



Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Aurora, MN

Third Sunday of Advent
December 11, 2022

Pastor Greg Anderson

PRELUDE

HEARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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HYMN

The First Noel

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GREETING

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HYMN OF PRAISE “Lord God, heavenly king...”

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The four (or sometimes five) candles (and Sundays) each have a specific meaning. The colors of these candles are usually blue but sometimes purple, pink, or white.

Third candle: **joy** or shepherd candle. The readings relate to John the Baptist, and the candle is often pink which signifies the joy of the shepherds.

“Light One Candle.....” WOV # 630 (verse 3)

Light three candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness. Lift your heads and lift high the gateway for the King of glory.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

R: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 146:5-10 (please read responsively)

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God,

**who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;**

who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;

the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the LORD!**

SECOND READING

James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

R: The word of the Lord. C: *Thanks be to God.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go...

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GOSPEL INTRODUCTION

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C: Glory to you O Lord.

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM ~ The Armor of God

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

P: God, in your mercy, ***C: hear our prayer.***

THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Create in me.....

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine,

and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior. **C: Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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.

BENEDICTION

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SENDING HYMN Go Tell It on the Mountain

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DISMISSAL

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POSTLUDE

Thank you to those who helped with today's service ~

Pastor Greg Anderson

Reader ~ Kent Dickinson

Ushers ~ Aubree & Carter Skelton

Music ~ Diane Boback

Contributions

2021 Total budget \$ 80,533

Contributions needed weekly per 2021 budget \$ 1,550

Given Sunday December 4th ~ \$ 1,350.00

~Prayer Concerns~

Joy Norman, Charlotte and Ken Carlson, Louise Ellingson,
Glorene Clark, Bill Utley

~Calendar ~

Monday	5:00	WELCA Christmas Dinner & Silent Auction
Tuesday	8:30	Bandage Rolling
Wednesday	9:00 ****	Quilting Bulletin Announcement Deadline
Next Sunday	10:30	Worship/HC Sunday School
	11:30	Coffee an

Next Sunday ~ December 18, 2022

Pastor Greg Anderson

Reader ~ Janet Salo

Ushers ~ Chad & Brenda Skelton

Music ~ Diane Boback

Announcements

LADIES: Our Christmas Dinner/Silent Auction is tomorrow, December 12th at our church. Looking forward to a great attendance and silent auction items! All proceeds go to the Aurora Food Shelf and Kids' Closet at Mesabi East. Catered by Vaughn's Restaurant.

November and December is a time to focus on being good stewards in our church. Please take this time to examine ways we all can be aware of stewardship in our lives, community and church. Our time, our talents and our money.

Wanted ~ Donated white sheets for the mission project of making bandages for Global Ministries. If you have any questions, please call Jan Moore at 229-3466.

Prayer Concerns ~ Everyone, if you need or know someone who needs/wants prayers, please call the church office, Pastor Greg, Deb Maki or call the prayer chain as printed in the weekly bulletins and monthly EyeOpener.

Prayer Chain ~ When anyone is in need of prayer for special needs, concerns or support, please call Pastor Greg, or anyone on the list of the prayer chain. All requests and prayers are kept confidential. Lorraine Ekman 229-3328 , Janet Salo 229-2332 or 404-3358, Yvonne Trowbridge 229-2463, Linda Loeffler 229-0130, Kate Undeland 780-2436, Debbie Maki 290-1471.

Thank you to all who shovel, you all are very much appreciated!!

12/9 – 12/15	Erik Olson
12/16 – 12/22	Kevin Feldt
12/23 – 12/29	Dave Skelton

Annual Report time is here. The deadline is December 31, 2022. The Holiday Season is beginning and life usually gets busier than usual, so if you are the committee member responsible for turning in this report this is just a gentle reminder. 😊

"Grab-N-Go" to collect **winter hats, mittens, and gloves** for Mesabi East elementary students is underway. Please bring donated items to the labeled bin at church. Let's help to keep the heads and hands of young students warm for the winter season.

Mesabi East Ministerial Association(MEMA) MEMA is an Emergency Fund, and is in dire need of donations. Checks can be made out to Interchurch and left in the offering plate or mailed to: Jan Mikolich, P.O. Box 364, Biwabik, MN 55708. The contact for MEMA is Pastor Barns @ Faith Lutheran Church, 218-742-6525 or Church # 218-225-2715.