

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP
JANUARY 4, 2026
OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 A.M.
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Confession and Forgiveness

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

Trusting in God's steadfast love and faithfulness,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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.

Hear the good news:

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.

Gathering Song Hymn ACS #915: When a Star is Shining

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: ACS #12 **Hymn of Praise ACS #12**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-14

Psalm: Psalm 147:12-20

¹² Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion,
¹³ **who has strengthened the bars of your gates and has blessed your children within you.**
¹⁴ God has established peace on your borders and satisfies you with the finest wheat.
¹⁵ **God sends out a command to the earth, a word that runs very swiftly.**
¹⁶ God gives snow like wool, scattering frost like ashes.
¹⁷ **God scatters hail like bread crumbs. Who can stand against God's cold?**
¹⁸ The LORD sends forth the word and melts them; the wind blows, and the waters flow.
¹⁹ **God declares the word to Jacob, statutes and judgments to Israel.**
²⁰ The LORD has not done so to any other nation; they do not know God's judgments. Hallelujah!

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14
Gospel Acclamation ACS #14

Thanks be to God

Gospel: John 1:[1-9] 10-18
The Gospel of Our Lord.

Glory to you, O Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Pastor Mark Taylor

Hymn of the Day #731: Earth and All Stars

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**
Please greet one another with Christ's peace

Offertory Hymn #300: The First Noel

Offertory Prayer:

God of glory,
great are your wonders among us
and many are the blessings you bestow.
Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world,
that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace,
through Christ our Savior.
Amen.

Holy Communion

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 right, our duty and our joy...	

Holy, Holy, Holy: ACS #20

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.

Communion: ACS #25: Lamb of God

Communion Hymn #588: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Post Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen, keep and unite us in God's grace.

Prayer after communion

Incarnate God, you are among us at this table.
May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts
the mystery of your presence.
Move us to discover the wonders of your love
in the everyday moments of our lives,
through Christ born in us.
Amen.

Benediction

The triune God,
glorious Mystery, holy Incarnate One, abiding Comforter,
☩ bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy.
Amen.

Sending Hymn WOV #646: We Three Kings of Orient Are

Dismissal

Glory to God in the highest!
And peace to God's people on earth!
Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace.
Thanks be to God.

Announcements

Tuesday	1/6	11:00 a.m.	Silver Crowns
Sunday	1/11	10:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship

Every **Monday at 1:00** we would like to invite anyone interested to come tie quilts for Luther World Relief

Annual Congregation meeting **Sunday, Jan 18** after service, potluck lunch, will include synod required constitution changes.

Vitalant blood draw **Jan.6th** from **1:00-3:15** at Our Savior's parking lot.