



January 20-21, 2024  
Epiphany 3

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**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** God gathers us through Word and Sacrament to celebrate God's presence and to receive God's gift of grace. God has made us his people through our baptism and keeps us close to him through the preaching of the word and God's presence in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. We give thanks today for the gift of faith God has planted in us, and we depart to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

We extend a special **welcome** to those who are our guests. May God bless this time of worship for you as we are blessed by your presence. If you have no church home we invite you to join with us and consider Our Savior's as your church home. If you are not baptized and would like to talk about baptism as part of your faith journey, please speak with one of the pastors.

**FELLOWSHIP PADS:** We ask everyone to sign and pass the fellowship pad in the pew and return it to the rack when done.

**OFFERING:** No offering is collected during our worship this day; however, we do welcome your support of our ministries and thank you for your gifts. Together we make a difference in the lives of others.

Offering plates are available as you leave the sanctuary. For online giving go to the church website: [oursaviorswestsalem.org/giving](http://oursaviorswestsalem.org/giving). Or text your gift amount to 608-471-7267 and follow the instructions on the response you receive. Or use the QR Code to the right. Thank you for your generosity and support of our work together.



# Order of Worship

\*Please stand as you are able

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

### **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

God, our rock and refuge,

**we pour out our hearts before you.**

**We have known you but have not always loved you. We**

**have wounded one another**

**and sinned against you.**

**We have not always recognized the**

**Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us.**

**Remember your covenant.**

**Renew your creation.**

**Restore us, that we might proclaim**

**your good news to all.**

**Amen.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.

God has spoken: The time of grace is now.

In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.

By the authority of Jesus Christ,

your sins are forgiven.

You are God's beloved.

**Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

**"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"**

**#588**



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;  
2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;  
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;  
4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.  
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.  
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.  
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.  
There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;  
But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;  
Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.  
there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.  
and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.  
and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

**\*GREETING**

page 98 (in front of the hymnal)

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.**

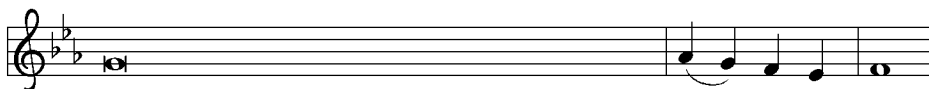
# \*KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



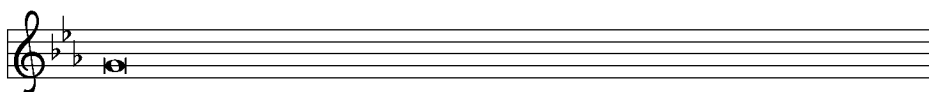
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



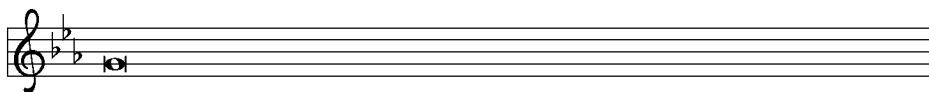
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

*Refrain*

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

*Refrain*

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "Here I Am, Lord" Senior Choir 10:30 AM

**READING** Jonah 3:1-5,10

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying,  
<sup>2</sup>"Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you."  
<sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across.  
<sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!"  
<sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.  
<sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



**\*GOSPEL** Mark 1:14-20

The Gospel according to Mark.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." <sup>16</sup>As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

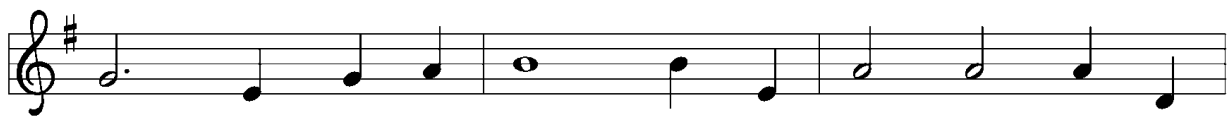
The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN** "Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult" **#696**



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our  
 2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the  
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
 5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice  
 Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and  
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
 may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me:"  
 kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.  
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
 be - dience, serve and love you best of all.



## **\*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 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.

## **\*PRAYERS**

P: As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

*(After a brief silence...The **congregation** is invited to read aloud individually the prayer petitions as the spirit moves them. If more than one person reads the petition, all the better!)*

God our rock and deliverance, do not let your church be shaken. We trust you never abandon your promises to the most vulnerable among us. Give your church wisdom and empathy in its varied ministries. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

God our hope and refuge, you placed the fish in the sea. Guide our care of oceans and all creatures that live in them. Hold us accountable for actions that endanger water sources and the people who depend on them. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

God who proclaims judgement and offers mercy, be a model to the leaders of our nation and the world. As they lead, may they follow in your way of justice and truth. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

God who cares for the suffering, care for survivors of assault and sexual abuse and sustain all who minister to them. Keep safe any who live under threat of violence, those living in poverty, and any among us who are ill or in pain, and those who are isolated, alone or shut-in, especially Arlan and Lana. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection and new life, as the first disciples shared the good news, empower us and this faith community, along with our living faith partners at Bethany Mauston, to be open to your call. When we are uncertain of your call, assure us. When we have strayed from your ways, redirect us. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of faithfulness, make your servants faithful disciples of Jesus. Be with our confirmation students, especially Quinn and Campbell as they seek to grow in their discipleship, and guide their families that together they may reflect your love and grace. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God who holds the saints against your tender bosom, we trust you welcome them into your care. Comfort those who grieve, even as we place our hope in your salvation. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

P: Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

### **\*PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please share a sign of peace with those around you.*

### **MISSION MOMENT**

## \*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

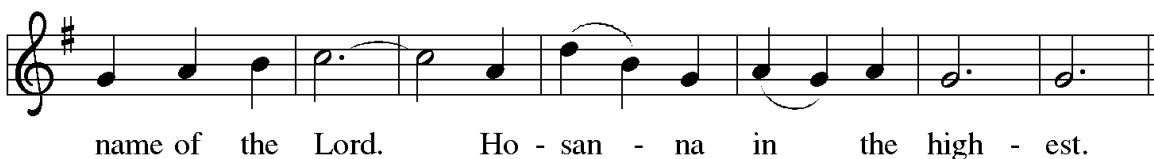
Lift up your hearts.

**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 our 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; who on this day overcame death and the grave and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:



## **\*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

## **\*LORD'S PRAYER**      page 112 *(in front of hymnal)*

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.

## **\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one.  
Come and see.

**HOLY COMMUNION** *All who believe that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, bringing to us the gift of forgiveness and the promise of eternal life, are welcome to gather at the Lord's Table. Younger children are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

*Both wine and grape juice are available – grape juice glasses are purple. Gluten free wafers are also available.*

**AGNUS DEI****"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; grant us peace, grant us peace.

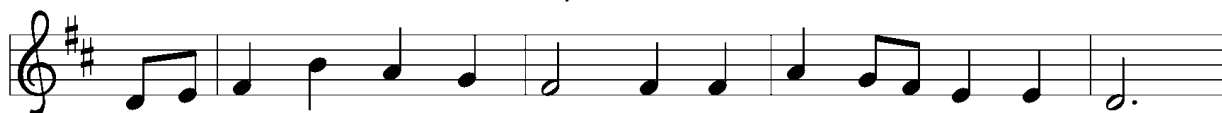
**COMMUNION HYMN****"I Love to Tell the Story"****#661****\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

**Amen.****\*SENDING OF HOME COMMUNION****\*BLESSING**

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, bless you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

**\*HYMN****"O Jesus, I Have Promised"****#810**

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;  
 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.  
 3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still  
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.  
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.  
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.  
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,  
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.  
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.  
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.  
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

**\*DISMISSAL** *(Done from the back of the church)*

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

**Thanks be to God.****POSTLUDE**

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Eric Sorenson, Senior Choir Director

**WE THANK** - Joey Barnett for filling in as choir director while Eric Sorenson is in Arizona. Joey is a graduate of UW-Eau Claire, a member of the Coulee Chordsmen, and teaches Elementary Music in Black River Falls. We appreciate his willingness to substitute! Please welcome him if you get the opportunity.

**CARD MINISTRY** - Please be sure to sign the cards for this week's shut-ins, Arlan Gilbertson and Lana Helgeson. The cards are on the table by the Pre-K/K classroom.

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** - A time for fellowship and treats between services on Sundays! Please sign up to bring treats or to serve what others have provided.

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

	<b>6 p.m.</b>
Worship Assistant	Chloe Drury
Communion Assistant	Jill Iliff
Welcoming Team	Johnsrude Family
	<b>8 a.m.</b>
Worship Assistant	Camille Godlewski
Communion Assistant	Alison Hemker
Welcoming Team	Tlustosch Family
	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
Worship Assistant	Claire Gross
Communion Assistant	Denise Jones
Welcoming Team	McNaughton Family
Home Communion	Daryl Wermedal
Altar Guild for January	Wendy Amundson

**CONFIRMATION AFTER SCHOOL & CLASS**  
**Wednesday, January 24**

6 pm – 6 Confirmation Class  
6 pm – 7 Confirmation Class  
7 pm – 8 Confirmation Class  
7 pm – 9 Confirmation Class

**HUNGRY JAR OFFERING FOR JANUARY –  
Our Savior’s LaCrosse  
Women’s Clothes Closet**



The mission of the Women’s Clothes Closet of Our Savior’s LaCrosse is to support the dignity of all women providing new or gently used clothing, accessories, and sundry items to women who are entering the workforce, in the workforce, or otherwise in need. Started in 1997, the Women’s Clothes Closet was created as a project by a student social worker at the University of Wisconsin – La Crosse. In 2022, the Women’s Clothes Closet had 162 new clients and 1,271 existing clients, and received 289 donations that included clothing, shoes, new undergarments, jewelry, accessories, coats, make-up, and personal care items. New visitors to the Women’s Clothes Closet can choose three complete outfits. Returning visitors can select one outfit per visit, up to two times per month. No questions are asked about income or employment status.

**ANNUAL MEETING** - Sunday, January 28 following the 10:30 am worship.

**SCRIP CARDS AVAILABLE**

Help support Our Savior’s Sugar Creek Bible Camp Camperships and World Hunger!

**KWIK TRIP**

**WOODMAN’S**



Culver’s, Kwik Trip, Kwik Trip car wash, Woodman’s, and Ship Shape car wash.

**TECH INVITE** - As we continue to roll out our new tech in the sanctuary, we are looking for folk who are interested in “working the system.” If you might be one of them, Dean Olson invites you to join him during worship and see how it all comes together – and maybe discover that it isn’t as overwhelming as it looks! See Dean or Pastor Jon for more information.



**CARE AND SHARE FOOD PANTRY** - is open Saturdays, 10 AM to Noon. We are thankful for all the donations we have recently received. Many local families have benefited from your generosity. Monetary, food, and personal items are always appreciated.

**WEEKLY WATER FACT** - A Person can live about a month without food, but only about a week without water. Seventy percent of the brain is water. Children in the first six months of life consume seven times as much water per pound as the average American adult. It takes about twelve gallons per day to sustain a human (drinking, sanitation, and food production).

Check out the January newsletter ([www.oursaviorswestsalem.org](http://www.oursaviorswestsalem.org)) to find out more.



If you missed it last year, not to fear ... it's back! ... bring a dish to share or just come and enjoy the treats ...



**Second annual  
Mardi Gras Fest  
Potluck Sampler**

Shake off the winter blahs!

**Come one ... come all**

**Sunday, February 11  
3 - 5 PM**

*Join us for ...*

**Food ... prizes ... music ... activities for kids ...**

**Cook up a batch of your favorite recipe, bring it to church, along with a copy of your recipe. We'll serve small samples, and see whose recipes are the favorites! Talk to Pastor Jean for more details. Sign up in the Gathering Area!**

**Sample the food ... and vote for your favorites!**