

# Sixth Sunday After Epiphany



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Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

# About Us

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, has been firmly planted in the Phillips Community since 1912. A Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation, we celebrate our diversity of age, race, gender identities, sexual orientations, culture and citizenship.

## Welcome, Visitors!

**Welcome to all visitors and guests.** If you live here, we hope you'll consider joining. If you are here for a short time, we hope you'll feel at home. Please pick up a copy of our newsletter, *The Sentinel*, from the entry table. **Need hearing assistance or larger print?** Please ask an usher.

**Children** are welcome to participate fully in worship. We feel strongly that children's spirituality develops through experience. In our community, children lead as ushers, musicians, readers and communion servers. We expect that children will behave as children – giggles, wiggles, and all. We offer a playground in the Sanctuary with books and coloring supplies for kids to use during the service. There are bags that can be brought to your seats with supplies. We also have a reading corner in the Hospitality Center with books and toys. Kids and their parents are invited to go in and out of the Sanctuary as needed.

**Safe Church.** For the safety of all children, we ask that children be attended at all times. Please accompany your child to the bathroom and reading corner. Copies of our Safe Church Policy are available from the church office.

## Transportation and Parking

**Parking** - Parking is available in the parking lot off the alley behind church, on the local streets (follow signs as some parking is only residential or has hour restrictions) and at the Hope Academy Parking ramp at 24th St and Park Ave. The arms are up on Sunday mornings until 2pm. Parking there other days requires a code. Pick up a card at church with the ramp code. There are handicap parking spots available in the front and back of the church.

**Bus** - The D line runs every 10 minutes on Chicago Ave. For more options, visit [metrotransit.org](http://metrotransit.org).

## Mission of the month: Calvary Food Shelf

Calvary Food Shelf (CFS) is now operating in challenging times! It shows its resilience to get food to those who are food insecure. It is located at 39th and Chicago Avenue and currently has the job of getting food for families who are afraid to leave their homes. Volunteers are delivering food on Tuesdays and Thursdays that serve between 85-95 families twice a week. Your continued prayers, time and support to CFS will be greatly appreciated to bring more food and resources to vulnerable families.

**Online giving** - If you are interested in giving online to Our Saviour's for the Mission of the Month or general offering, use this QR Code:



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*Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.*

## Gathering

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

Prelude

Welcome

### \*Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, One God,  
Wonderful Counselor,  
Mighty Savior,  
Prince of Peace. **Amen.**

Reconciling God,

**we yearn for your presence to transform our grief, pain, and despair.  
We confess that we have not always prepared room in our hearts for your love;  
we have not always recognized your presence among us;  
we have not always embraced your message of peace.**

**We cry out, weary with the burden of violence, oppression, and fear.  
We confess our failure to make room for those seeking refuge;  
our participation in violent systems that harm your innocent ones;  
our reluctance to embody your good news. Be born in us today  
and teach us to sing the joyful song of your salvation. Amen.**

God's grace upon grace flows over you.

 Christ's presence redeems the whole creation.

Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad! **Amen.**

## \*Opening Hymn

## *This Is The Day*

**TFF 252**

This is the day (this is the day)  
that God has made (that God has made)  
we will rejoice (we will rejoice)  
and be glad in it, (and be glad in it).

This is the day that God has made;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this the day that God has made.

## \*Greetings

The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## \*Prayer of the Day

# Word

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

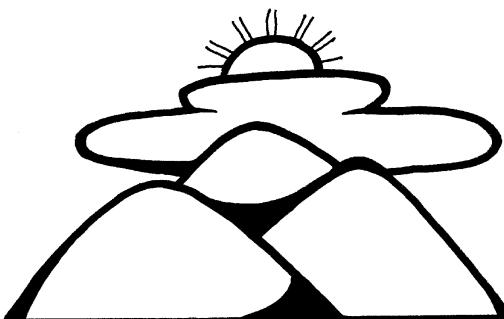
## First Reading

**Exodus 24:12-18**

<sup>12</sup> God said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” <sup>13</sup> So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup> To the elders Moses had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

<sup>15</sup> Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup> The glory of the Holy One settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day God called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup> Now the appearance of the glory of God was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. <sup>18</sup> Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God!**



## Second Reading

**Amanda S. C. Gorman** (born March 7, 1998) is an American poet and activist. Her work focuses on issues of oppression, feminism, race, and marginalization, as well as the African diaspora. Gorman was the first person to be named National Youth Poet Laureate. She published the poetry book *The One for Whom Food Is Not Enough* in 2015. She rose to fame in 2021 for writing and delivering her poem "The Hill We Climb" at the inauguration of Joe Biden. This is an excerpt from her book "Change Sings."

I am a chant that rises and rings.

There is hope where my change sings.

Though some don't understand it, those windmills of mysteries,

I sing with all the planet, and its hills of histories.

I hum with a hundred hearts, each of us lifting a hand.

I use my strengths and my smarts,

Take a knee to make a stand.

I'm bright as the light each day brings.

There is love where my change sings.

I show others tolerance, though it might take some courage.

I don't make a taller fence, but fight to build a better bridge

I talk not only of distances, from where and how we came.

I also walk our differences, to show we are the same.

I'm a movement that roars and springs,

There's a wave where my change sings.

Words of wisdom, words of witness. **Thanks be to God!**

**\*Gospel Acclamation We've Come This Far by Faith**

**TFF 151**

Refrain - All

We've come this far by faith, lean-ing on our God;

trust-ing in God's ho-ly word, God's nev-er failed us yet.

## \*Gospel

**Matthew 17:1-9** (Spark Bible p.358)

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O God.**

<sup>1</sup> Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup> And Jesus was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>3</sup> Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup> Then Peter said to Jesus, “Jesus, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” <sup>5</sup> While Peter was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him!” <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” <sup>8</sup> And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus alone.

<sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Chosen One has been raised from the dead.”

This is the Good News, **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Children's Sermon

*After the children's sermon, young children may go with the nursery minister for children's church and be welcomed back during the sharing of the peace. They are also most welcome to stay in the sanctuary.*

## Sermon

*There is space for sermon notes on the insert page.*

\*Hymn of the Day

*Dazzling Presence On The Mountain*



1 Daz - zling pres - ence on the moun - tain: hu - man eye had  
 2 From this mount of mys - tic splen - dor to the cross Christ  
 3 From the heights of new cre - a - tion, Christ be - holds his  
 4 Let our praise ring from each moun - tain, in - to deep - est



nev - er seen such a won - der, such re - splen - dence,  
 press - es on; here no Mo - ses nor E - li - jah,  
 world, re - deemed; as with Pe - ter and com - pan - ions,  
 val - leys pour, where, with lives of grate - ful ser - vice,



heav'n and earth in cloud con - vene.  
 on - ly thieves Christ's wings a - dor. -  
 brings us now to sights un - seen. -  
 we a - dore Christ ev - er more. -



"This is my Son, the be - lov - ed," thun - d'rous voice from  
 "Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy," was one's pen - i -  
 Jus - tice, mer - cy, and com - pas - sion: these the booths he  
 To the Son, God's own be - lov - ed, and the Spir - it



cloud ex - claimed. Word made flesh to heal cre - a - tion,  
 ten - tial sigh. With trans - fig - ur - ing as - sur - ance,  
 bids us build, that the earth he loves may flour - ish  
 end - less - ly, may the church's praise be lift - ed



to dis - ci - ples God pro - claimed.  
 Christ re - joins his fer - vent cry.  
 as each life with grace is filled.  
 to the bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

\*Prayers of the People

Each petition ends: *God of grace...hear our prayer.*

# Meal

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## \*Peace

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

## Gathering our Gifts

*All present, even those who contribute through automatic payments, are invited to lay hands upon the collection plate symbolizing their contributions. Those worshipping online may contribute on our website: oursavioursmpls.org.*

## \*Offertory *To the melody of Come All You People*

Come all you people, come and thank the Spirit (3x)  
Come now and worship our God

## \*Offertory Prayer

## \*The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts! **We lift them to our God.**

Let us give thanks to the Living God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## \*Eucharistic Prayer

*As part of the eucharistic prayer we confess the great mystery of faith to the tune of the Civil Rights Movement anthem, "We Shall Overcome." We learned this from Trinity Lutheran in Manhattan:*

**Jesus Christ has died, Jesus Christ is risen,  
Jesus Christ will come again.  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe  
Jesus Christ will come again.**

## \*The Prayer of Jesus

**Our Mother, our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kin-dom 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 kin-dom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

*\*As part of our commitment to using inclusive and expansive language for God, this season we are modifying the word 'kingdom' which connotes both maleness and a form of government unfamiliar to most of us. Instead, we will use 'kin-dom' which captures the way Jesus radically redefines family and invites everyone into a loving relationship with God and neighbor. Whether saying 'kin-dom' or 'kingdom,' we proclaim the subversive reign of God's love and justice.*

## Healing Prayer at the Font

*During communion distribution, you are invited to the font for individual prayers.*

## Distribution

*All are welcome at Christ's table. Ushers will guide you. After receiving bread or a gluten-free wafer, hold out your glass for wine (dark) or juice (light). Following communion, deposit your compostable cup with a server. Those who do not commune may indicate a preference for a blessing.*

***All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly***

***ELW 461***

***I Love to Tell the Story***

***ELW 661***

***Beautiful Savior***

***ELW 838***

## \*Blessing

## Sending

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## God Welcomes All

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;  
God's love is strong and it never ends.

## \*Benediction

*This is a benediction song that we learned at Luther Crest Bible Camp this summer.*

As you go on your way may Christ go with you  
May Christ go before you to show you the way  
May Christ go behind you to encourage you  
Beside you to befriend you, above you to watch over  
Within you to give you peace

## \*Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Love and serve God! **Thanks be to God!**

## Postlude

*All are invited to the Hospitality Center for announcements and community time.*

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# Today's Worship

Ministers:	You!
Presiding:	Esther Sianipar
Preaching:	Martha Schwehn Bardwell
Reader:	Grades 5 & 6
Children's Message:	Grades 3 & 4
Prayers:	Grades 1 & 2
Special Music:	OSLC Youth
Musicians:	Alyssa Schwitzer & Kent Goodroad
Sound:	Mike Libby
Livestream:	Jakob Johnson
Communion Recruiters:	5th & 6th graders
Window Blinds:	Remi Hanson

## This week at OSLC:

### **Wednesday, February 18**

8:30AM-9:30AM DIN

10:15AM Bible Study (HC/Zoom)

5:30PM Community Meal (HC)

6:30PM Ash Wednesday Service

### **Friday, February 20**

Women's retreat

### **Sunday, February 22**

9AM Adult Forum: Discussion about our Welcome Statement

## Interested in Membership at OSLC?

Wonderful! Please reach out to one of the pastors in person or via email to share your interest and questions. We will receive new members this Spring. We invite newcomers to be part of Wednesday night conversations that we call "Living Questions" - this is coming up in March. More information coming soon!



# OUR SAVIOUR'S Lutheran Church

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centered in Christ, called, nurtured and sent –  
to celebrate, serve and do justice.*

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