



SECOND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Aurora, MN

December 5, 2021

Pastor Greg Anderson

PRELUDE

HEARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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HYMN “Prepare the Royal Highway”

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GREETING

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HYMN OF PRAISE “This is the Feast...”

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up our Hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; 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.

Second candle: preparation or Bethlehem candle. The scriptures often point to the early parts of the life of Christ, usually about Christ's birth in Bethlehem.

“Light One Candle.....” WOV # 630 (verse 2)

Light two candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness. He shall feed the flock like a shepherd, gently lead them homeward.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING

Malachi 3:1-4

³See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

PSALM Luke 1:68-79 (please read responsively)

⁶⁸ Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.

⁶⁹ **He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David,**

⁷⁰ as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

⁷¹ **that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.**

⁷² Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and

has remembered his holy covenant,

⁷³ the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us

⁷⁴that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies might serve him without fear,

⁷⁵in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

⁷⁶ And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

⁷⁷ to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins.

⁷⁸ By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,

⁷⁹ to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.'

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:3-11

³ I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart,* for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love

may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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 3:1-6

3In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵ Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill

shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; ⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

GOSPEL RESPONSE

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C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN “On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry” LBW # 36

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 "The First Noel"

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DISMISSAL

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POSTLUDE

~Prayer Concerns~

Herb 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 ~ Pam Peterson

Ushers ~ Duane & Kate Undeland

Acolyte ~ Miikah Honkola

Contributions

2021 Total budget \$ 80,533

Contributions needed weekly per 2021 budget \$ 1,550

Given Sunday November 28th ~ \$ 1,307.00

~Calendar ~

Tuesday	8:30	Bandage Rolling
	10:00	WELCA Board
Wednesday	9:30	Quilting
	5:00	Confirmation
Next Sunday	10:30	Worship
		Sunday School

Next Sunday ~ December 12th

Pastor Greg Anderson

Organist ~ Diane Boback

Reader ~ Sue Sowers

Ushers ~ Jack Jeffery & Mark Boback

Acolyte ~ Nick Butzke

~Announcements

Snow Shoveling List ~

12/4 to 12/10, Tim Salo; 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 5th ~ Worship with Holy Communion
@ 10:30 a.m.

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.