



Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Aurora, MN

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 23, 2022

Pastor Greg Anderson

PRELUDE

HEARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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HYMN “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues Sing”

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GREETING

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HYMN OF PRAISE “This is the Feast...”

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONG

“Awesome God”

Insert

CHILDREN’S SERMON

FIRST READING

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

8All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could

understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

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

PSALM 19 (please read responsively)

¹The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

²Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

³There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

⁴yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,

⁵which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

⁶Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.

⁷The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;

⁸the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;

⁹the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

¹¹Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

¹³Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

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 4:14-21

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is

upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." ²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

GOSPEL RESPONSE

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C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN

"This Is My Father's World"

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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 of grace, **C: *hear our prayer.***

THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light.

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 "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"

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DISMISSAL

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POSTLUDE

~Prayer Concerns~

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 ~ Mark Boback

Ushers ~ Doug Shuck/Mary Hess

Acolyte ~ Emily Forrett

Contributions

2022 Total budget \$ 84,000

Contributions needed weekly per 2022 budget \$ 1,600.00

Given Sunday January 16th ~ 2,130.00

~Calendar ~

Today	11:30	Annual Meeting
Tuesday	8:30	Bandage Rolling
	2:00	Interchurch Meeting
Wednesday	9:30	Quilting
	5:30	Confirmation
Next Sunday	10:30	Worship & Sunday School

Next Sunday, January 30th

Pastor Greg Anderson

Organist ~ Diane Boback

Reader ~ Janet Salo

Ushers ~ Aubree & Carter Skelton

Acolyte ~ Ethan Douglas

~Announcements~

Louise Ellingson is moving to the twin cities to be closer to family. On Sunday, January 30th, Louise will be in church with us all; after church we will have sandwiches and cake in her honor. Please come with old stories to share and cards of best wishes. Louise has always been a leader in God's work and our church! If you would like to help, talk to Deb Maki after church at coffee an'.

Snow Shoveling List ~

1/22 to 1/28	Kim Norman
1/29 to 2/4	Doug Shuck
2/5 to 2/11	Duane Undeland

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.

During January, the Stewardship and Fellowship Board will initiate a **Grab-N-Go Drive** to collect warm hats, mittens and gloves for elementary students at Mesabi East School. Please bring your donated items to the basket in the church narthex. At the end of January, the basket (full, we hope!) will be delivered to the school for distribution to students who need head and hand cover ups this winter. The congregation is invited to share in this effort with the Board. For more information, contact Mary Castle: 218.229.3852. Stewardship & Fellowship Board

The Annual Meeting of Our Savior's Lutheran Church will be held today, 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.

New address for the Food Shelf ~ The new mailing Address: 203 South 2nd St East, Aurora, Minnesota 55705. This is also a reminder for anyone who would consider donating as individuals to the Food Shelf.