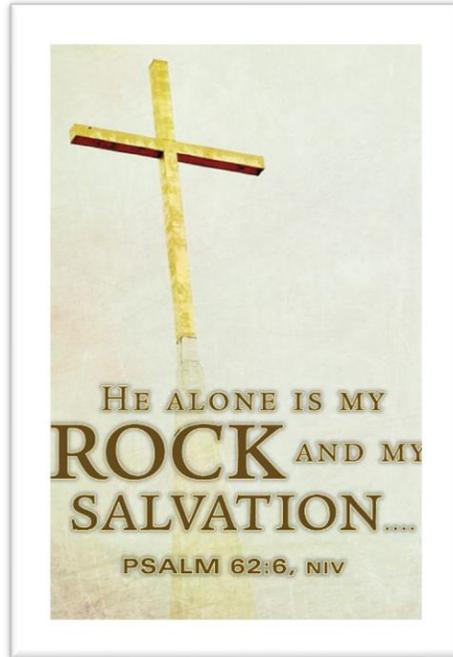


**Our Savior Lutheran Church
Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 24, 2021**



Call to Worship

A: For God alone our soul waits in silence; from him comes our salvation.

C: He alone is our rock and our salvation, our fortress; we shall never be shaken.

A: On God rests our deliverance, our refuge is in God.

C: Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out our heart before him; God is a refuge for us all.

Gathering Hymn – I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (ELW #611)

First Plymouth Church, Lincoln Nebraska

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MkC7eoR81U>

Invocation

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, +one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Silence is kept for reflection

L: Holy God,

C: you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways.

We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin – our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.

We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love.

We distrust those who are not like us.

We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come.

Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone.

Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.

L: How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of +Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

C: Amen.

Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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 mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen and Amen.

Hymn of Praise – All Are Welcome (ELW #641)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gKJgcv8SdnQ>

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.**

The Word

First reading – Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³So 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. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!”

⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. ¹⁰When 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.**

Psalm 62:5-12

⁵For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him.

⁶**He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

⁷On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

⁸**Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.**

⁹Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.

¹⁰**Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.**

¹¹Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God,

¹²**and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord. For you repay to all according to their work.**

Second reading – 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

²⁹I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and 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 possessions, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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

Holy Gospel – Mark 1:14-20

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

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

Message – Tim Leitner, SAM

<https://youtu.be/dwLUr-KoFAA>

Hymn of the day --Will You Come and Follow Me (ELW #798)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zK6lUalJ3sk>

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 of Intercession

L: Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

A: For the church throughout the world, for pastors and teachers, for deacons and deaconesses, and for musicians and servers, that all proclaim the good news of God's reconciling love, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

A: For skies and seas, for birds and fish, for favorable weather and clean water, and for the well-being of creation, that God raise up advocates and scientists to guide our care for all the earth, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

A: For those who provide leadership in our cities and around the world, for nonprofit and nongovernmental organizations, for planning commissions and homeless advocates, that God inspire all people in the just use of wealth, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

A: For those who are sick, distressed, or grieving; for the outcast and all who await relief, that in the midst of suffering, God's peace and mercy surround them, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

A: For our congregation and community, for families big and small, and for the organizations that meet at Our Savior during the week, that God's steadfast love serve as a model for all relationships, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

A: In thanksgiving for our ancestors in the faith whose lives serve as an example of gospel living, that they point us to salvation through Christ, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

L: Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

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Offering Prayer

A: O God, receive these gifts as you receive us; like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide. Nourish us anew in your loving care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace.

C: Amen.

Thoughts of the Bread and Wine we Share

Bread and Wine, Jesus Body and Blood is a promise that will be with us always even when we cannot gather. As you listen to "Let Us Break Bread Together" remember that we are together in faith, hope and heart.

Let Us Break Bread Together (Primary Music School Choir in Vukorar, Croatia)

<https://youtu.be/e-FLPRv5uhs>

The Lord's Prayer

**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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Blessing

L: God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you;
and the Holy Spirit the comforter +keep you in peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn – Precious Lord, Take My Hand (ELW #773) by One Heart Gospel

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bhn6keszrY8>

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

