



**Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
Aurora, MN**

**Second Sunday of Christmas**

*January 2, 2022*

**Pastor Greg Anderson**

## PRELUDE

## HEARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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## HYMN “Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful”

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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

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## CHILDREN’S SERMON

## FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:7-14

<sup>7</sup>For thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, “Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel.” <sup>8</sup>See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. <sup>9</sup>With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

<sup>10</sup>Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.” <sup>11</sup>For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. <sup>12</sup>They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. <sup>13</sup>Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. <sup>14</sup>I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

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

PSALM 147:12-20 (please read responsively)

<sup>12</sup>Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

**<sup>13</sup>For he strengthens the bars of your gates; he blesses your children within you.**

<sup>14</sup>He grants peace within your borders; he fills you with the finest of wheat.

**<sup>15</sup>He sends out his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly.**

<sup>16</sup>He gives snow like wool; he scatters frost like ashes.

**<sup>17</sup>He hurls down hail like crumbs— who can stand before his cold?**

<sup>18</sup>He sends out his word, and melts them; he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.

**<sup>19</sup>He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and ordinances to Israel.**

<sup>20</sup>He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his ordinances. Praise the LORD!

## SECOND READING

## Ephesians 1:3-14

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of

the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

**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

John 1:[1-9] 10-18

1In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

<sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. <sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.] <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him.

<sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

<sup>15</sup>(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

GOSPEL RESPONSE

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***C: Praise to you, O Christ.***

SERMON

HYMN "O Living Bread from Heaven"

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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: Merciful God, *C: receive our prayer.***

#### **THE PEACE**

#### **OFFERING**

#### **OFFERTORY**

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

**P: Gracious God, your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth. As we offer ourselves and these your gifts, prepare us to receive the grace and truth you offer at this table and renew in us the song of your salvation, in Jesus Christ our savior. **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 "Cold December Flies Away" LBW # 53

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 ~ Ron Lundquist**

**Ushers ~ John & Kathy Baxter**

**Acolyte ~ Unknown**

## Contributions

2021 Total budget \$ 80,533

Contributions needed weekly per 2021 budget \$ 1,550

Given Sunday December 26<sup>th</sup> ~ No Worship Service

### ~Calendar~

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

### Next Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>

Pastor Greg Anderson

Organist ~ Diane Boback

Reader ~ Jill Dickinson

Ushers ~ Wanda Koski & Talcia Honkola

Acolyte ~ Miikah Honkola

## ~Announcements~

### **Snow Shoveling List ~**

1/1 to 1/7	John Long
1/8 to 1/14	Chad Skelton
1/15 to 1/21	Kent Dickinson
1/22 to 1/28	Kim Norman

**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 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.