



Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Aurora, MN

December 12, 2021

Pastor Greg Anderson

PRELUDE

HEARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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HYMN “Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel”

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GREETING

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KYRIE

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HYMN OF PRAISE “This is the Feast...”

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord, God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; 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 Three Candles.....” 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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING

Zephaniah 3:14-20

¹⁴ Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! ¹⁵ The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. ¹⁶ On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. ¹⁷ The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing ¹⁸as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. ¹⁹ I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. ²⁰ At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

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

PSALM Isaiah 12:2-6 (read responsively)

² Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

3 With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴And you will say on that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted.

⁵ Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.

⁶ Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:4-7

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL INTRODUCTION

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C: Glory to you O lord.

7 John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

10 And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' ¹¹In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' ¹²Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' ¹³He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN "Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn" WOV # 633

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: Hear us, O God. ***C: Your mercy is great.***

THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

OFFERING PRAYER

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 "People Look East"

WOV # 626

DISMISSAL

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POSTLUDE

~Prayer Concerns~

Jan Moore (upon the death of Herb), John Nelson, Charlotte and Ken Carlson, Marie Anderson, Louise Ellingson, Glorene Clark, Bill Utley, Tom & Judy Lehtinen

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

Pastor Greg Anderson

Organist/Piano ~ Diane Boback

Reader ~ Sue Sowers

Ushers ~ Jack Jeffery & Mark Boback

Acolyte ~ Nick Butzke

Contributions

2021 Total budget \$ 80,533

Contributions needed weekly per 2021 budget \$ 1,550

Given Sunday December 5th ~ No worship on Dec. 5th.

~Calendar~

Tuesday 8:30

Bandage Rolling

Wednesday 9:30

Quilting

5:00

Confirmation

Next Sunday 10:30

Worship/HC/Sunday School Christmas
Program, followed by brunch

Next Sunday ~ December 19th

Pastor Greg Anderson

Organist ~ Diane Boback

Reader ~ Dave Skelton

Ushers ~ Dave & Paula Skelton

Acolyte ~ Unknown

~Announcements

We extend our love and sympathy to Jan Moore upon the death of Herb. May God's love comfort you now and in the days to come.

The funeral for Herb will be this Wednesday, December 15th, at OSLC @ 10:30 a.m., with visitation starting at 9:30 a.m.

Snow Shoveling List ~

12/11 to 12/17, Don Barstad; 12/18 to 12/24, Charles Olson

Annual Report Time ~ Just a friendly reminder that annual report time is quickly approaching. If you are the member of your committee that is responsible for turning a report in to the office, your deadline is December 31st. Please send your reports in electronically/email.

**Please join us for our Christmas Eve Service on
Friday, December 24th, at 5:30pm.**

December Worship Schedule

Sunday, December 12th ~ Worship @ 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, December 19th ~ Worship with Holy Communion @
10:30 a.m. featuring our awesome
Sunday School Christmas Program
with brunch to follow.

Friday, December 24th ~ Christmas Eve Service @ 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 26th ~ **NO WORSHIP SERVICE**

Check out the items on the little table in the Fellowship Hall. All money goes to Rippers, Strippers, and Rollers; to do our bandages and kits for Global Health.