

Welcome to Worship

Saturday, January 31, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 1, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

WE GATHER

The order of worship is set out in this bulletin. The Congregation responds in parts marked in **bold**.
The page and hymn numbers are listed for the Red ELW Hymnal. * Indicates to stand as you are able.

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Prelude (5:00)

Blessed Assurance
Cam Green, piano

Phoebe Palmer Knapp

"Blessed Assurance" Phoebe Palmer Knapp © 2017 Hal Leonard.

(9:00)

Down in the River to Pray
Saxophone Ensemble

arr. Kenneth Abeling

"Down in the River to Prayer" African American Spiritual; arranged by Kenneth Abeling © Lincoln Music Publications..

Tolling of the Bell

Welcome / Announcements

***Confession and Forgiveness**

*In the name of the Father, and of the  Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.*

Merciful God, you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right.

In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

(9:00) Children's Message

***Gathering Song**

In Christ There is No East or West

ELW 650

- 1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
but one community of love throughout the whole wide earth.
- 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord close binding humankind.
- 3 Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.

4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;
all Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

"In Christ There Is No East Or West" Words: John Oxenham, 1908,
alt. Music: African-American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866-1949.

An accomplished baritone, Harry Burleigh is best known for introducing African American spirituals to classical singers and for arranging these spirituals in a classical style. In 1939, he arranged the spiritual "In Christ There Is No East or West," setting it to the hymn tune **MCKEE**, named for the rector of St. George's Episcopal Church in New York City. Burleigh worked closely with composer Antonín Dvořák and strongly influenced several of Dvořák's most famous compositions, including *Symphony No. 9, "From the New World."*

*Invocation

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.

* Kyrie (ELW p. 138)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

*Canticle of Praise (ELW p. 140) *This is the Feast*

Refrain This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

2 Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. *Refrain*

3 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.

Final This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

THE WORD

First Reading

Micha 6:1-8

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

hymnal p. 142

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

*The Holy Gospel

The gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 5:1-12

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Message (5:00)

Pastor Fanya Burford-Berry

(9:00)

Pastor Brian Wise

*Hymn of the Day

When the Poor Ones

ELW #725

- 1 When the poor ones, who have nothing, still are giving;
when the thirsty pass the cup, water to share;
when the wounded offer others strength and healing:

Refrain

We see God, here by our side, walking our way;
we see God, here by our side, walking our way.

- 2 When compassion gives the suff'ring consolation;
when expecting brings to birth hope that was lost;
when we choose love, not the hatred
all around us: *Refrain*
- 3 When our spirits, like a chalice, brim with gladness;
when our voices, full and clear, sing out the truth;
when our longings, free from envy, seek the humble: *Refrain*
- 4 When the goodness poured from heaven
fills our dwellings;
when the nations work to change war into peace;
when the stranger is accepted as our neighbor: *Refrain*

"When the Poor Ones" Text: Jose Antonio Olivar, b. 1939; tr. Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951. Music: Miguel Manzano, b. 1934. © 1971, 1998 J. Oliver, Miguel Manzano, and San Pablo International - SSP (Admin. OCP Publications.)

*Apostles' Creed (ELW p. 105)

L: *Please join me in professing our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.*

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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. On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the
life everlasting. Amen.**

*Prayers of the People

We rejoice with Rebecca and James Sippel at the baptisms of their sons, Owen James and Parker John Sippel.

We continue to pray for Tom Schneider and those we name silently in our hearts.

We comfort the grieving family of Laura and David Adeli as they mourn the death of her father Glenn Lebrecht.

*Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with one another.

Please be seated.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Offering Invitation

Music Offering (5:00)

Blessings
Women's Chorale

arr. Heather Sorenson

Blessings | Laura Story; arranged by Heather Sorenson © 2014
Laura Story; New Spring Publishing, Inc.

(9:00)

Teach Us Your Mercy
Life Together Choir

Marty Haugen

"Teach Us Your Mercy" Marty Haugen © 2018 GIA Publications.

*Offertory

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW #182

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful" John W. Arthur; Music:
Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923. © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

*Offering Prayer

THE MEAL

Words of Institution

*The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those
who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever.**

Distribution

Lamb of God

ELW p. 146

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.

Meditation Music

(5:00)

Lamb of God with There Is a Redeemer
Bach Ringers

arr. Peggy Bettcher

Lamb of God (w There Is a Redeemer) | Twila Paris, Melody Green;
arranged by Peggy Bettcher | Lamb of God © 1985 StraightWay Music; Mountain Spring Music (ASCAP) | There Is
a Redeemer © 1982 Birdwing Music; Cherry Lane Music; Ears To Hear Music (ASCAP) | (Admin. by EMI Christian Music Publishing)

(9:00)

Swing Low Sweet Chariot
Saxophone Ensemble

arr. K. Abeling

"Swing Low Sweet Chariot" Spiritual; arranged by K. Abeling ©
Lincoln Music Publications.

*Prayer after Communion

WE ARE SENT

*Responsive Sending

People of God, we are called into Life Together...
Rooted in Christ, growing in grace, connected in love.
Just like the early church, we gather with purpose...
Devoted to prayer, to fellowship, and to the breaking of bread.
We are not church alone—we are church together...
Called to show up, speak truth, and share burdens.
The Spirit forms us into a community of care...
Where generosity flows, and no one is forgotten.
In every act of love, every table shared, every name remembered...
Christ is made known among us.
So go now—renewed in connection, bold in faith, alive in hope...
To live ‘Life Together,’ to ‘Know Jesus, and to Make Jesus Known.’ Amen.

*Blessing

***Sending Song** *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* ELW #873

1 Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.

Refrain Rejoice! Rejoice!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

2 With voice as full and strong as ocean's surging praise,
send forth the sturdy hymns of old, the psalms of ancient days. *Refrain*
6 Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore:
CREATOR, Son, and Spirit blest, one God forevermore. *Refrain*

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” Text: Edward H. Plumptre, 1821-1891,
alt. Music: Arthur H. Messiter, 1834-1916.

*Dismissal

Go in peace to seek justice for all people.

Thanks be to God. We will!

Postlude (5:00) *You Make Me Brave* Amanda Cook
Cam Green, piano

“You Make Me Brave” Amanda Cook © 2013 Bethel Music Publishing.

(9:00) *Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho* arr. K. Abeling
Saxophone Ensemble

“Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho” Spiritual; arranged by Kenneth Abeling © Lincoln Music Publications.

Thank you to all who gave of their time to plan, serve, and participate in today's worship.

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Worship Service Opportunities

• Our Saviour's Campus,	Traditional Worship	Saturday, 5:00 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
	Blended	Sunday, 11:00 am	
• Celebration Campus,	Contemporary	Sunday, 10:00 am	

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Holy Communion is offered weekly at all worship services, and all are welcome to receive it.

You will receive a wafer, which can be dipped into the divided chalice. The red is wine, and the white is grape juice. Gluten-free options are available at all stations. When present, a prayer minister, wearing a cross on a red ribbon, is located at the back of the worship space.

Interested in learning more about membership?

Membership at Our Saviour's is focused on relationships. To learn more about membership, visit www.oursaviours.com, email membership@oursaviours.com, or contact the main office at 630-355-2522.

Upcoming Events

Information for groups and events, as well as registration links, can be found on the Home menu, News & Events page of our website at www.oursaviours.com.

- Throughout the month of February, we will open each Sunday's 9 and 11 worship with a hymn written by a Black hymnwriter. You can find more information about each week's composer in your bulletin.
- Reminder **Senior Lunch - Monday, Feb 2**, Noon Fellowship/kitch
- **Common Ground** on *Wednesday, Feb. 4, at 5:15 pm* in the Sanctuary. All are welcome.
- **Mozambique annual dinner**, a special evening in support of Our Saviour's Mozambique missions, *Saturday, Feb. 7*, at 6 p.m. on Celebration Campus. We're gathering for an evening of delicious food, music, an exciting auction, interactive activities, and more--as we support the work God is doing through our mission partners. Cost is \$60 per person, \$150 family, \$450 table of 8. Tickets are available on the website and on the weekends in the Nartex.
- **Ash Wednesday - Feb 18**, imposition of ashes 6:30 am, Noon, 7 PM in the Sanctuary.
- **Sweetheart Dance - Saturday, February 21, 2026, 6 - 8:30 pm** at the Celebration Campus. Join the Mozambique Ministry in partnership with the Children's Center for a Dance for children and parents. See website for details.
- **Lenten Midweek Worship** - starts *Wednesdays, Feb. 25 - March 25, from 5:30 - 6 p.m.* in the Sanctuary, with dinner to follow (Midweek Meetup)
- **Bright Stars of Bethlehem** - *Friday, Feb 27, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.* Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb will give a presentation in the Sanctuary at 7 p.m. Following the presentation, visit the art gallery at OSLC to view the special artwork related to Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb's talk. Light refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall.