



Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Aurora, MN

December 19, 2021

Pastor Greg Anderson

PRELUDE

HEARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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HYMN “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

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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 your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the father and 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.

“Light one Candle.....”

WOV # 630 (verse 4)

Light four candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness. He is coming, tell the glad tidings. Let your light be shining.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

“Foot Prints to the Manger”

FIRST READING

Micah 5:2-5a

²But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

³Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; ⁵and he shall be the one of peace. If the Assyrians come into our land and tread upon our soil, we will raise against them seven shepherds and eight installed as rulers.

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

PSALM Luke 1:46b-55 (please read responsively)

⁴⁶And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord,

⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

⁵⁰His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

⁵²He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;

⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,

⁵⁵according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:5-10

⁵Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, “Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; ⁶in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.

⁷Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’ (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).” ⁸When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), ⁹then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰And it is by

God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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.

GOSPEL

Luke 1:39-45[46-55]

³⁹In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." [⁴⁶And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done

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GOSPEL RESPONSE

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C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

LBW # 44

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

P: God of our waiting and watching, we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace. **C: Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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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.

THE SACRAMENT

BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

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SENDING HYMN "I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve" LBW # 69

DISMISSAL

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POSTLUDE

~Prayer Concerns~

Jan Moore, 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 ~ Dave Skelton

Ushers ~ Paula & Dave Skelton

Acolyte ~ Unknown

Contributions

2021 Total budget \$ 80,533

Contributions needed weekly per 2021 budget \$ 1,550

Given Sunday December 12th ~ \$ 2,926.00

~Calendar ~

Tuesday	8:30	Bandage Rolling
	6:30	All Boards
	7:30	Council Meeting
Wednesday	9:30	Quilting
		NO Confirmation
Friday	5:30	Christmas Eve Service
Next Sunday		NO WORSHIP SERVICE TODAY

Christmas Eve Service, Friday, December 24th

Pastor Greg Anderson

Organist ~ Diane Boback

Reader ~ Pam Peterson

Ushers ~ Worshek's

Acolyte ~ Unknown

~Announcements~

A huge thank you to our Sunday School children, teachers, volunteers and helpers for your Christmas program this morning. Please join us after worship for a brunch in the Fellowship Hall.

Snow Shoveling List ~

12/18 - 12/24, Charles Olson; 12/25 – 12/31, Dave Worshek

Annual Report Time ~ If you are the member of your committee that is responsible for turning a report in to the office, your deadline is Friday, 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

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.

The Annual Meeting of Our Savior's Lutheran Church will be held Sunday, January 23, 2022 immediately following worship. There will also be a Special Congregational Meeting before the Annual Meeting to extend a settled call to Pastor Greg Anderson.