



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Sharing God's Love with All!

Baptism of Our Lord

January 7, 2018, 9:15 am

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness.....Pages 94 - 96 ELW

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

One of the following or another confession is prayed.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: The presiding minister announces God's Forgiveness.

The service continues with gathering song.

Gathering Hymn “Bright and Glorious Is the Sky” (vs. 1,3,5,6) ELW #301

**Bright and glorious is the sky,
radiant are the heavens high
where the golden stars are shining.
All their rays to earth inclining
beckon us to heav’n above,
beckon us to heav’n above.**

**Sages from the east afar
when they saw this wondrous star,
went to find the king of nations
and to offer their oblations
to the child, the newborn king,
to the child, the newborn king.**

**Guided by the star, they found
him whose praise the ages sound.
We too have a star to guide us,
which forever will provide us
with the light to find our Lord,
with the light to find our Lord.**

**And this star, as bright as day,
that will never lead astray
with its message so appealing,
is the word of God, revealing
Christ, the way, the truth, the life,
Christ, the way, the truth, the life.**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

****Order of Service - Page 147 in the Hymnal****

Kyrie (Each petition will end with P: "Let us pray to the Lord"; please respond **C: "Lord, have mercy".**)

Canticle of Praise.....Glory to God in the highest.....Page 148

Prayer of the Day

P: Holy God, creator of light...

C: Amen.

First Reading.....Genesis 1:1-5

Psalm.....Psalm 29

L: Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

C: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

L: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

C: The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

L: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

C: the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

L: The Lord of the Lord bursts fourth in lightning flashes.

C: The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

L: The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"

C: The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.

L: O Lord, give strength to your people; give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

Second Reading.....Acts 19:1-7

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (to be sung)

C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 1st chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Lesson.....Mark 1:4-11

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SermonPastor Jonas

Hymn of the Day.....*"Song of Thankfulness and Praise"*.....**ELW #310**

**Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;
manifested by the star to the sages from afar,
branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem;
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.**

**Manifest at Jordan's stream, prophet, priest, and king supreme;
and at Cana wedding guest in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in pow'r divine, changing water into wine;
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.**

**Manifest in making whole weakened body, fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight, quelling all the devil's might;
manifest in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill:
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.**

**Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, present in thy holy word;
grace to imitate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;**

that we might become like thee at thy great epiphany,
and may praise thee, ever blest, God in flesh made manifest.

The Nicene Creed.....ELW Page 104

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven
and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally
begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, True
God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the
Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our
salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy
Spirit and the virgin Mary and became fully human. For our sake
he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was
buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the
scriptures; 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, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who
proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and
the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the
prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We
look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to
come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession (Each petition will end with P: "Lord in your
mercy"; please respond C: "**Hear our prayer.**")

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offering Hymn....."Shine, Jesus, Shine" v. 1.....ELW #671

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;

**blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light.
Lord, the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me:
Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
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The Great Thanksgiving.....Page 152

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.....Page 153

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer

P: For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we
proclaim the mystery of faith.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Lord's Prayer.....Page 154

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn...*"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"*...ELW #800

**Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,
and make me love you as I ought to love.**

**I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
no angel visitant, no op'ning skies;
but take the dimness of my soul away.**

**Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
all, all on your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!**

**Teach me to love you as your angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame:
the baptism of the heav'n-descended dove,
my heart an altar, and your love the flame.**

Post Communion Prayer

Blessing

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn.....*"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"*.....ELW #543

"Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.

In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."

"Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.

Here you heard my dear Son's story, here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."

"Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

Dismissal

P: Go in peace...

C: Thanks be to God.

Announcements

The **Annual Meeting** for Our Saviour's Church will be Sunday, January 28th after the service at 10:15 AM. The Annual Report will be available on Sunday, January 21st.

Church Council - Another year has almost gone by and as we look forward to the annual meeting, we are finding ourselves once again short of volunteers on the various boards and council. If you feel one of these may interest you, please contact the office or one of the church officers. The opportunities available are: President, Treasurer, Youth & Family Team (3-4), Property & Finance Team (6-8), & Church Council At Large. Please consider helping Our Saviour's to fill these positions. No experience is needed! Thank you!!!

Faithfully Refurbished - There will be a Faithfully Refurbished Planning Meeting on Sunday, January 14th at 10:15 AM.

WELCA Thanks You! - Thank you for the many donations to our Christmas Bakeless Bake Sale! Your generosity is really appreciated. We were able to donate \$100 each to TCHCC gift fund, New Horizons, RIF, Pajama Gramma, Missionary family (Frieberg's), Dedza Parish in Malawi & Whitehall Schools' Weekend Food project. We also sent \$200 to

Lutheran World Relief for shipping costs for our 99 mission kits plus 5 quilts that we sent. Thank you again for helping with mission work here in Whitehall & in the world!

Happy Birthday: Wishing a happy birthday this upcoming week to: Mikailah Lindberg, Rick Paulson, Janice Femreite, Kiera Kjos, Amanda Zimmerman, Annette Clipper, and Rhonda Lofgren.

Coming Up This Week:

- Today** - Worship 9:15 AM
 Sunday School 10:15 AM
- Monday** - Transition Team 7:15 PM
- Tuesday** - Church Council 7:00 PM
- Wednesday** - Bible Study 9:30 AM
 Confirmation 5:30 PM
 J Crew 6:30 PM
 Choir 7:00 PM
- Sunday** - Worship 9:15 AM
 Sunday School 10:15 AM
 Youth & Family meeting 10:15 AM
 Faithfully Refurbished Planning meeting 10:15 AM

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Assisting in Worship Today:
Accompanist: Sue Kohnert
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Communion Servers: Kurt & Barb Johnson
Videographer: ???
Power Point: Frank family