



January 27-28, 2024
Epiphany 4

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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. 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

*HYMN

"Faith Begins by Letting Go" ACS #1004



1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what had seemed sure,
2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - 'ry's roots a - live
3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en - larg - ing hearts,



tak - ing risks and press - ing on, though the way feels less se - cure:
so that hope may bear its fruit; prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive,
shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer, bind - ing up the bro - ken parts;



pil - grim - age both right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.
not through mer - it we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.
till we find the com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

*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.

*KYRIE

Bold text is congregational response.

Jonathan Rundman

CHORUS

♩=80

Lord have mer - cy. **Lord have mer - cy.** Christ have mer - cy. **Christ have mer - cy.**

VERSES

3

1. We pray for peace from a - bove. We pray for our sal - va - tion. **to CHORUS**

5

2. We pray for peace in the world. We pray for well - ness in your

7

church. We pray for the un - i - ty of all. **to CHORUS**

9

3. We pray for this ho - ly place. We pray for all who ga - ther here. **to CHORUS**

11

4. Oh Lord help us, save us. Oh Lord com - fort and de - fend us.

13

A - men. **A - men.** A - men. **A - men.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“There Is A Balm in Gilead”

Senior Choir

8 am

READING

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said: ¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: “If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.” ¹⁷Then the LORD replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL VERSE

Jonathan Rundman

REFRAIN

♩ = 100

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia Lord, to whom shall we go

5 You have the words of e - ter - nal. life Al - le - lu - ia

9 Glo - ry to you Praise to you glo - ry to you praise to you glo - ry to you oh Lord Christ

13 Glo - ry to you Praise to you glo - ry to you praise to you glo - ry to you oh Lord Christ.

2nd Time to REFRAIN

*GOSPEL

Mark 1:21-28

The Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

*HYMN "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" #886



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
- 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
- 3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

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| 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace! | 6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n. |
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*APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

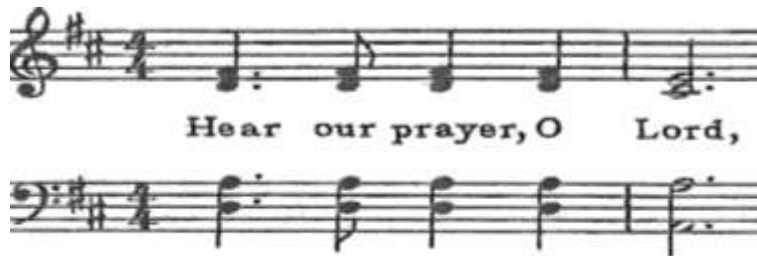
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of 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.

Loving God, we pray that your example of teaching with confidence and authority builds up your church in love. May all church leaders and teachers honor your instruction and model your inclusive ways. God of grace,
(sing refrain)



Renewing God, we pray for all of creation, that waterways flow clean and clear, natural spaces are protected, and our planet is healed. Let us commit to thoughtful care of the earth. God of grace,
(sing refrain)

Justice-seeking God, we pray for those in government and community leadership, that they lead with honor and mindfulness. May they remember their covenants and be upright in their ways. God of grace,
(sing refrain)

Compassionate God, we pray for all in need, especially those who have known rejection, any who struggle with long-term illness or chronic pain, those without access to safe housing or health care, any who suffer, and those who are isolated, alone, or homebound, especially Virgil. God of grace,
(sing refrain)

Still-speaking God, we pray for our congregation, and our living faith partners at Bethany Mauston, for our artists and musicians, for our educators and caregivers, that all gifts are used to care for those in need and to live out your example of accompaniment, gospel witness, and love. God of grace,
(sing refrain)

Loving God, watch over your servants that they may be faithful disciples of Jesus. Be with our confirmation students, especially Owen, Landon, and Lexi as they seek to grow in their discipleship, and guide their families that together they may reflect your love and grace. God of grace,
(sing refrain)

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Eternal God, we remember all who have been teachers, mentors, and companions in the church and in our lives. We trust that all who have died rest in your loving care. God of grace,
(sing refrain)

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/HOLY HOLY HOLY

intro to The Great Thanksgiving The Lord be with you. [C:] And also with you. [L:] Lift up your hearts. [C:] We

6 G D Em Bm7 G D
lift them to the Lord. [L:] Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. [C:] It is

9 Em Bm7 G D Em Bm7 G D
right to give God thanks and praise. [Proper Preface: repeat chord progression beneath prayer]

13 Holy Holy Holy
Em Bm7 G D Em Bm7 G D Em Bm7
[C:] Ho-ly ho-ly ho-ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might, hea-ven and earth are

18 G D Em Bm7 G D G A D G
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

23 G A G D Em Bm7 G D Em Bm7
Ho-san-na in the high - est. Bles-sed is he who comes in the name

28 G D G A D G G A G D
of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

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**

Our Fa-ther, which art in heav-ven, hal-low-ed be Thy name...

Thy king-dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it

is in heav-ven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread, and for-give us our

debts as we for-give our debt-ors. And lead us not in-to temp-tation, but de-liv-er us from

e-vil, for Thine is the King-dom and the power and the

Glo-ry for-ev-er. A-men.

***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 is available – grape juice glasses are purple. Gluten free wafers are also available.

LAMB OF GOD

♩=100

Lamb of God you take a - way the sin of the world.

5 Have mer - cy, mer - cy on us

9 Lamb of God you take a - way the sin of the world.

13 Oh grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMN "Healer of Our Every Ill #612

*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.

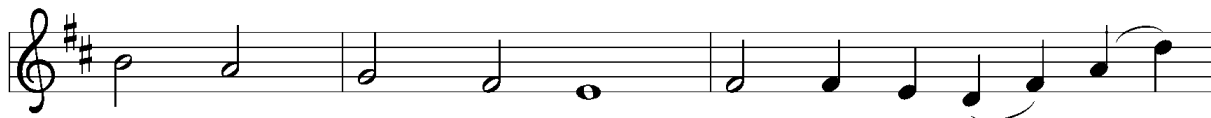
***HYMN**

"Jesus Shall Reign"

#434



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

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

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

OUR SAVIOR'S WORSHIP TEAM

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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 card for this week's shut-in, Virgil Mikkelson. The card is are on the table by the Pre-K/K classroom.

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

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.

CONFIRMATION AFTER SCHOOL & CLASS

Wednesday, January 31

6 pm - 6 Confirmation Class

7 Confirmation - **NO CLASS**

7 pm - 8 Confirmation Class

9 Confirmation - **NO CLASS**

WORSHIP LEADERS

6 p.m.
Worship Assistant Sophia Johnson
Communion Assistant Marjorie Anderson
Welcoming Team Dave & Angie Hemker

8 a.m.
Worship Assistant Addison Kendhammer
Reader Lynette Ender
Communion Assistant Brenda Skittone
Welcoming Team Giblin Family

10:30 a.m.
Worship Assistant Max Langrehr
Communion Assistant Carol Thompson
Welcoming Team Baumgartner/Fullwood Family

Home Communion Dottie Baumgartner
Altar Guild for January Wendy Amundson

**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.

SCRIP CARDS AVAILABLE

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



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 - Three quarters of the American population live within ten miles of polluted water. Unsafe water fatally harms almost 200 young people every hour. Eighty percent of all illnesses in the developing world are water relate.

Check out the January newsletter (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!