



# Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

*Sharing God's Love with All!*

**Fourth Sunday After Epiphany**

January 29, 2017, 9:15 am

Welcome

Gathering Hymn.....*How Good, Lord, To Be Here! (vs 1-3)*.....#315

**How good, Lord, to be here! Your glory fills the night; your face and garments, like the sun, shine with unborrowed light.**

**How good, Lord, to be here! Your beauty to behold where Moses and Elijah stand, your messengers of old.**

**Fulfiller of the past and hope of things to be, we hail your body glorified and our redemption see.**

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: Holy One, we come before you confessing that we have taken more than our share. We have wanted to have everything we need in life and have missed seeing the needs of our neighbors. We have worked hard to get where we are and have failed to see that you gave your life for us, and that we ought to live our lives for others. Forgive us for putting ourselves first over the needs of others. Help us to seek to serve you in all that we do, by serving our neighbors. In the name of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve, we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

P: Blessed are you, for you are God's child. God loves you. God desires the best for you. Give your best by loving your neighbors as yourselves. Know that you are forgiven. Go and live for others, loving and caring.

**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 139

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

**C: God of justice, kindness, and mercy, guide us to live the ways you have taught us. Guide us to seek justice in all we do, always looking after our neighbor. Teach us how to be kinder, to show kindness to all people and to creation. Help us to show mercy to others, even when it is hard. Keep us on the path you have laid out, that the prophets spoke of old and the great teachers of the faith have steered us towards. In the name of Jesus, our Teacher, Savior and Friend, we pray. Amen.**

Psalm.....Psalm 98

L: Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

**C: O Lord, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

L: You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**C: Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

L: Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

**C: With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the Lord.**

L: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

**C: Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, who comes to judge the earth.**

L: The Lord will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Reading.....Haggai 1:2-9

God's Messengers.....Scott Brown

Hymn of the Day.....*For The Fruit Of All Creation*.....#679

**For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. For these gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God. For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.**

**In the just reward of labor, God's will is done. In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done. In our worldwide task of caring for the**

hungry and despairing, in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

**For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God. For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God. For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.**

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: Wise and merciful God, thank you for choosing us to be your people.  
Teach us to yearn for what is right and to do what you want us to do.  
Use us and our possessions for your wise and good purposes.

**C: Amen.**

Lord’s Prayer.....Page 145

**Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.**

**Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King; take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.**

Blessing

P: Go out into the world. Walk with integrity. Do only what is right. Speak the truth with courage. And may God reward you with divine mercy; may Christ Jesus allow you to see God; and may the Holy Spirit lead and fill you with all the blessings of God’s children.

**C: Amen.**

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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## **Announcements**

**Celebration Sunday:** Today is celebration Sunday! Thank you to everyone who brought in a treat to share in celebration of your January birthday or special event. God bless!

**French Toast Breakfast:** Please support your area Girl Scouts by joining them for a French Toast Breakfast after worship today in Our Saviour’s Fellowship Hall. Menu includes french toast, sausage, fruit cup, coffee and milk.

**Pastor Vacation:** Pastor Dorothy Sandahl will continue to be on vacation until January 31<sup>st</sup>. Pastor Bowman and Pastor Christianson will be available for any emergencies. Sorry for any inconveniences.

**Annual Meeting:** Our Saviour's annual congregational meeting will take place after worship on Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>.

**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 served following the Concert. See you there!

**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!

**Happy Birthday:** Wishing a happy birthday this upcoming week to: **Bruce Ausderau, Ronald Hanson, Marlys Giese, Julie Johnson, Lilliana Ochsner, Christopher Demulling, Easton Moats, Lorraine Narva, Jane Olson, Scotrene Ryan, Joseph Sygulla, Darcy Goplin, and Emerson Pronschinske**

**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

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

**Sunday** - Sunday Worship 9:15am  
Annual Congregational Meeting 10:15am

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