



# Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

*Sharing God's Love with All!*

**Fifth Sunday After Epiphany**

February 5, 2017, 9:15 am

Welcome

Gathering Hymn.....*As With Gladness Men of Old (vs 1-3)*.....#302

**As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold; as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright; so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led by thee.**

**As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to thy lowly bed, there to bend the knee before thee, whom heav'n and earth adore; so may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy seat.**

**As they offered gifts most rare at thy cradle, rude and bare, so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy, all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'nly king.**

Greeting

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

Confession (Let us pray together)

**C: Loving God, we confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways. Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted too quickly, we have not spoken or acted at all; we have hurt those closest to us; we have hurt those we have yet to know; we have thought more about ourselves than others; we have thought less of ourselves than we ought. Turn us around, and give us a fresh**

**start, so that we can live again as your children. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

P: Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right. Even when we have messed up, God puts us together. God's love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children. Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

**\*\*Order of Service - Page 138 in the Hymnal\*\***

Kyrie (Each petition will end with "Let us pray to the Lord"; please respond "**Lord, have mercy**".)

Canticle of Praise.....Page 140

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Prayer of the Day

**C: Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Psalm.....Psalm 124

L: If the Lord had not been on our side, let Israel now say;

**C: If the Lord had not been on our side, when enemies rose up against us,**

L: Then would they have swallowed us up alive in their fierce anger toward us;

**C: Then would the waters have overwhelmed us and the torrent gone over us;**

L: Then would the raging waters have gone right over us.

**C: Blessed be the Lord who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.**

L: We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

**C: Our help is in the name of the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.**

Reading.....Ester 9:26-28

Queen-Beauty/Courage.....Pastor Dorothy Sandahl

Hymn of the Day.....*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise (vs 1-3)*.....#310

**Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;  
manifested by the star to the sages from afar, branch of royal David's  
stem in thy birth at Bethlehem: anthems be to thee addressed, God in  
flesh made manifest.**

**Manifest at Jordan's stream, prophet, priest, and king supreme; and at  
Cana wedding guest in thy Godhead manifest; manifest in pow'r divine,  
changing water into wine; anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh  
made manifest.**

**Manifest in making whole weakened body, fainting soul; manifest in  
valiant fight, quelling all the devil's might; manifest in gracious will,  
ever bringing good from ill: anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh  
made manifest.**

Apostles Creed.....Page 105

Prayers of Intercession (Each petition will end with “Lord in your mercy”; please respond “**Hear our prayers**”.)

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offering Hymn.....*Lord, I Lift Your Name On High*.....#857

**Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises. I’m so glad you’re in my life, I’m so glad you came to save us. You came from heaven to earth to show the way, from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.**

Offering Prayer

P: Merciful God, receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord

**C: Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving.....Page 144

Words of Institution

P: For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Lord’s Prayer.....Page 145

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn 1.....*By Your Hand You Feed Your People*.....#469

**By your hand you feed your people, food of angels, heaven's bread.  
For these gifts we did not labor, by your grace have we been fed:**

**Refrain: Christ's own body, blessed and broken, cup o'er flowing, life  
outpoured, given as a living token of your world redeemed,  
restored.**

**In this meal we taste your sweetness, bread for hunger, wine of peace.  
Holy word and holy wisdom satisfy our deepest needs. Refrain**

**Send us now with faith and courage to the hungry, lost, bereaved.  
In our living and our dying, we become what we receive: Refrain**

Communion Hymn 2.....*Holy, Holy, Holy*.....#473

**Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you. My heart is glad to say  
the words: You are holy, God.**

Communion Prayer

P: O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with  
heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now—  
today, tomorrow, every day—that we tell the story of your never-  
ending love and sing your praise both now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

Sending Hymn.....*This Little Light Of Mine*.....#677

**This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine; this little light of mine,  
I'm goin'-a let it shine; this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine; ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine; ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine; Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine; Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Blessing

P: The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

**C: Amen.**

P: Go in peace, love and serve the Lord, and one another!

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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## **Announcements**

**Annual Meeting:** Our Saviour's annual congregational meeting will take place after worship today in the church. Youth and Family will be having a Cinnamon Roll Breakfast before the meeting begins.

**"Potluck and a Movie":** On February 12th at 11:00am, join Youth and Family for a special family event. Bring some food to share and come enjoy the movie "A Miracle from Heaven."

**Choir Concert:** The Blair Lutheran Church is holding a special musical event to raise awareness about hunger in our communities. This concert will be performed by area church choirs (Blair Lutheran Church, St. Ansgar Catholic Church, Ettrick Living Hope Lutheran Church, Pigeon Falls

Lutheran Church and Our Saviour's Lutheran Church of Whitehall) on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. A free-will offering will be accepted to be shared with ELCA World Hunger and local community food pantries. Light refreshments will be served following the Concert. See you there!

**Crochet Class:** Come join Life and Growth for an hour on Sunday mornings, starting February 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:15am, to learn the art of crocheting. Just bring yourself and a size H, J, or K crochet hook and we will do the rest. (We have a few extra hooks if needed).

**Open House:** Everybody is welcome to attend Myrtle Olson's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration at Our Saviour's on February 18<sup>th</sup> from 2:00pm until 4:00pm. Ice cream and cake will be served. Hope to see you there!

**Painting Fundraiser:** Join Youth and Family on February 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm, as they host their 2nd Annual Painting Party. Please see Patti Zimmerman, Melissa Frank, Kathy Harms, or Peggy Kneifl for tickets.

**Happy Birthday:** Wishing a happy birthday this upcoming week to: **Tracy Solberg, Donna Lindberg, Adam Stendahl, Nicole Carlson, Madison Wells, Jamie Goplin, and David Henrickson.**

**Please pray for the following:** Barb Harms, Karl Fernholz, Roy Arneson, George Przybilla, Goodwin Anderson, Vicki Windjue, Steven Hanvold, Ralph Johnson, Lara Schansberg, Charlie Bratz, Fern Moe, Bob Guinn, Jeff Betthauser, Mary Eid Everson, Jerry Betthauser, Elaine Foss, Linda Schroeder, Christin Stoutner, Bev Brey, Kaye Henrickson, Mark Windjue, and Donna Fernholz.

### **Coming Up This Week:**

**Monday** - Bible Study 6:15pm

Praise Team Practice 7:00pm  
Transition Team Meeting 7:00pm

**Tuesday** - Quilting 8:30am  
Church Council Meeting 7:00pm

**Wednesday** - Bible Study 9:30am  
Wednesday Worship 5:30pm  
Confirmation 6:00pm  
JCrew 6:30pm  
Senior Choir Practice 7:00pm

**Thursday** - Tiger Scout Meeting 6:00pm

**Sunday** - Sunday Worship 9:15am (Stitches of Love Blessing)  
Sunday School 10:15am  
Youth and Family Meeting 10:15am  
"Potluck and a Movie" 11:00am

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**Communion Servers:** Andy and Mary Johnson, Karen Witte  
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