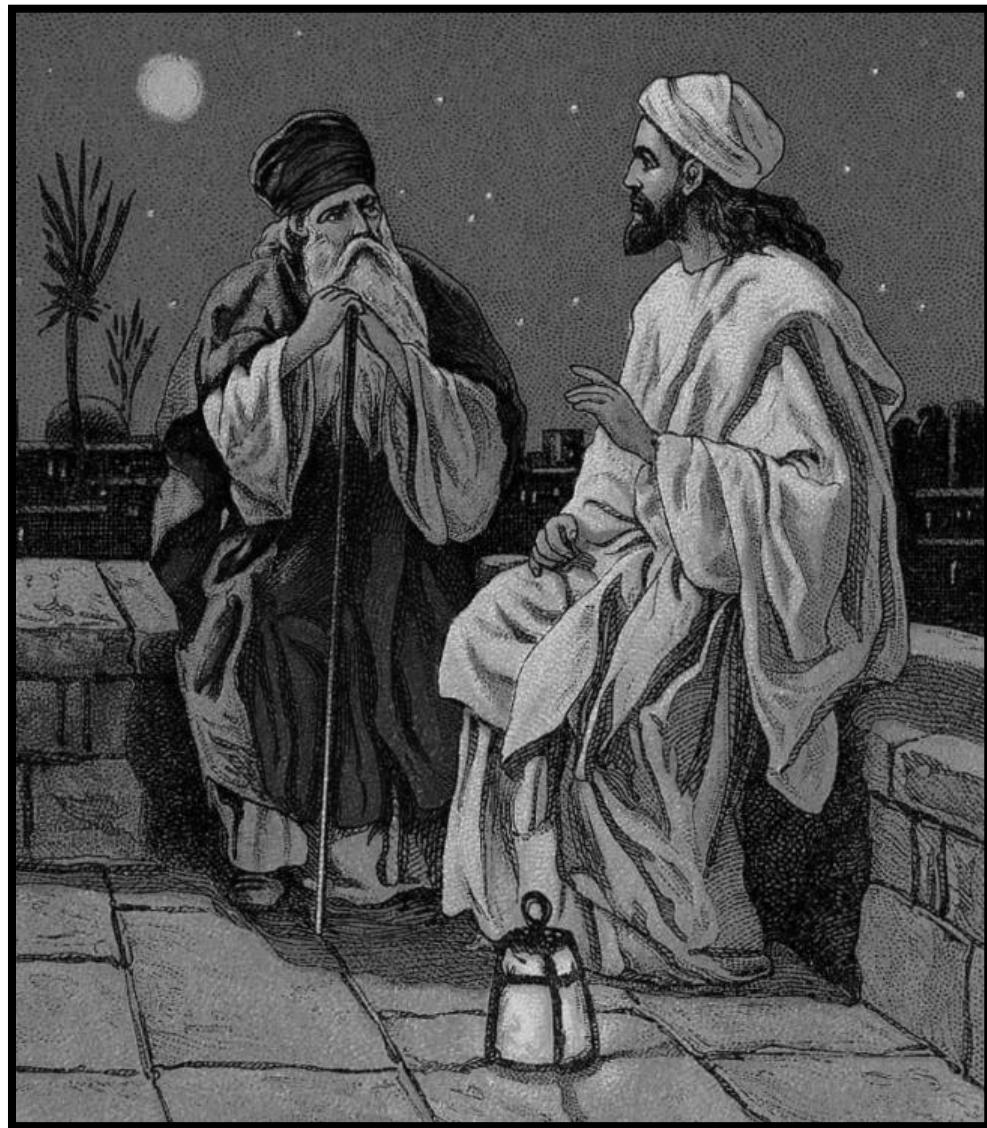


Sunday, January 25, 2026
Third Sunday after Epiphany
10:00 AM



Welcome to Worship!
As we prepare for worship, please silence your mobile devices.
We invite you to a time of silence and focus.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP: It is our joy to welcome you to worship today, in-person and from wherever you may be viewing. We give thanks for whatever brought you, and pray that you may experience the love of God surrounding you and upholding you as we gather together to give thanks to God through Word and Sacrament.

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES are available to use in the Sanctuary for worship. They are located in the Sound Booth; ask the Sound Booth operator if you would like to use one.

WORSHIP IS LIVESTREAMED in the Faith and Family Center (located near the entrance doors to the large parking lot). Anyone is welcome to worship in that space.

WE WELCOME CHILDREN IN WORSHIP! Like Jesus who welcomed children to his ministry, Saint Andrew's welcomes children to our worship services.

Re-usable activity bags (for readers and non-readers) with books, stickers, crayons, paper, and a snack are available from the usher/hospitality team; please return the bags following worship.

- “Younger Disciples Tips” are in the bulletin with ideas to engage children in worship.
- “A Time for Younger Disciples” during worship invites all God’s children to listen to a message.

Health Practices in place to help reduce the spread of viruses and illness:

- Mask wearing is optional. Anyone who wishes to mask is welcome to do so.
- Hand sanitizer is available throughout the building.

For other activities, events, meetings check our website: <https://SALC.church>

VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING IN PROGRESS

Saint Andrews livestreams and records its worship services to YouTube.

Video and Audio recording is currently in progress. It is possible that video footage and/or audio conversations of worshippers in the Saint Andrew's Sanctuary may appear on the YouTube livestream/recording.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Prepare Yourself, My Soul, To Receive Jesus”
Will Simpson, Organ

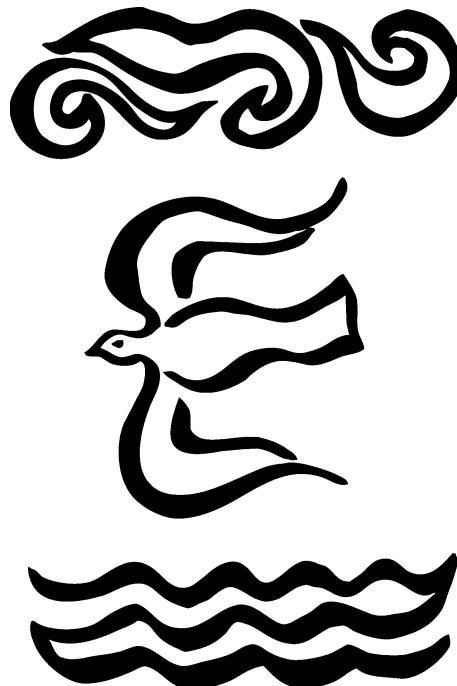
Johannes Brahms

WELCOME

Pastor Lara

Worship leaders will say text in light print.
Congregation will say/respond with bold text.

Please stand as you are able.

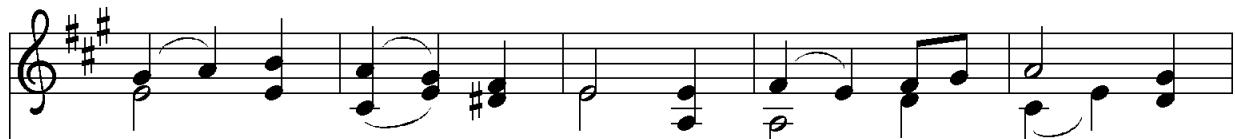
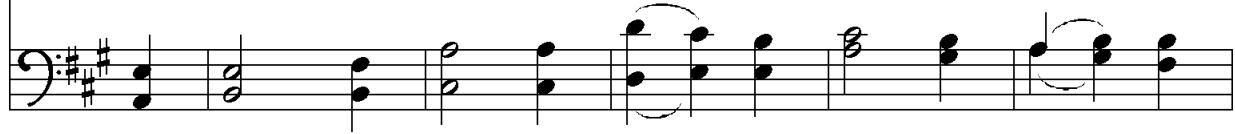


HYMN

The Church of Christ, in Every Age



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
 4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
 be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
 out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.



CONFESSiON AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \ddagger one God,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
the Word who spoke life into being,
the Wind stirring the waters.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Loving God,
you call us to life in community,
but we have served our own interests
at the expense of our neighbors.

We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.

We say the right words,
but our hearts are far from you.

Turn us to seek your face.

Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,
that we may do justice, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.

Amen.

Like a spring of water that never fails,
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,
and forgives your sin in \ddagger Jesus' name.
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,
and bless you with the gift of peace.

Amen.

GREETiNG

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

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

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia. 2 Pow'er, riches, wisdom, and
strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

Refrain

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

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together. O God,
our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

A TIME FOR YOUNGER DISCIPLES

Pastor Lara

You can find the Gospel story in your Spark Story Bible, page 416

WORD

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: JOHN 3:1-21

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned, but those who do not believe are condemned already because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL RESPONSE

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

SERMON

Pastor Lara

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN

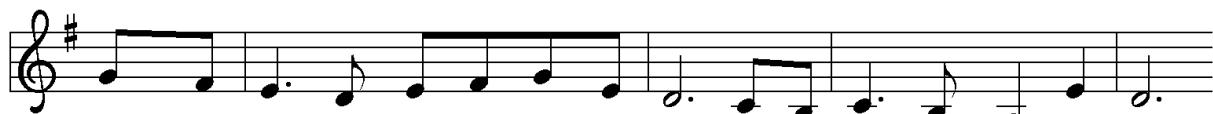
Borning Cry



1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold.
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan - dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold."

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Trusting in God's baptismal promises, we affirm our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**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 power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

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.**

* here, "catholic" means the wholeness of the church in all times and places.

Younger Disciples Tip ~ Prayers/Offering: Invite children to write down who they want to pray for this week and one way they can serve their family/community.

THE PRAYERS

After each petition, the leader will say. *Merciful God,
Your response is, receive our prayer.*

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Please greet people around you as you are comfortable.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Lara

OFFERING Our ushers will be passing offering plates. We welcome your gifts to support the mission and ministry of Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church. There are envelopes in the pews, or you can give online using the QR code.



OFFERTORY MUSIC

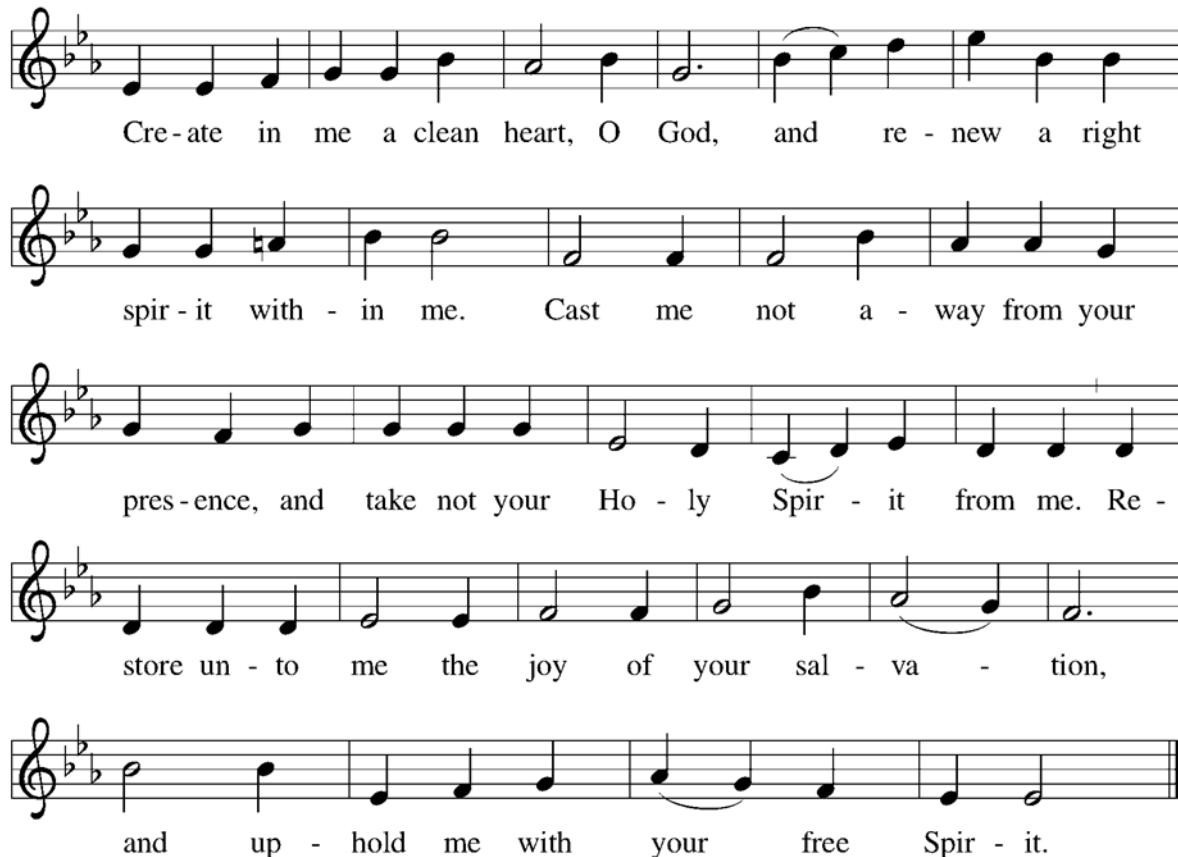
La Campenella (the little bells)
Leo Wang, Piano

Franz Liszt

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY VERSE

Create in Me a Clean Heart



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670–1739

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of majesty,
no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

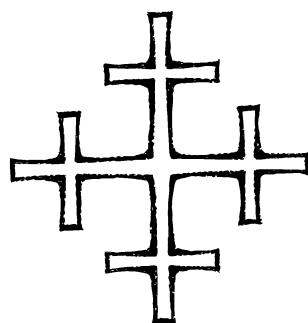
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

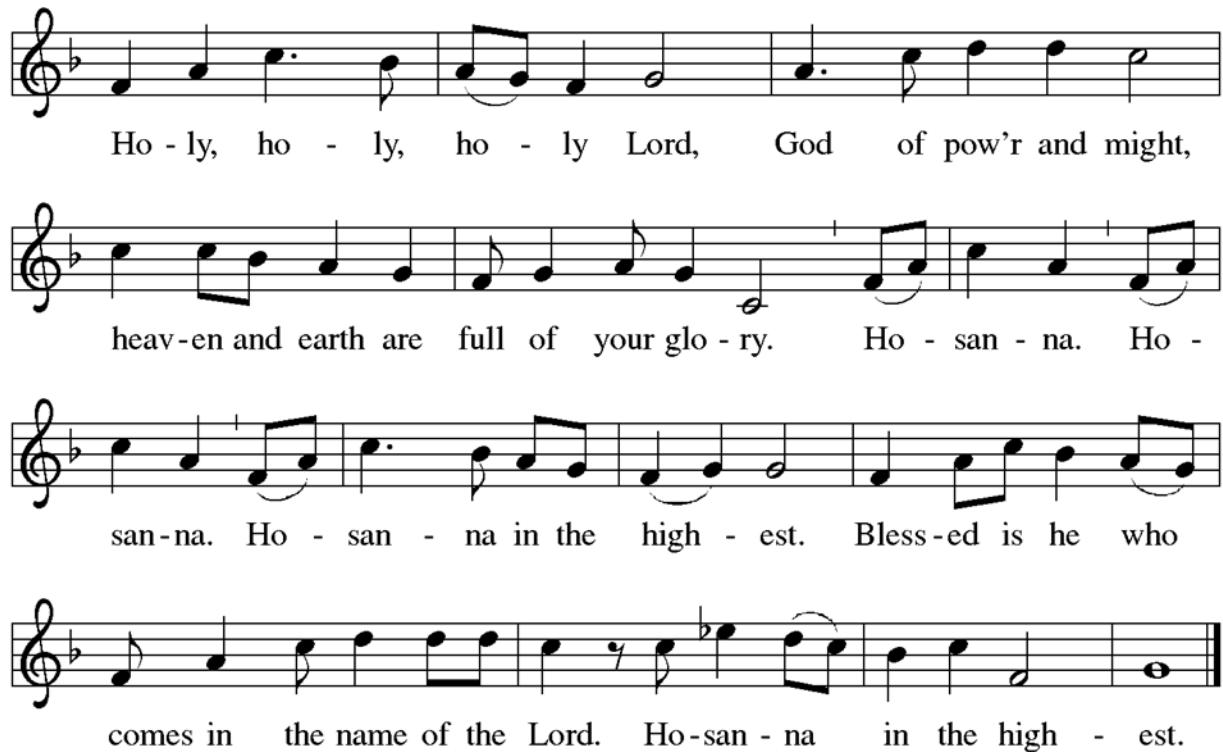
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, blessed and broke it and shared it with his friends, saying, “Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After they had eaten, Jesus took the cup, blessed it, and shared it with his friends, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood which is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

We pray together the prayer Jesus taught us:

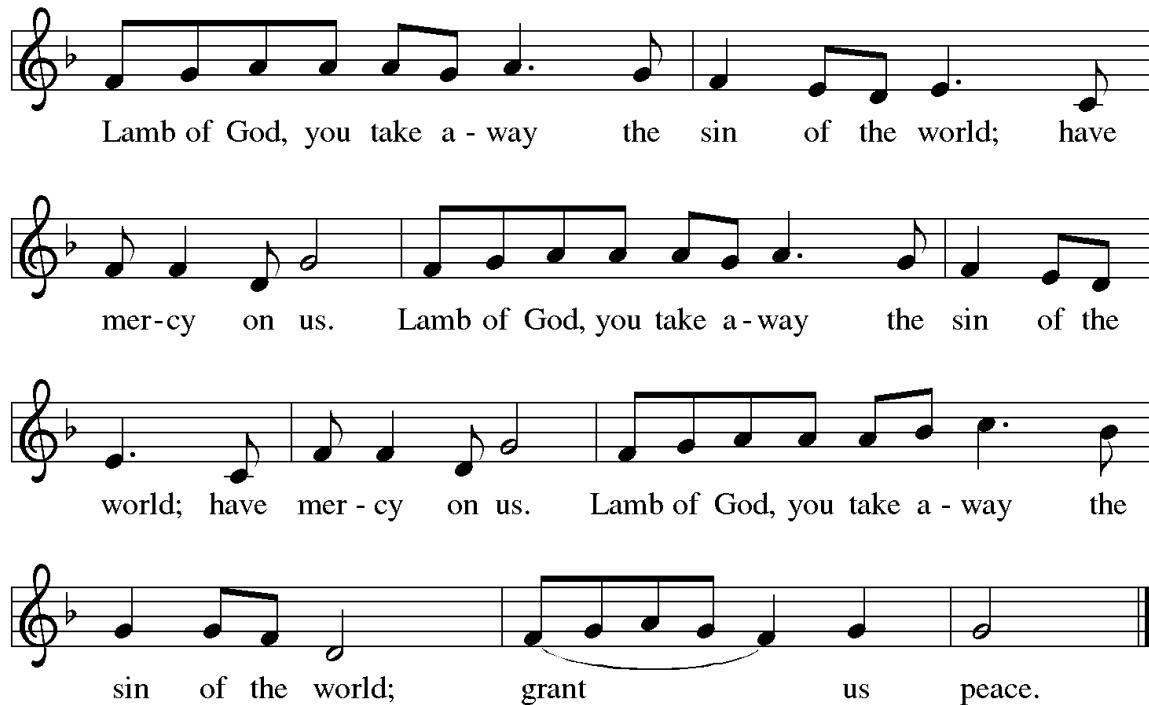
THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as 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. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Please be seated. We wait silently as the participants who are worshiping online are communed.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Today, Communion is received continuously at two stations.

Please follow the directions of the ushers and use the hand sanitizer provided.

Bread is placed in the hands. Red wine and White grape juice are offered by individual cup. Please ask if you would like a gluten-free option.

If you wish to be communed in your seat, please let one of the ushers/hospitality team know.

COMMUNION HYMN

Making Their Way



1 Mak-ing their way down through the a - ges, sin - ners and saints have
 2 Mak-ing their way all the world o - ver, Chris - tians as - sem - ble
 3 Mak-ing our way sea - son by sea-son, pil - grims, we jour - ney



heard God's call: wealth - y and poor, pow - er - ful, low - ly,
 on this day, hear - ing the Word, shar - ing the Ban - quet,
 till life's end, trav - el - ing light, shar - ing the rich - es,



Je - sus' dis - ci - ples, one and all. Gath-ered for wor - ship, of - fer-ing thanks,
 learn-ing to walk in Je - sus' way. Mem-bers of Christ, u - nit - ed in love,
 car - ing for strang - er as for friend, till in the joy of long-ing ful-filled,



the great - est with the least have come to share this feast.
 they seek our God to know, and so to - geth - er grow.
 to - geth - er we will come to our e - ter - nal home.



Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together. Radiant God,
In the sacrament of Jesus' body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

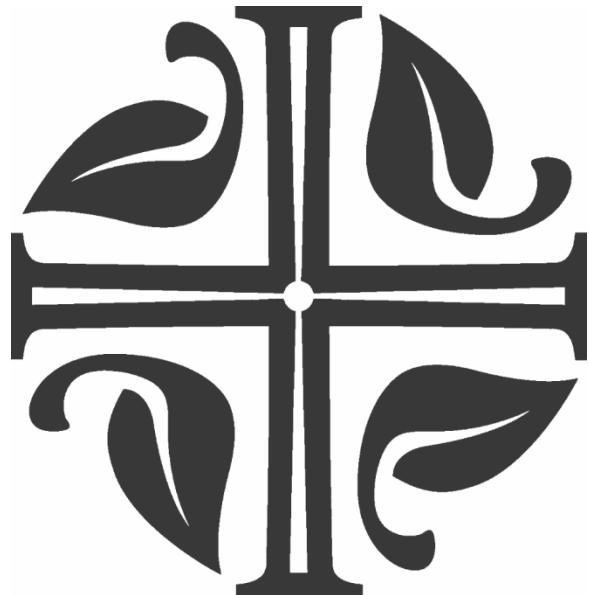
SENDING

Younger Disciples Tip ~ Blessing: Mark the sign of the cross on your child's forehead as a reminder of this sending blessing

BLESSING

May the Spirit of the triune God ☩ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

Amen.



SENDING HYMN

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en,
 2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low
 3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture
 4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion;

from af God cour this ter has age meal Christ, though called be of our love wound - ed, dai - ly and grace; whole; ceive; breath;

may bro pres mer we ken, ent cy through shared, by be such our lov - ing des - ti - en - hal nur na sion lowed ture, tion

whose to Spir from we re - it this are, lease ed day and then and whose, to let un - to our con - us praise. sole. live. death.

Al Al Al Al le - lu - ia, le - lu - ia, le - lu - ia, le - lu - ia;

God, Christ, Spir Rise, the our it, O won - der pres - ent, grace by church, a past, whom liv - of and we ing days. goal. live. faith.

SENDING

All children and youth are invited to come forward to participate in the sending.

Go in peace. Share God's love.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Sonata in D minor K. 141

Leo Wang, Piano

Domenico Scarlatti



Thank you to all who are assisting with worship today:

Pastor Lara Forbes, *Preaching and Presiding*

Will Simpson, *Director of Music*

Elaine Koga, *Accompanist*

Jean Wahlstrom, *Assisting Minister*

Mary Davis, *Lector*

Luke Davis, *Acolyte*

Erik Nielsen and Shana Nielsen, *Ushers*

Ann Berglind and Jay Baxter, *Altar Guild*

Johannes Grad, *Livestream video*

Sharon Curtel, *Audio*

Carolynn & Hal Ferris, *Greeters*

Terri Anderson, *Coffee host*

Volunteers are always welcome! Contact Sherry (sherry@salc.church) to serve as a greeter or coffee host!

**Worship Text for February 1
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
John 4:1-42
Pastor Tim Weber,
preaching and presiding**

Choir Note: Choir Rehearsals begin again on Thursday, January 29 at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to come and make a joyful noise!!

Save the Date:

Annual Women's Retreat: March 6-7- 8, 2026

Rainbow Lodge, North Bend

Pastor Deanna Wildermuth, speaker: "Telling Our Story, Listening for God"

Brochures with pricing and room requests are available in the narthex. A PDF of the brochure can also be sent via email, contact Kathy (kathy@salc.church) if you'd like it emailed. Let Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland know if you're interested in attending ASAP. (We almost sold out last year.) sherry@salc.church or 425-746-2529.



QUILT RAFFLE

What's better on a cold night than a cozy quilt?? Nothing ... and THIS cozy quilt can be YOURS!

The Dorcas Circle is raffling this very quilt at the January Annual Meeting !! Proceeds will benefit their Lutheran World Relief efforts.

Raffle tickets will be available on today only – price? Your generous donation!

LITURGY and MUSIC: Unless otherwise noted, liturgy, liturgical music, and hymns are from Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) and All Creation Sings (ACS), and Scripture readings are from New Revised Standard Version Bible (NRSV) Liturgy and NRSV text from Sundays and Seasons.com. Kenneth L. DeJong Liturgy, Copyright 2026 Augsburg Fortress; streamed/reprinted with permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SASoo6660. All rights reserved. New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Reprinted / podcast / streamed with permission under OneLicense.net #A-718073. All rights reserved. Reprinted / podcast / streamed with permission under CCLI #2042297 and #CSPL048062. All rights reserved

The Sophia Way Lunch:

Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church will again have the honor of donating a hot lunch to Sophia's Place, (the Bellevue Sophia Way shelter). **Gathering of items for a lunch and/or pantry needs will be on Tuesday, January 27th, 2-2:15 PM**, in the back parking lot, (or time/place to be decided upon). Please let Joyce Arnold know if you would like to participate.

GLOBAL REFUGE: REBUILDING AFTER REPATRIATION:

A NW WASHINGTON SYNOD EVENT

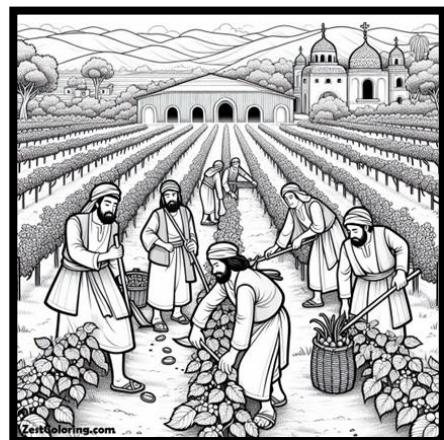
Sat. Feb. 14th, 9:30 am to Noon at Our Saviors Lutheran, Everett

Our synod assembly in May approved a resolution supporting Global Refuge's innovative Camino de Casa project. Featuring Andrew Steele from Global Refuge, this hybrid event documents the journeys of unaccompanied minors who have been deported and returned to their country of origin. It highlights how Global Refuge helps them re-enter their communities and be reunited with families, providing mental and physical health screening, job training, and other support that will ensure they have greater success in coming home to stay. Participants will watch a short documentary featuring personal stories of youth and the impact of US immigration policies; and in real time, will ZOOM with staff and a deportee on the ground in Guatemala. For more information, contact Dan Clements at 425-418-8755 or dan@e-clements.com



Scouts!! We will celebrate SCOUT SUNDAY on February 8 at our 10 AM worship.

Adult Education, Sunday, February 1, 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall! We will continue the “Parables of Jesus”, looking at Mark 4:1-20 and Matthew 20: 1-16. Cheryl Jurrus and Allen Bolen lead the discussion. Bring your Bibles! Maybe we could think of the Parables as little gifts to unwrap and enjoy?



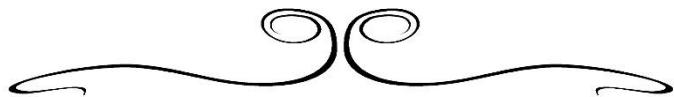


Porchlight Men's Shelter Hosting at St. Luke's | Saint Luke's | Eastside Lutheran Church Community

Every year, and the entire month of February, St. Luke's hosts approximately 25 men from Porchlight Men's Shelter for meals and overnights.

The men are moving in on January 30th and will have their first meal on that night. Now is the

time to sign up for meal assistance. You can make a complete meal for the men by yourself, or ask a few friends to help share the load. Don't like to cook? We could use server hosts. It's a great opportunity to commune with these men - they are so grateful! If you have any questions, please contact Judy Buckmaster at judybuckmaster59@gmail.com. Thank you for your time and generosity. [Please view the meal signup sheet](#), which includes proper instructions.



Kafika House Summer Immersion Program for youth & adults:

YOUR JOURNEY AWAITS

Tanzanian Immersion
with Kafika House

June 20 - July 4, 2026
July 11 - July 25, 2026

Our two-week program is designed for guardians and teens to bond, grow and volunteer at Kafika House amidst the cultural and natural beauty of Tanzania and its people. This trip is not solely academic, solely service-based or solely culturally immersive -- it's the

full package! It's time to go beyond comfort zones and perceived limits and join Kafika House as we change the landscape of rehabilitative care for children with disabilities in Tanzania.

The Registration Deadline is extended to January 29, 2026!!

Ready to make this summer extraordinary? Dive into the brochure for all the details, and reach out to Meg at meg@friendsofkafikahouse.org for more information or to secure your place.

Calendar

Sunday, January 18

9:00 AM	Adult Education, SALC Budget Review Sunday School (preschool – 5 th Gr)
10:00 AM	Worship
11:15 AM	KnitWits

Monday, January 19

Office is closed – MLK Holiday
6:30 PM Worship & Music Committee
7:00 PM Discipleship Committee

Tuesday, January 20

8:30 AM	Tuesday Morning Men
10:00 AM	Pastor's Bible Study
11:45 AM	OWLS

Wednesday, January 21

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting
10:00 AM	Women's Book Group

Thursday, January 22

9:00 AM BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, January 23

Office is Closed

Saturday, January 24

Sunday, January 25

9:00 AM	Adult Education, Coffee & Conversation Sunday School (Preschool – 5 th grade)
10:00 AM	Worship
11:15 AM	Annual Congregational Meeting

Monday, January 26

1:00 PM	Staff Meeting
6:00 PM	ELF Planning Meeting
6:30 PM	Worship & Music Committee
7:00 PM	Outreach Committee

Tuesday, January 27

8:30 AM	Tuesday Morning Men
10:00 AM	Pastor's Bible Study
7:00 PM	Building & Property Committee

Wednesday, January 28

10:00 AM	Women's Book Group
7:00 PM	JEDI Meeting

Thursday, January 29

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 30

Office is Closed.

Saturday, January 31

9:00 AM	Education Hour, Bible Study Sunday School (preschool – 5 th Grade)
10:00 AM	Worship

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