

Lutheran Church of Our Savior

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# Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 15, 2023

## 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.*

## Serving Today

### Elder of the Week

Shari Stepanek

### Organist

Nancy Brock

### Altar Care

Karen Bishop  
Kathy Perkins

### Ushers

TBD

### Money Counters

Robin Stepanek  
Shari Stepanek

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## As We Gather

We can sure learn a lot about the Church in Paul's brief introduction to the Corinthian believers, 1 Cor. 1:1-9. So often we take our ideas of what the church is from the people of our congregation, and their day-in day-out ways of life. In the case of the church at Corinth, our view of "Church" might be disappointing. The church at Corinth had numerous problems which the Apostle has to address. Some of them, he says, were still spiritually immature. There were some who had moral problems. An outsider might think, "If this is the Church, you can keep it!" Paul's words in addressing this congregation, however, points us to our true identity as Church. God's Church is made up of the people who have been called by Him into the fellowship of His Son. Just how high is this calling to be in Christ? In short, we are the sanctified saints, the called-out ones, God's own people. And that, my friends, is a calling which daily reminds that the "status quo" has no place in our lives.



# PREPARATION

## Welcome

### Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

- 1    What a fellowship what a joy divine  
      Leaning on the everlasting arms  
      What a blessedness what a peace is mine  
      Leaning on the everlasting arms
- ref   Leaning Leaning  
      Safe and secure from all alarms  
      Leaning Leaning  
      Leaning on the everlasting arms
- 2    O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way  
      Leaning on the everlasting arms  
      O how bright the path grows from day to day  
      Leaning on the everlasting arms (refrain)
- 3    What have I to dread what have I to fear  
      Leaning on the everlasting arms  
      I have blessed peace with my Lord so near  
      Leaning on the everlasting arms (refrain)

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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**    We have been called into the fellowship of His Son and been given the gift of faith. Let us confess our sins, confident of God's forgiveness for Jesus' sake.
- C**    **I confess to you, my brothers and sisters, and before almighty God, that I have sinned in my thoughts, words, and deeds. I have sought my own power and gain, and I have left undone what God would have me do. My best efforts are of no avail. I ask God's forgiveness and strength.**

**P** The Almighty and merciful God strengthen you in your faith, forgive you all your sins, and give you opportunity to be light in this dark world. And May God, who has called you into the fellowship of His Son, sustain you to the end.

As a servant of Christ, I speak to you this Good News—by faith in the Savior, your sins are forgiven in His name.

**C** Amen.

## WORD

### Old Testament

*Isaiah 49:1-7*

**R** “*You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.*”

**C** But I said, “I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God.” And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him— for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—he says:

**R** “*It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.*”

**C** Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers:

**All** “Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

### Epistle

*1 Corinthians 1:1–9*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

<sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—<sup>6</sup>even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup>who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Holy Gospel

*John 1:29–42a*

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

<sup>29</sup>The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” <sup>32</sup>And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>34</sup>And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

<sup>35</sup>The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” <sup>39</sup>He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). <sup>42</sup>He brought him to Jesus.

## Greeting

## Shine Jesus Shine

- 1 Lord the light of Your love is shining  
In the midst of the darkness shining  
Jesus Light of the world shine upon us  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us  
Shine on me shine on me
- ref Shine Jesus shine  
Fill this land  
With the Father's glory  
Blaze Spirit blaze  
Set our hearts on fire  
Flow river flow  
Flood the nations  
With grace and mercy  
Send forth Your word Lord  
And let there be light
- 2 Lord I come to Your awesome presence  
From the shadows into Your radiance  
By the blood I may enter Your brightness  
Search me try me consume all my darkness  
Shine on me shine on me (refrain)
- 3 As we gaze on Your kingly brightness  
So our faces display Your likeness  
Ever changing from glory to glory  
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story  
Shine on me shine on me (refrain)

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**Sermon**                    *“Being the Church of God is Not the Status Quo”*

### Offering

*(Please fill out the friendship books as they are handed to you, noting the names of others in your pew as they are passed back. If there is communion, please mark if you plan to participate.)*

### Prayers of God's People

# SACRAMENT

## Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them to the Lord.  
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## Proper Preface

- P** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. Trusting in Your promises, we bless You for Your abiding presence in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has come to this earth and has taken upon Himself the sins of the world. By His sacrificial death and His glorious rising from the grave, He has opened to us the very gates of heaven. With all the company around the throne of the Lamb in His kingdom, we join their unending praises as we sing:

## Sanctus

*LSB 208*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Text: Stephen P. Starke

# The Words of Our Lord

**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  $\text{✠}$  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.**



# Distribution Hymns

*Accompanied on Guitar by Grace Rohwer and Brad Bomhoff*

## We Three Kings of Orient Are

- 1 We three kings of Orient are  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar  
Field and fountain moor and mountain  
Following yonder star
- ref O star of wonder star of night  
Star with royal beauty bright  
Westward leading still proceeding  
Guide us to Thy perfect light
- 2 Born a King on Bethlehem's plain  
Gold I bring to crown Him again  
King forever ceasing never  
Over us all to reign (refrain)
- 3 Frankincense to offer have I  
Incense owns a Deity nigh  
Prayer and praising all men raising  
Worship Him God on high (refrain)
- 4 Myrrh is mine its bitter perfume  
Breathes a life of gathering gloom  
Sorrowing sighing bleeding dying  
Sealed in the stone cold tomb (refrain)
- 5 Glorious now behold Him arise  
King and God and sacrifice  
Alleluia alleluia  
Peals through the earth and skies (refrain)

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# 379 O Come, All Ye Faithful

sts. 1, ref, 2-4



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
 2 High - est, most ho - ly, Light of Light e - ter - nal,  
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem;  
 Born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal He comes;  
 Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!  
 Je - sus, to Thee — be — glo - ry giv'n!



Come and be - hold Him Born the king of an - gels:  
 Son of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
 Glo - ry to God — In — the — high - est:  
 Word of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

## Refrain



O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,



O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

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### 387 Joy to the World



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her  
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -  
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him  
joy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
ground; He comes to make His bless - ings  
prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -



room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture  
plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing  
flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is  
ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
found, Far as, far as the curse is found.  
love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748 Tune: George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759, adapt.  
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## 801 How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er  
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the  
3 But when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to  
4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y  
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; When I look down from loft - y moun - tain  
die, I scarce can take it in— That on the cross my bur - den glad - ly  
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;  
gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
bear - ing He bled and died to take a - way my sin;  
ra - tion And there pro - claim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

*Refrain*



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou



art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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## Post-Communion Thanksgiving

### 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.

**C** Amen.



# 922 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

sts. 1–4



1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless - ing, Nev - er a - lone.  
 2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.  
 3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour - ished, Clos - er to Me;  
 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My  
 Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you  
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, Joy - ful and free. Here My  
 I the Lord will smile up - on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you Mine for - ev - er.  
 heard My dear Son's sto - ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo - ry.  
 Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here His ten - der com - fort stilled you.  
 Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and Broth - er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless - ing— You are My own.  
 Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.  
 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour - ished, Joy - ful and free.  
 Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

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## This Week's Calendar

**January 15, 2023**

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 A.M.	Bible Class
	10:00 A.M.	Worship w/ Lord's Supper
<b>Monday</b>	<b>NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE</b>	
	6:00 P.M.	Ladies Prayer Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 A.M.	Tuesdays with Friends
	6:30 P.M.	Council Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	5:00 P.M.	Music Rehearsal
	5:50 P.M.	Dinner
	6:30 P.M.	Bible Study for All Ages
<b>Thursday</b>	1:00 P.M.	READ Book Club
	3:00 P.M.	Men's Discipleship Bible Study
<b>Friday</b>	<i>Office Closed</i>	
<b>Next Sunday</b>	9:00 A.M.	Bible Class
	10:00 A.M.	Worship
		<i>Installation of Officers/Elders</i>

## Serving Next Week

**January 22, 2023**

<b>Elder on Duty</b>	Sandy Cox
<b>Ushers</b>	TBD
<b>Money Counters</b>	Kay McDaniel & Mary Kline
<b>Altar Care</b>	Karen Bishop & Kathy Perkins

### Attendance Last Week

Sunday's Worship Attendance	54
Bible Class Attendance	18



### Treasurer's Report (January 8, 2022)

(Needed Weekly for Gen. Fund	\$4,322.35)
General Fund (Offerings)	\$4,240.00
Non-Budgeted Items	\$ 7.00
Roof Loan	\$ 35.00
<b>Total Received</b>	<b>\$4,282.00</b>



Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Gloria Michael in honor of Nancy Jenkins & Dorothy Hearn's birthdays.

**Installation of Officers and Elders** will take place on January 22<sup>nd</sup> during the worship service.

**2022 Contribution Statements** are now available in the narthex. Be sure to pick yours up today.

## Birthdays This Week:

Jan 18 Henry Gompf  
Nancy Jenkins



## Anniversaries This Week:

Jan 20 Charles & Tammy Brewer




*"The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!'" John 1:29*

The Israelites of old offered a lamb to God at Passover so that death might pass over them and do no harm. Over those long centuries of sacrifice, did they understand that this was actually God's gift? That God would be the true giver of the true Lamb? Truly, we can never out give God, for all that we have is His.

## 2023 Women's Retreat

Join us for the annual Women's Retreat on January 27<sup>th</sup> here at Our Savior. We will meet at 6 p.m. for a light supper followed by crafts, games, and Bible Study. You may leave at any time or spend the night. Breakfast is first thing Saturday morning, a short fun fitness activity and closing prayers. You should be home by 10 a.m. refreshed in mind and body.

Balance your Life 



**Faith Lutheran Church Announces Service of Ordination and Installation** Vicar Adam Ellison has completed his SMP (Special Ministry Pastor) Program studies sufficient for ordination and has accepted the call to serve Faith Lutheran Church congregation as our ordained pastor. Please join us in thanking God for his providence.

A service of ordination will be held Sunday afternoon, January 22 at 4:00 p.m. The church is located two blocks east of Western on SW 25<sup>th</sup> Street (2512 S Shartel Ave., church phone 405-632-5744 or Rob Sherry president 405-406-4449). A reception will be held after the service. All are invited. Pastors should bring their red stoles and plan to participate in the service. Pastors will vest in the basement about 3:45 p.m. Rev. David Nehrenz, President – Oklahoma District, LC-MS, will ordain and install Vicar Ellison. Rev. Ron Simpson, the Oklahoma City circuit visitor, and Rev. William R. Rains, Vicar Ellison's mentor, will assist Rev. Nehrenz in the ordination and installation service.

Please join our congregation for this special celebration.

Yours in Christ,

Rick Wortham, elder

Robert A Sherry president

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

Gloria Michael	health and well being	<i>Member</i>
Chester Kyle	health and well being	<i>Member</i>
Rev. Barrie Henke	Stage 4 colon cancer	<i>Former District Pres. LCMS</i>
Irene Marshall	health and well being	<i>Mother of Kathy Warren</i>

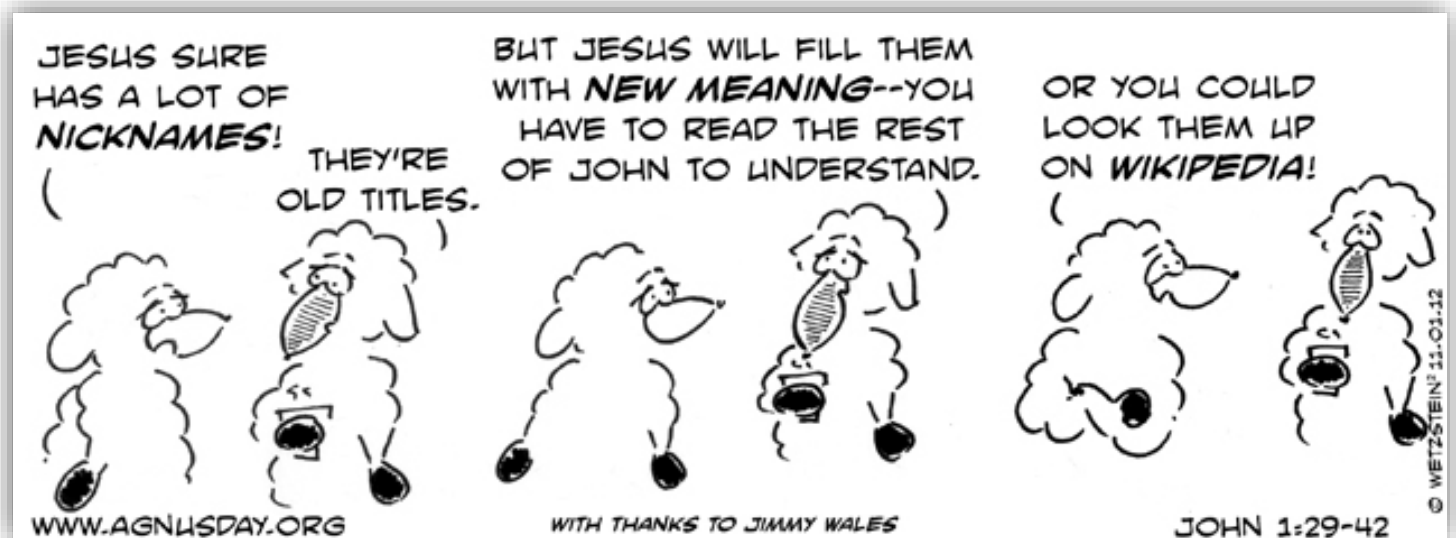
### Spiritual Guidance & Strength/Life Struggles

Pray for our shut-ins and homebound  
Pray for Pastor Gary and LCOS leadership  
Pray for our government officials and first responders  
Prayers for Worldwide Church



### Pray for Those Serving Their Country

Randy Brooks IV	Jennifer Pena	Joey Pena	Kyle Freeman
Jonathan Krepel	Nathan Hiegel	Cole Morris	Timothy Thomas



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