



Lutheran Church of Our Savior
Bethany, OK

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Our Mission Statement

Empowered by the Spirit through Word and Sacrament, Lutheran Church of Our Savior will minister in word and action to our members and to the community, witnessing our faith in Christ who saved and gave new life to those who believe in Him.

As we observe worship inside the sanctuary today, please be respectful of the wishes and needs of others.

- * If you are sick, do not come.
- * You may take your temperature at home before coming. If you have a fever, stay home.
- * Masks are encouraged.
- * The church will be sanitized. Doors will be sanitized.

Entering the Church and Sanctuary

- ✝ Outside doors will be propped open wherever possible. Doors to the sanctuary will be propped open.
- ✝ Do not congregate as you enter the church. Do not congregate in the narthex as you come into the sanctuary. Make use of both doors into the sanctuary so that you keep your 6-foot distance from others.
- ✝ Every other pew will be roped off. Please sit in every other pew. Families may sit close together. Please sit 6 feet apart from others within your pew.

Exiting the Sanctuary

- ✝ At end of service, please wait for an usher to excuse your row. Back rows will be dismissed first. Please maintain your distancing from those ahead of you.
- ✝ Thank you for following these guidelines as much as possible.

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

A Temple of the Holy Spirit

January 17, 2021

As We Gather

Today's Bible readings remind us that God knew us before we were anything. This includes the comforting thought that God knew us before we were even born or thought of by our parents. Psalm 139 offers us the awesome perspective on life that God was personally involved in making us, as Scripture says, "forming us in the womb", paying great attention to detail. That God knew us before we were anything also includes the truth that before we ever confessed faith in Christ as Savior, He was already envisioning what we would become through faith in His Son.



So, the mind-blowing truth of Scripture about what God knows about us, and when He knew it is this: He knew us before the world began, intricately fashioned and made us, and then called us through Jesus Christ to be His very own. God has a vision for you, His eye is upon you, and He has a wonderful plan for your life.

Prelude

Welcome

907 God Himself Is Present



1 God Him - self is pres - ent: Let us now a - dore Him
2 God Him - self is pres - ent: Hear the harps re - sound - ing;
3 Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Pu - ri - fy my spir - it,



And with awe ap - pear be - fore Him. God is in His
See the hosts the throne sur - round - ing. "Ho - ly, ho - ly,
Trust - ing on - ly in Your mer - it. Like the ho - ly



tem - ple; All with - in keep si - lence; Hum - bly kneel in
ho - ly!" Hear the hymn as - cend - ing, Songs of saints and
an - gels, Wor - ship - ing be - fore You, May I cease - less -



deep - est rev - 'rence. He a - lone On His throne
an - gels blend - ing. Bow Your ear To us here:
ly a - dore You. Let Your will Ev - er still



Is our God and Sav - ior; Praise His name for - ev - er!
Hear, O Christ, the prais - es That Your Church now rais - es.
Rule Your Church ter - res - trial As the hosts ce - les - tial.

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

† Word †

Psalm

Psalm 139:1–10

¹O LORD, you have searched me and known me!

²You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

³You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴Even before a word is on my tongue,
behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.

⁵You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

**⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is high; I cannot attain it.**

**⁷Where shall I go from your Spirit?
Or where shall I flee from your presence?**

**⁸If I ascend to heaven, you are there!
If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!**

**⁹If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**

**¹⁰even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me.**

Old Testament Reading
(The Lord calls Samuel.)

1 Samuel 3:10 (11-20)

¹The young man Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. ³The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.

⁴Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down.

⁶And the LORD called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

⁸And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the young man. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears." ¹¹Then

the LORD said to Samuel, "Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel at which the two ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. ¹²On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³And I declare to him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever."

¹⁵Samuel lay until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." And he said, "Here I am." ¹⁷And Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." ¹⁸So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. And he said, "It is the LORD. Let him do what seems good to him."

¹⁹And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the LORD.

Holy Gospel

John 1:43-51

(Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." ⁴⁹Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see

greater things than these.”⁵¹ And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

Greeting Time

Song

Be Thou My Vision

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| 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 | 4 Riches I heed not Nor man's empty praise Thou mine inheritance Now and always Thou and Thou only Be first in my heart High King of heaven My treasure Thou art |
| 2 Be Thou my wisdom Be Thou my true Word I ever with Thee And Thou with me Lord Thou my great Father I Thy true son Thou in me dwelling And I with Thee one | 5 High King of heaven When vict'ry is won May I reach heaven's joys O bright heaven's Sun Heart of my own heart Whatever befall Still be my vision O Ruler of all |
| 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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Sermon

When Jesus Saw You under the Fig Tree

Prayers of the Church

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

Preface

P The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

C and also with you.

P Lift up your hearts. *[Colossians 3:1]*

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *[Psalm 136]*

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has redeemed and bought us with the price of His blood so that we might live under Him in His kingdom. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

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Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Prayer

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by

the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23.25

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

C Amen.

Song

Holy is the Lord

We stand and lift up our hands

For the joy of the Lord is our strength

We bow down and worship Him now

How great how awesome is He

And together we sing

Ev'ryone sing

Holy is the Lord God Almighty

The earth is filled with His glory

Holy is the Lord God Almighty

The earth is filled with His glory

The earth is filled with His glory *[repeat from beginning]*

Bridge

It is rising up all around

It's the anthem of the Lord's renown

It's rising up all around

It's the anthem of the Lord's renown

And together we sing

Ev'ryone sing

Holy is the Lord God Almighty

The earth is filled with His glory

Holy is the Lord God Almighty

The earth is filled with His glory

The earth is filled with His glory

Announcements

Postlude

Offering *(As You Exit)*

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This Week's Calendar January 17, 2021

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| Sunday | 9:00 A.M. | Early Worship w/Holy Communion |
| | 10:00 A.M. | Late Worship w/Holy Communion |
| | 11:00 A.M. | Courtyard Worship w/Holy Communion |
| Monday | Newsletter Article Deadline | |
| | 6:00 P.M. | Ladies Zoom Prayer Meeting |
| Wednesday | 6:00 P.M. | Kid's Zoom Bible Club |
| | 6:45 P.M. | Epic Youth Zoom Bible Study |
| | 7:15 P.M. | Adult Zoom Bible Study |
| | 6:00 P.M. | READ Book Club |
| Thursday | 6:00 P.M. | READ Book Club |
| Friday | <i>Office Closed</i> | |
| Saturday | 2:00 P.M. | Community Dinner <i>[3:00-5:30 p.m.]</i> |
| Next Sunday | 9:00 A.M. | Early Worship |
| | 10:00 A.M. | Late Worship |
| | 11:00 A.M. | Courtyard Worship |

Serving Next Week January 24, 2021

Elder on Duty

Janie Hlinicky



“You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.” 1 Corinthians 6:19b-20

God owns everything, including our very selves. We were made to serve Him and glorify Him and will never truly be happy or find our fulfillment until we learn that lesson. Jesus has redeemed us and brought us back into the Kingdom of the Father, and that has set us free to serve Him in joy, generosity, liberty, and faith.

2020 Contribution Statements—Statements were emailed this past Wednesday. If you do not have email, you can ask the Elder on Duty for your copy. If you are unable to print your statement at home, call the office and we can print one for you to pick up.



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| Attendance Last Week | |  | Treasurer’s Report (January 10, 2021) | |
| Early Worship Attendance | 24 | | General Fund (Offerings) | \$5,377.02 |
| Late Worship Attendance | 23 | | Non-Budgeted Items | \$ 104.02 |
| Courtyard Worship Attendance | 10 | | Roof Loan | \$ 165.00 |
| | | | Total Received | \$5,646.02 |

Community Dinner in January—Our next community dinner is scheduled for Saturday, January 23rd from 3:00—5:30 p.m. The meal will be a Chicken Tortilla Soup.



We are seeking volunteers to help. You can help as little or as much as you wish. Below are the areas where help is needed:

- * Cooks to boil & shred chicken from your home. Please contact Brad Bomhoff at 405-625-4091.
- * Persons to assemble meals
- * Persons to help with distribution

On Saturday the 23rd, volunteers helping with assembly will meet at 9:00 a.m. to put everything together. Volunteers helping with distribution will meet at 2:00 p.m. to get set up in the parking lot.

Should we have inclement weather, we will move the dinner to the following Saturday, January 30th.



Clothing Drive—We are collecting new or slightly used clothing (tops pants, dresses, coats, etc.) for the 'R Kids Daycare (across the street from our church). They need sizes 2T through 6T. A box will be in the Fellowship Hall where the clothing can be placed.



John 3:16 Care Baskets—Do you know of someone who could use a "pick me up"? During January, the Children and Youth will be collecting items to be used for the "John 3:16 Care Baskets", to give to that special person. The baskets will be assembled at the "John 3:16 Party" and will be able to be picked up to give to that special someone on or before Valentine's Day. Suggested items for donations: Valentines candy and other snacks, Drink mixes, cocoa, coffee, Travel Size Bath/Beauty Products, Pens, Pencils, Stamps, Puzzle/Reading Books, Devotionals, Socks/Slippers, Mugs.

Voter's Meeting Update—The plan was to distribute key information about Missions, Budget and New Officers for 2021 on Sunday the 20th in preparation for a vote on December 27th. In the meantime, area Pastors were asked to postpone Congregational meetings until later in January. A provision in Roberts Rules of Order Allows new officers and Board members to begin their service before an actual vote.



Therefore, we are inviting those who have agreed to assume office in 2021 to attend the January Council meeting on the 14th along with those currently serving. A formal vote will be taken later when conditions are more favorable. Please call me, Ann Reedy if you have questions (405) 919-3482.



Time and Talent Survey—In January we will conduct a Time and Talent survey with the congregation. There are several volunteer opportunities that are needed in the upcoming church year. We would like to hear from you what areas you would be interested in. This will give the church an idea of who is willing to help in areas of need and help the council with planning and letting the appropriate board committees know who is interested in using their gifts.

LWML Shoes News—Once again our shoes can step up to a global mission! LWML is collecting shoes for the world. Some will go directly to those treading barefoot and some will be recycled to make something new. Men's women's, children's—makes no difference! While we are currently limited in our travels, our shoes can represent our good will to people both near and far. Please secure pairs together by rubber bands and/or strings and drop them in the box marked "SHOES" in the activity room.





Attention Family of God—The ROC (Reaching Our City) ministry needs food for the hungry every week! In case you hadn't heard, Linda May orders or picks up 10,000 lbs. of food weekly! Two hundred families receive help from the ROC every week! So, how can we help? If we bring in one can of food (or more) each week, this will help! You may also donate money, as well as paper sacks and plastic bags which are used in filling up with supplies at the food bank. The ROC always needs toilet paper and paper towels, green beans, corn, tuna, and canned chicken! There is also a need for volunteers at the ROC to help fill carts with food for each family! It's a great way to meet other Christians who help support this ministry! Please call Linda May if you would like to volunteer sometime. Maybe we will see you there!

The Oklahoma District LCMS—will soon be publishing an e-newsletter appropriate for congregation members and others with interest in Lutherans and their congregations, missions, activities, and work in Oklahoma. "Oklahoma Lutherans: District Updates" will be published periodically and include information such as stories about events and activities across the state, links to the latest Lutheran Witness Oklahoma News on the district website, announcements, and more. To sign up to receive the newsletter, visit www.oklahomalutherans.org and enter your name and email address in the box found on the lower right of the home page. Thank You,
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NATHANIEL'S THERE,
JUST MINDING HIS
OWN BUSINESS...



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AND THEN JESUS
GETS ALL UP IN HIS
BUSINESS!



YEP.

AND THAT'S WHEN
THINGS GET DOWN
TO BUSINESS.



JOHN 1:43-51

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Prayers are kept on prayer list for four weeks. If you have a prayer request that you want prayed for during a Sunday worship service, please call or email the church office by Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m.

Pray For Those Who Are Ill, Recovering Or In Need

Terry & Romonda James, friends of Janie Hlinicky, Terry's father passed away.

Richard Cruz, friend of Mary Kline, has COVID.

Marcus Balan, Mary's Kline's granddaughter's father, has COVID.

Tom Schneider, Mary Kline's brother-in-law's brother, recovering from back surgery and awaiting biopsy results.

Dave Mueller, recovering from surgery.

Dena Saliday, friend of Mary Kline, has COVID.

Beverly, friend of Linda May, recurrence of cancer.

Doug & Eli Palm, cousins of Craig Cooper, has COVID,

Family of Mary Chapa, Gloria Michael's niece, killed in auto accident.

Family of Carolyn Withers, sister-in-law of Dave Withers, passed away.

Family of Nadine Casey, mother of Mark Casey, passed away.

Gary Mitchell, father of Chuck Mitchell, health concerns.

Spiritual Guidance & Strength/Life Struggles

Pray for our shut-ins and homebound

Pray for those coping with cancer

Pray for Pastor Gary and LCOS leadership

Pray for our government officials and first responders

Pray for all families who have been affected with COVID-19



Pray for Those Serving Their Country

Randy Brooks IV

Kyle Freeman

Kyle Taylor

Jennifer Clark

Jonathan Krepel

Timothy Thomas

Hunter Conatser

Nathan Hiegel

Christopher Warren

We Celebrate This Week:

The Birthdays of:

Jan 18 Henry Gompf

Nancy Jenkins

Jan 22 Helen Johnson

Jan 23 Jackie Fiene

The Anniversaries of:

No Known Anniversaries This Week



*Anniversaries
and Birthdays*