

Welcome to a celebration of God's glory revealed in Jesus

with Our Saviour Lutheran Church

February 5th, 2012

The readings this day are for

5th Sunday after the Epiphany

VISITING US TODAY?

Here is some information you may find helpful.

Our affiliation... Our Saviour is part of Lutheran Church-Canada.

Contributions... Our Saviour is funded by our member's offerings, many by monthly direct deposit.

We receive you as a guest, and see your presence as your gift. Of course, if you would like to support the work of Our Saviour, you are welcome to make a contribution. Guest envelopes are located in the pews if you wish to use them.

Headsets to aid hearing are available. Ask one of the ushers, or talk to the person at the sound board.

The ushers at the entrance are here to assist. If you have a question, or need, please ask. Thanks!

We are glad to have children here. For their extra active minds, there are special bulletins and colouring sheets available in the entrance, and a nursery if little ones need a break.



SO JESUS HEALED GREAT NUMBERS
of SICK FOLK THAT EVENING and
ORDERED MANY DEMONS to COME
OUT of THEIR VICTIMS · MARK 1:34

ORDER OF SERVICE

*God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts
to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.
2 Corinthians 4:6 (ESV)*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Before the Throne of God

Words by Charitie Lees Bancroft
Music by Vikki Cook.

**Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea,
a great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands; my name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.**

**When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look and see Him there who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free.
For God, the just, is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,
to look on Him and pardon me.**

**Behold Him there! the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless Righteousness,
the great unchangeable I am, the King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself, I cannot die. My soul is purchased by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,
with Christ, my Savior and my God.**

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My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,
with Christ, my Savior and my God. With Christ my Savior and my God.**

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WELCOME ... Pastor Craig

OPENING SONG

God of All

Scott Reed and Paul Taylor

**God of all mercy, God of all grace. God of all glory and fame.
Wonderful, Counselor, Saviour, my Friend, Your Kingdom, it has no end.
And fore..ver You reign, and fore..ver You reign.**

**Oceans cry out and the stars declare who You are, who You are.
All of the splendors of heaven unveil who You are, who You are.
Lord, You are, Lord, You are. *(repeat song, then:)***

**You are King of kings, You are Lord of lords. You are Everlasting.
You are Prince of Peace, You are Mighty God. You are Neverchanging. *(repeat)*
*(Instrumental)***

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All of the splendors of heaven unveil who You are, who You are.
Lord, You are, Lord, You are.**

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WELCOMING THE EPIPHANY OF GOD'S GLORY

John 1:14; 2 Corinthians 4:6; Romans 3:23-25,2:4; Acts 2:32-39,13:38 (ESV)

Pastor: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

C: God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

P: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

C: .. and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

Silence for reflection.

P: God's kindness is meant to lead us to repentance. So then, let us confess our sin to God.

All: God, I am sorry, and ask for your forgiveness - for how short I fall from from all my thoughts - and all my actions - being full of grace and truth and love.

P: God's grace and truth and love and power is revealed in Jesus, risen from the dead, pouring out God's life giving Spirit. Through Jesus, risen from the dead, God proclaims: "Your sins are forgiven."

All: God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

SONG

Glorious Day

Mark Hall, Michael Bleeker, J Wilbur Chapman

**One day when heaven was filled with His praises, one day when sin was as black as could be.
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin, dwelt among men my example is He.
The Word became flesh and the Light shined among us, His glory revealed.**

Chorus: **Living, He loved me. Dying, He saved me. Buried, He carried my sins far away.
Rising, He justified freely forever. One day He's coming, O Glorious Day. O Glorious Day.**

**One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain. One day they nailed Him to die on a tree.
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected Bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He.
Hands that healed nations stretched out on a tree And took the nails for me. *Chorus:***

**One day the grave could conceal Him no longer. One day the stone rolled away from the door.
Then He arose, over death He had conquered. Now is ascended, my Lord evermore.
Death could not hold Him, the grave could not keep Him From rising again. *Chorus:***

(then) **Glorious Day.**

**One day the trumpet will sound for His coming. One day the skies with His glories will shine.
Wonderful day my Beloved One bringing. My Savior, Jesus is mine. *Chorus:***

(then) **Glorious Day. O Glorious Day.**

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PRAYER BEFORE THE READINGS

Pastor: Let us pray.

All: O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power ; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 40: 21-31 (ESV)

Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in; who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name, by the greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God”? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 9: 19-27 (MSG)

Even though I am free of the demands and expectations of everyone, I have voluntarily become a servant to any and all in order to reach a wide range of people: religious, nonreligious, meticulous moralists, loose-living immoralists, the defeated, the demoralized—whoever. I didn't take on their way of life. I kept my bearings in Christ—but I entered their world and tried to experience things from their point of view. I've become just about every sort of servant there is in my attempts to lead those I meet into a God-saved life. I did all this because of the Message. I didn't just want to talk about it; I wanted to be in on it! You've all been to the stadium and seen the athletes race. Everyone runs; one wins. Run to win. All good athletes train hard. They do it for a gold medal that tarnishes and fades. You're after one that's gold eternally. I don't know about you, but I'm running hard for the finish line. I'm giving it everything I've got. No sloppy living for me! I'm staying alert and in top condition. I'm not going to get caught napping, telling everyone else all about it and then missing out myself.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1: 21-28 (ESV)

And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. And the whole city was gathered together at the door. And he healed many who were sick with various

diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

SONG

All Who Are Thirsty

Brenton Brown and Glenn Robertson

**All who are thirsty,..all who are weak,..come to the fountain;
...dip your heart in the stream of life. Let the pain and the sorrow
..be washed away..in the waves of His mercy ..as deep cries out to deep...We sing:**

Chorus: Come Lord Jesus, come. Come Lord Jesus, come. (repeat)

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REFLECTION

Relationships by Jesus

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.
Genesis 2:15

**We like the picture .. of a Jesus, powerful, mighty, coming to _____,
save us from our sin, take us to heaven where we can have a life of ease.**

**But the reality is, Jesus, powerful, mighty, servant of God, came to _____,
to be the servants of God we were created to be.**

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself,
by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.
Philippians 2:5-7

Servants like _____.

"I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.
Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master,
nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.
If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them." – Jesus
John 13:15-17

**Our problem? We can't imagine how _____ to serve God,
to have relationships that are truly blessed .. out of this world amazing.**

**And .. we have a good idea of _____ it is to serve people now,
so we are comfortable with what we have.**

But Jesus promises..

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him,
"If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples,
and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

John 8:31-32

**The freedom to _____ what we can do in all our relationships
and _____ fully for the outcome.**

If the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has,
not according to what he does not have.

2 Corinthians 8:12

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus.. "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Acts 20:35

SONG OF REFLECTION

This Is The Gospel Of Christ

Scott Wesley Brown

To destroy the works of the evil one, and the kingdom of darkness with light.

And to rescue men from the law of sin, this is the gospel of Christ.

To proclaim Good News unto the poor, and the broken hearted, new life.

And for those who mourn heaven's Child is born. This is the gospel of Christ

Chorus: **And to God be the glory, and to God be the glory.**

And to God be the glory. This is the gospel of Christ. (repeat)

To redeem a people He calls His own from ev'ry nation, tongue and tribe.

Purchased by the blood He shed with His love. This is the gospel of Christ.

And to rise again. And to conquer death. He'll return like a thief in the night.

And He will reign on high, forever with His bride. This is the gospel of Christ.

Chorus:

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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

What the Lord Has Done In Me

Reuben Morgan

(Men) Let the weak say I am strong. Let the poor say I am rich.
Let the blind say I can see. It's what the Lord has done in me.

(Ladies) Let the weak say I am strong. Let the poor say I am rich.
Let the blind say I can see. It's what the Lord has done in me.

(All) Chorus: Hosanna, hosanna to the Lamb that was slain.
Hosanna, hosanna, Jesus died and rose again. *Repeat*

Into the river I will wade. There my sins are washed away,
from the heaven's mercy stream of the Savior's love for me.
I will rise from waters deep into the saving arms of God.
I will sing salvation songs: Jesus Christ has set me free. *Chorus*

Let the weak say I am strong. Let the poor say I am rich.
Let the blind say I can see. It's what the Lord has done in me.

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PRAYERS

(1 Timothy 1:1; 2:1-4)

Pastor: Let us pray as God's Word teaches us.

All: God our Saviour, and Christ Jesus our hope, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth, we come to you with petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving for all people— for rulers and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

(Petitions and prayers of intercession and thanksgiving may be added.)

Pastor: Into your care, O Father, we commend all we pray for, trusting in your mercy through Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit is one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

All: 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder on Duty –Andy Pickard

Trustee this week – Allan McAskile

BENEDICTION

Ephesians 3:20-21 (ESV)

Pastor: Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever.

All: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

Shout To The North

Martin Smith

**Men of faith rise up and sing of the great and glorious King.
You are strong when you feel weak, in your brokenness complete.**

Chorus: **Shout to the North and the South, sing to the East and the West,
Jesus is Saviour to all, Lord of Heaven and earth.**

**Rise up women of the truth. Stand and sing to broken hearts.
Who can know the healing power of our awesome King of Love.** *Chorus*

Bridge: **We've been through fire, we've been through rain.
We've been refined by the power of His name.
We've fallen deeper in love with You.
You put the truth on our lips.** *Chorus*

**Rise up church with broken wings. Fill this place with songs again.
Of our God who reigns on high; by His grace again we'll fly.** *Chorus*

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Please remember the following homebound members in prayer:

Joe Bochek, Margaret McKinnon (Nanaimo), Margaret Moore, Ursula Pohl and Olaf Reynolds.

OSLC CALENDAR for February 5 to February 12

Monday	Jesus and the Basics of Faith: Session 5 – Discouragement	3:00 pm
Tuesday	Youth Confirmation	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Jesus and the Basics of Faith: Session 5 – Discouragement	7:00 pm
Thursday	Quilting	9:00 am
	Choir Practice	3:45 pm
Next Sunday	Drop-in Bible Study	9:00 am
	Worship Service with Holy Communion	10:00 am
	Voter's Meeting	<i>after fellowship time</i>

OSLC NEWS and NOTES

We have been invited to enter a chili team in the 20th Fire & Ice festival. Pastor Craig is willing to help, but we are looking for someone else who would like to be in charge of our entry this year. If you are interested, the information is on our bulletin board, and Pastor Craig would love to talk with you about this.

ATTENTION ALL WOULD-BE THESPIANS or folks who just like to read aloud. I am putting together a series of Lenten dramas for Our Saviour Lutheran, to be performed during the six Wednesday lent services, starting February 22nd. The dramas are very simple, with just three people in each one. There would be no need to learn lines and no requirement to develop characters or wear costumes. Just an ability to read with expression, feeling and meaning. Ideally I would like three teams of three people each, that way we can rotate the readers so that the commitment is not too great. If you are interested or would like more information on this project, please call me, Wendy Punter at 250-586-0192. I look forward to hearing from you.

We invite you to help us pick the songs and hymns we sing. To get started, we invite you to write down up to 3 you would like to sing, along with your name, and email them, or drop it off at the church office by February 12, so Doreen and I can include them in our next worship planning time. Each Sunday one song or hymn we sing will come from the list we end up with, and will be noted in the bulletin as the “U-Pick Song of the week.” If you have given us your name, we will email you before that Sunday and let you know your pick is going to be sung. It will also help us if you have given us a song title we are unfamiliar with. When we have sung through the list we get from this, we plan on asking you to give us 3 more (or you can give us the same 1, or 2 or 3 again). If you are wondering how we pick the songs for a service, and how we place them in the service, watch for an article in the next newsletter, or just ask Doreen or myself. We look forward to being able to use your requests as part of this, and welcome your prayers for us as we plan. Thanks! - Pastor Craig and Doreen Hagedorn

Church Janitor Position. The voters have agreed to hire a janitor for 3 hours every other week. This will be a paid position of \$15 an hour. Please contact Brian Hagedorn at (250) 586-1688 if you are interested. A permanent Janitor will lessen the burden for the service teams.

Lent is coming up, and so are SOUP SUPPERS! Sign up today to be blessed by providing a pot of soup for a supper or two.

OFFICIAL NOTICE to voters of OSLC: There will be a congregational meeting next Sunday after the fellowship time. The topics for the meeting are the receiving of the annual report, and discussion arising. **The meeting is open to all who are interested.** Non voting members are certainly welcome to listen, and if requested, the voters normally also extend the privilege of speaking.

The Concordia Mission Team is coming out for their 10th mission trip with the BC Mission Boat Society from February 16-26th and traveling to Bella Bella, Ehattesaht and Klemtu! We would like to hold a Fun Friday here at the church for the team on **Feb 17th @ 6pm** and are looking for a volunteer to co-ordinate this for us and many others to help with food and conversation! (set up, clean up, food & a game) If you would be interested in this, please let Marcus or Jessica know.

Service Teams Ministry

We wish to acknowledge and thank the following members of **Team John**, who served in various capacities last month: Erwin, Lorne, Gary Z., Hilary, Jonathan, Adele, Vickie, Bob, Val, Garry S., Carol, Rob, Jessica, and Eileen.

We would also like to thank the following individuals from **Team Matthew**, serving this month.

	FEBRUARY 5	FEBRUARY 12	FEBRUARY 19	FEBRUARY 26
Reader	Wendy Punter	Cody Tupper	Matt Koebernick	OSLC Youth
Usher	Don Punter	Myra Schmidt	Mattea Koebernick	OSLC Youth
Usher	Matt Koebernick	Ross Schmidt	Larry Mix	Don Punter
Counter	Andy Pickard	Wendy Punter	Wendy Punter	Andy Pickard
Counter	Lois Edelenbos	Lila Mandsiuk	Elinor Mix	Gord Tupper
Communion Setup And clean-up	X	Hilton Zutz	X	Hilton Zutz
Kitchen/ Coffee & refreshments	Coffee: Hilton Koebernick Family	Coffee Hilton John & Marina	Coffee Hilton Koebernick Family	Coffee Hilton Lois Edelenbos Elinor Mix
Cleaning		Feb 12 – 18 Mattea Koebernick		Feb 26 – Mar 3 Mattea Koebernick

Other Announcements

“**Arthritis/Fibromyalgia Self-Management Program**” is a 6 week course put on by the University of Victoria. Susan Duncan is co-facilitating this free course and she would be happy to answer any questions. There is also info on the community bulletin board. The course will be held here at OSLC on Monday afternoons, starting Monday Feb. 13th from 1-3:30pm.