise in the valley
Praise on the mountain
I'll praise when I'm sure
Praise when I'm doubting
I'll praise when outnumbered
Praise when surrounded
'Cause praise is the water
My enemies drown in | 5. Verse 2
I'll praise when I feel it
And I'll praise when I don't
I'll praise 'cause I know
You're still in control
'Cause my praise is a weapon
It's more than a sound
My praise is the shout
That brings Jericho down |
| 3. Pre-Chorus
As long as I'm breathing
I've got a reason to | 6. Chorus B
<i>Praise the Lord oh my soul (Cont. →)</i> |

*Praise the Lord oh my soul
I won't be quiet
My God is alive
How could I keep it inside
Praise the Lord oh my soul*

7. Bridge (2x)

I'll praise 'cause You're sovereign
Praise 'cause You reign
Praise 'cause You rose
and defeated the grave
I'll praise 'cause You're faithful
Praise 'cause You're true
Praise 'cause there's nobody
greater than You

8. Chorus C

*Praise the Lord oh my soul (4x)
I won't be quiet
My God is alive
How could I keep it inside
I won't be quiet
My God is alive
How could I keep it inside
I won't be quiet
My God is alive
How could I keep it inside
Praise the Lord oh my soul*

9. Ending

Let everything that has breath
Praise the Lord (2x)

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Opening Song 2— Revelation Song

1. Verse 1 (2x)

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Holy holy is He
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat

2. Chorus

*Holy holy holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything
And I will adore You*

3. Verse 2

Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor strength and glory
And power be to You the only wise King

4. Verse 3

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power breath and
living water
Such a marv'lous mystery yeah

5. Chorus

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Invocation

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

Confession & Absolution

- L** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- L** Let us then *kneel* and confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **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. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, 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.**
- 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

8 AM—Kyrie (*sung*)

(Please stand)

- A** *In peace let us pray to the Lord.* **C** **Lord have mercy.**
- A** *For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.*
- C** **Lord have mercy.**
- A** *For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.*
- C** **Lord have mercy.**
- A** *For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.*
- C** **Lord have mercy.**
- A** *Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.* **C** **Amen.**

This Is the Feast

Ref **This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (*Cont. →*)**

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

[Refrain]

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

[Refrain]

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

[Refrain]

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

(Please stand)

Salutation and Collect of the Day

L The Lord be with you. **C** **And also with you.**

L Let us pray. Kind Creator, You send messengers to bring us news from heaven and, angels, to give us hope. Let us hear Your Word today so that we might believe in the salvation that You promise us in Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord. **C** **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

L In today's scripture lessons angels act as ones who show us the source of life—a tree in a vision of paradise or the Son of Man on whom they ascend and descend.

First-Reading—Revelation 2 & 22 (selected verses) Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

22:1 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

¹⁴ "Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city. ¹⁵ Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

¹⁶ “I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star.”

¹⁸ I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this scroll: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this scroll. ¹⁹ And if anyone takes words away from this scroll of prophecy, God will take away from that person any share in the tree of life and in the Holy City, which are described in this scroll.

²⁰ He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.”

R This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel (*Please stand*)

L The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter, verse 47-51

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

When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, “Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.”

⁴⁸ “How do you know me?” Nathanael asked.

Jesus answered, “I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you.”

⁴⁹ Then Nathanael declared, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.”

⁵⁰ Jesus said, “You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that.” ⁵¹ He then added, “Very truly I tell you, you will see ‘heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on’ the Son of Man.”

L This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

Hymn of the Day—LSB 673 Jerusalem, My Happy Home

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| 1 | Jerusalem, my happy home,
When shall I come to thee?
When shall my sorrows have an end?
Thy joys when shall I see? | 4 | There trees forevermore bear fruit
And evermore do spring;
There evermore the angels dwell
And evermore do sing. |
| 3 | Thy gardens and thy gallant walks
Continually are green;
There grow such sweet
and pleasant flow'rs
As nowhere else are seen. | 6 | O Christ, do Thou my soul prepare
For that bright home of love
That I may see Thee and adore
With all Thy saints above. |

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Sermon

Trees: Life

Revelation 2 & 22

Offering and Voluntary

Sharing of the Peace (8 a.m.)

Offering

(Please fill out your Connect Cards.)

Voluntary

Higher Ground

sung by the Praise Team

(Please stand)

8 AM—Offertory

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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.

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(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, **P** Lord in Your mercy **C** 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

P 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Let us pray... **C** Amen.

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 (*sung*)

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution (*Please be seated*)

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:

For the **8:00 a.m. service**, those who are able may commune at the **altar**.

Individual cups are available **year-round**, while the **Common Cup** is offered **only during special services**.

White grape juice is available in the **center of the tray** with the individual cups for those who prefer not to have wine.

Special Distribution:

If you are unable to use the stairs or walk to the front, please remain seated. A Communion assistant will come to you, either at the bottom of the stairs or at your seat.

Distribution Hymn—LSB 408 Come, Join in Cana's Feast

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| 1 | Come, join in Cana's feast
Where Christ is honored guest.
He welcomes all who come to taste
The wine His hands have blessed. | 2 | The old wine now is gone
From jars that stand apart.
No longer can it satisfy
The yearning, thirsting heart. (<i>Cont. →</i>) |
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- 3 But Christ, the Word made flesh,
Bids water turn to wine.
He fills our empty cups again
With grace and truth divine.
- 4 Come, friends, and share the feast;
Here drink the wine supplied

By Him who is both guest and host—
For us, the crucified.

- 5 For now He lives and reigns
Through all eternity
With Father, Spirit, Three in One,
The glorious Trinity

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Distribution Hymn—Be Thou My Vision

1. Verse 1

Be Thou my vision
O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me
Save that Thou art
Thou my best thought
By day or by night
Waking or sleeping
Thy presence my light

Thou my great Father
I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling
And I with Thee one

2. Verse 2

Be Thou my wisdom
Be Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee
And Thou with me Lord

3. Verse 3

Be Thou my shield
And my sword for the fight
Be Thou my dignity
Be Thou my might
Thou my soul's shelter
And Thou my high tow'r
Raise Thou me heav'nward
O pow'r of my pow'r

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Dismissal *(Please stand)*

- 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.

Post-Communion Prayer

- P** 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 in faith toward You and in 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. **C** Amen.

Benediction *(Pastor)*

8 AM

Closing Hymn—LSB 342 What Hope! An Eden Prophesied



1 What hope! An E - den proph-e - sied Where tame live with the wild;
2 A shoot will sprout from Jes - se's stem, A branch from Da-vid's line,
3 As ban - ner of God's love un-furled, Christ came to suf - fer loss,
4 Come, Je - sus, come, Mes - si - ah Lord, Lost Par - a - dise re - store;



The lamb and li - on side by side, Led by a lit - tle child!
A Prince of Peace in Beth - le - hem: The fruit of God's de - sign.
That by His death a dy - ing world Would ral - ly to the cross.
Lead past the an - gel's flam - ing sword—Come, o - pen heav - en's door.

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10:30 AM

Closing Song—Indescribable

1. Verse 1

From the highest of heights
to the depths of the sea
Creation's revealing Your majesty
From the colors of Fall
to the fragrance of Spring
Ev'ry creature unique
in the song that it sings
All exclaiming

2. Chorus

*Indescribable uncontainable
You placed the stars in the sky
And You know them by name
You are amazing God
All powerful untamable*

*Awestruck we fall to our knees
As we humbly proclaim
You are amazing God*

3. Verse 2

Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt
where it should go
Or seen heavenly storehouses
laden with snow
Who imagined the sun
and gives source to its light
Yet conceals it to bring us
the coolness of night
None can fathom

4. Chorus

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L Go in Peace and Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon. 2/16 President's Day (*Church office closed*)

Wed. 2/18 ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICES (12:15 p.m. & 7 p.m.)

(PLEASE NOTE: Lent services will only be offered weekly at 12:15 p.m. on Wednesdays until Easter.)

Fri. 2/20 Humans vs Zombies Youth Event (6 p.m. to 8 p.m.)

Sat. 2/21 Global Groove (3 p.m. to 6 p.m.)

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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



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