



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

*Baptism of Our Lord  
First Sunday after Epiphany*

Pastor Greg Anderson  
January 8, 2023

PRELUDE

HEARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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HYMN Jesus Came to Jordan

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GREETING

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HYMN OF PRAISE Lord God, heavenly king...

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be our daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who

gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

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

PSALM 29 (please read responsively)

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.**

The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

**The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, “Glory!”

**The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

SECOND READING

Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

**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...**

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GOSPEL INTRODUCTION

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**C: Glory to you O Lord.**

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

GOSPEL RESPONSE

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

SERMON

HYMN

We Were Baptized in Christ

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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      Create in me.....

#### OFFERING PRAYER

P: Liberating God, you break the bonds of justice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, **C: Amen**

#### THE SACRAMENT

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#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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#### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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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 MEAL (the congregation may come forward)

*\*please note ~ The center ring is white grape juice and  
the outer rings are red wine.)*

LAMB OF GOD

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THANK THE LORD

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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BENEDICTION

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SENDING HYMN Wash, O God, Our Sons.... WOV # 697

DISMISSAL

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POSTLUDE

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

Pastor Greg Anderson

Reader ~ Mark Boback

Ushers ~ Lorraine Ekman & Sue Sowers

Music ~ Diane Boback

## ~Prayer Concerns~

Joy Norman, Charlotte and Ken Carlson, Louise Ellingson, Glorene Clark, Bill Utley

## ~Calendar ~

Monday	10:00	WELCA Board Meeting
Tuesday	8:30	Bandage Rolling
Wednesday	9:00 ****	Quilting Bulletin Announcement Deadline
Next Sunday	10:30 11:30	<b>Worship/HC</b> and Sunday School Coffee an

## Next Sunday ~ January 15, 2023

Pastor Greg Anderson

Reader ~ Mary Hess

Ushers ~ DuWayne & Pam Peterson

Music ~ Diane Boback

## ~ Announcements~

**Annual Meeting** is on Sunday, January 22, 2023 following our worship service.

**Wanted** ~ Donated white sheets for the mission project of making bandages for Global Ministries. If you have any questions, please call Jan Moore at 229-3466.

**Prayer Concerns** ~ Everyone, if you need or know someone who needs/wants prayers, please call the church office, Pastor Greg, Deb Maki or call the prayer chain as printed in the weekly bulletins and monthly EyeOpener.

**Prayer Chain** ~ When anyone is in need of prayer for special needs, concerns or support, please call Pastor Greg, or anyone on the list of the prayer chain. All requests and prayers are kept confidential. Lorraine Ekman 229-3328, Janet Salo 229-2332 or 404-3358, Yvonne Trowbridge 229-2463, Linda Loeffler 229-0130, Jan Moore 229-3466, Kate Undeland 780-2436, Debbie Maki 290-1471.

**Snow Shoveling List ~ Thank you to all who shovel, you all are very much appreciated!!**

1/6 – 1/12	Charles Olson
1/13 – 1/19	Kent Dickinson
1/20 – 1/26	Chad Skelton