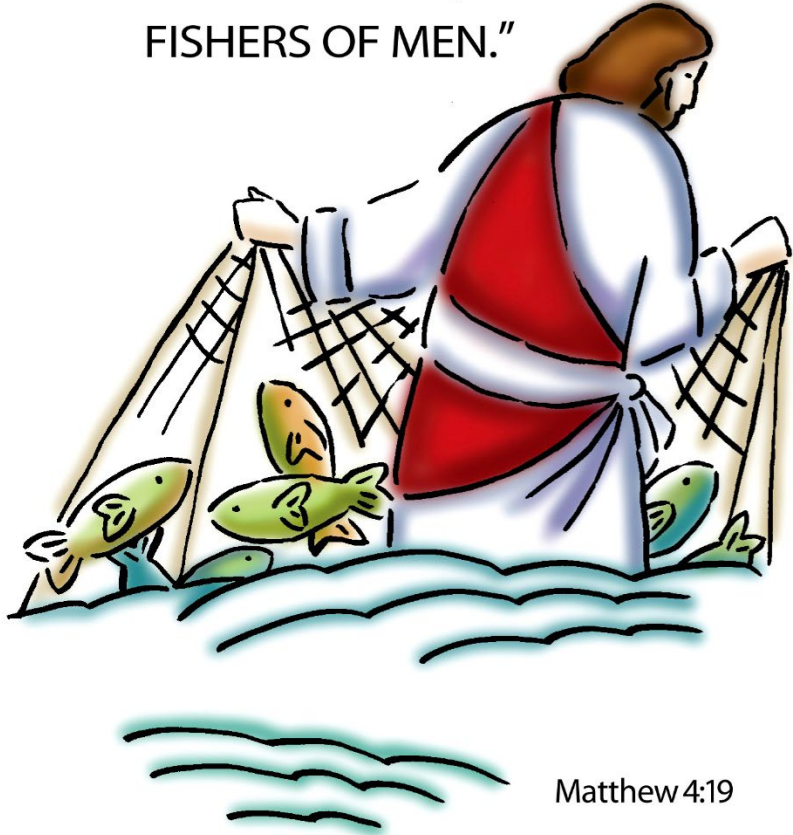


# Light of the World Lutheran Church

*Shining the Light of Christ as we Worship, Serve, Learn, and Go.*



"Come, FOLLOW me," Jesus said,  
"and I will make you  
FISHERS OF MEN."



Matthew 4:19

**Third Sunday after Epiphany**

**January 21, 2024**

**11:00 am**

## Welcome to Light of the World Lutheran Church!

We greet you in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. We are glad you are worshipping with our family of faith and rejoice with you as God comes to us through His Word and Sacrament this day to bring His gift of forgiveness and life in Jesus.

**Light of the World Lutheran Church** is a mission plant of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Olathe, KS.

**ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION** Please scan this QR code and register your attendance with us today. Thanks!



If you have any questions, please seek out one of the ushers who will be happy to assist you. **The Pastor looks forward to meeting you.**

**YOUNG CHILDREN** We believe that young children need to be brought to Jesus (Mark 10:14); and what better way than to include them in the regular worship life of the congregation! We **DO NOT** have a staffed nursery during church because we **encourage families to worship together.** Children's bulletins are available to help quietly occupy those children too young to listen to the sermon. Please feel free to use the entry way as a cry room when needed.

### **EDUCATION HOUR (9:45-10:45am)**

**Adult Bible Class: Adult Bible Class:** We will be studying the Apostles' Creed from Luther's Small Catechism. Children are invited to attend with their parents.

**HOLY COMMUNION** In Holy Communion we celebrate the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ as He gives us His true body and blood in and with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith. In love for God's Word and in love for God's people, we do not want anyone to receive this blessed gift to their spiritual harm (1 Cor. 11:27-29). **Therefore, anyone who wishes to commune here for the first time and who is not a member of Light of the World Lutheran Church, or a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod is asked to speak with the Pastor before receiving Holy Communion. Those not communing are still welcome to come receive a blessing.**

## Order of Service: Divine Service 4

**HYMNS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE: LSB 409, 836, 629, and 830**

### PRAYER AT THE BEGINNING OF WORSHIP

Lord, open now my heart to hear, And through your Word to me draw near;  
Preserve that Word in purity That I your child and heir may be. *LW 197:1*

### MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

#### PRELUDE

#### PASTORAL GREETING

#### SHARING OF THE LORD'S PEACE

#### OPENING HYMN

*Hail, O Source of Every Blessing*

LSB 409

*Stand*

## ✠ THE PREPARATION ✠

#### INVOCATION

*(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of your Baptism.)*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.** *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.** *Psalm 124:8*

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.** *Psalm 130:3-4*

- P** Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner. *[Luke 18:13]*

*(A moment of silence to confess our specific sins.)*

- P** Let us together confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy...and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.** *[John 20:19-23]*

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

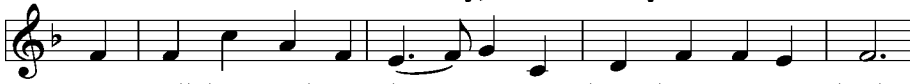
### HYMN OF PRAISE

**Gloria in Excelsis** ~ ~ (Latin: *Glory to God in the Highest*)

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*



- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
 2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good - will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**P** Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

## OLD TESTAMENT

**Jonah 3:1–5, 10**

<sup>1</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>"Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you." <sup>3</sup>So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. . . .

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

- P** Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart be- | fore him;\*  
God is a refuge | for us.
- C** **For God alone my soul waits in | silence;\***  
**from him comes my sal- | vation.**
- P** He only is my rock and my salvation, my | fortress;\*  
I shall not be greatly | shaken.
- C** **How long will all of you attack a man to | batter him,\***  
**like a leaning wall, a | tottering fence?**
- P** They only plan to thrust him down from his high position. They take pleasure in  
| falsehood.\*  
They bless with their mouths, but inwardly | they curse.
- C** **For God alone, O my soul, wait in | silence,\***  
**for my hope is | from him.**
- P** He only is my rock and my salvation, my | fortress;\*  
I shall not be | shaken.
- C** **On God rests my salvation and my | glory;\***  
**my mighty rock, my refuge | is God.**
- P** Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart be- | fore him;\*  
God is a refuge | for us.
- C** **Those of low estate are but a breath; those of high estate are a de- |**  
**lusion;\***  
**in the balances they go up; they are together lighter | than a breath.**
- P** Put no trust in extortion; set no vain hopes on | robbery;\*  
if riches increase, set not your | heart on them.
- C** **Once God has spoken; twice have I | heard this:\***  
**that power belongs to God, and that to you, O Lord, belongs | steadfast**  
**love.**
- P** For you will render | to a man\*  
according | to his work.

**A** **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

**P** Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart be- | fore him;\*  
God is a refuge | for us.

## EPISTLE

## 1 Corinthians 7:29–31

<sup>29</sup>This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, <sup>30</sup>and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, <sup>31</sup>and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## GOSPEL VERSE

*John 6:68*



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



**C** These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



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

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup>After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

<sup>16</sup>Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon 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 become fishers of men.” <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Sit*

### READING THE FAITH *(as drawn from Luther's Small Catechism)*

**P** THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT

**C** **Honor your father and your mother.**

**P** What does this mean?

**C** **We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.**

**P** THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT

**C** **You shall not murder.**

**P** What does this mean?

**C** **We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.**



**P** THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT

**C** **You shall not commit adultery.**

**P** What does this mean?

**C** **We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Mike Ada

## SERMON HYMN

***O God of Light***

LSB 836

## SERMON

***Fishers of Men***

**Mark 1**

**Rev. Mike Ada**

*Stand*

**NICENE CREED** (*located on the inside back cover of the hymnal*)

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

**P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

**P** Lord God, heavenly Father, You desire not the death of a sinner but that all would repent and believe the Gospel. In the epiphany of Your Son, Your time of salvation and Your kingdom have come near. As this world passes away, give faithfulness and urgency to Your Church to proclaim the Gospel of our God to all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord of the harvest, as You called Simon Peter and Andrew, James and John to follow You and made them fishers of men, so send faithful preachers of Your Gospel in our time. Increase the spirit of generosity to all who support the missionaries, seminaries, colleges and other institutions of our Church for the spread of the Gospel and the service of God's people. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Eternal Lord, in view of every current distress as the present form of this world passes away, give constancy and contentment to Your people in their God-given stations. Give comfort and faithfulness to the married, and strengthen them to pass on the faith to the next generation. Show kindness also to the unmarried and assure them of the holiness of their place in life, that they would be freed from anxiety and attend to holiness in body and spirit, undividedly devoted to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Almighty God, preserve our nation with its rulers. Call to repentance those who have forgotten You. Bless our president, governor, and all who serve for the good of this land with wisdom and discernment to see and do Your holy will. Do not let disaster befall us, but preserve us in peace and quietness. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Merciful Father, give to the afflicted Your comforting presence, relief in their suffering and healing according to Your will. Sustain Your servants who trust in You [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Give hope to the weary and peace to the dying, and comfort to those who mourn. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** *Additional Prayers of Thanksgiving or Intercession*, Lord, in Your mercy:

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Gracious Lord, in Your Holy Sacrament You deliver the Gospel proclaimed by Your Son and won by His death in His true body and blood. Work repentance and faith in all who commune, and unite them in a sincere confession of Your divine truth at this altar. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## OFFERING

(Our offerings are collected at the door and brought forward and presented in thanksgiving to the Lord. If you missed this opportunity, your offering can be placed in the plate at the door as you leave.)

## OFFERING PRAYER

# ✠ THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

## PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

*[Colossians 3:1]*

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

*[Psalm 136]*

## PROPER PREFACE

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and singing:

## SANCTUS~~(Latin: Holy, Holy, Holy)

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**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;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

# LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

**P** Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

# THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24;  
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

**PAX DOMINI**~~(Latin: Peace of the Lord)

John 20:19

(The pastor here makes a **declaration** of the peace we have with the Lord through the forgiveness offered in this Sacrament. Therefore, we boldly respond **AMEN!** – which means "Yes, yes, this is so!")

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **Amen!**

**AGNUS DEI**~~(Latin: Lamb of God)

John 1:29

**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



## INVITATION

**P** Welcome to the Table of the Lord.

*Sit*

## DISTRIBUTION

**VISITORS, please read the statement concerning Holy Communion on page 2.**

### **Personal Examination Before Communing**

1. Do I believe I am a sinner and am I sorry for my sins?
2. Do I believe Christ's true body and blood to be present in the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of sins?
3. Do I earnestly intend with the help of the Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life?

(For a longer examination see pages 329-330 of the hymnal.)

Communion Prayers are located inside the front cover of the hymnal.)

### **Instructions for Communing**

We stand at tables for Holy Communion. The congregation will be ushered forward to stand in a row. You will receive the Body of Jesus from the Pastors and then the Blood of Jesus from the Communion assistant. You may receive either from the common cup or the individual cup. When you have sufficiently meditated, stand, reverence the altar, and return to your seat. Those not communing will receive a blessing from the pastor.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

**LSB 629 *What Is This Bread***

*Stand*

## DISMISSAL

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

*Nunc Dimittis* ~ (Latin: Now Depart – Song of Simeon)

Luke 2:29-32

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

### BENEDICAMUS/BENEDICTION

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**
- P** The Lord bless you...and ✠ give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**

*Psalm 103:1*

*Numbers 6:24-26*

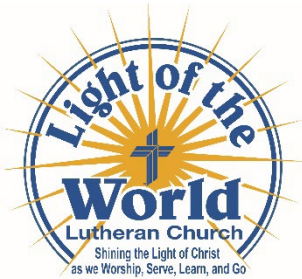
**CLOSING HYMN**

*Spread the Reign of God the Lord*

LSB 830

**POSTLUDE**

**Before you go:  
Visitors and Members –  
please register your attendance.**



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### **PRAYERS REQUESTED THIS WEEK**

For **Caleb Schempp and Haley Oakes**, Dale and Roberta Schempp's son, as they were united in Holy Matrimony on Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>.

For **Pam Cunningham**, a friend Dan and Melody Frese, who is dealing with health issues.

For **God to bring about peace in the war** between **Israel and Palestine**.

For **God to bring about peace in the war** between **Ukraine and Russia**.

For **The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ukraine**, our LCMS partner church, for their safety and love as they care for the people still caught in the conflict.

### **CONTINUED PRAYERS**

For **our partner church in Zacapa, Guatemala**: Pray that God would bless this congregation with church members and the community that they would be strengthened and encouraged in His faith.

For **all those who are unemployed or under-employed**, that the Lord would provide for all their needs and lead them to jobs soon. For those who have secured jobs, we offer prayers of thanksgiving.