



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Sharing God's Love with All!

Baptism of Our Lord

January 8, 2017, 9:15 am

Welcome

Gathering Hymn.....*Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming (vs 1-3)*.....#272

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming as seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, amid the cold of winter, when half-spent was the night.

Isaiah had foretold it, the rose I have in mind; with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind. To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior, when half-spent was the night.

This flow'r, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fill the air, dispels with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere. True man, yet very God, from sin and death he saves us and lightens ev'ry load.

Greeting

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.

Confession (Let us pray together)

C: Loving God, we confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways. Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted too quickly; we have not spoken or acted at all; we have hurt those closest to us; we have hurt those we have yet to know; we have thought more about ourselves than others; we have thought less of ourselves than we ought. Turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your children. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

P: Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right. Even when we have messed up, God puts us together. God’s love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children. Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

****Order of Service - Page 138 in the Hymnal****

Kyrie (Each petition will end with “Let us pray to the Lord”; please respond “**Lord, have mercy**”.)

Canticle of Praise.....Page 140

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer of the Day

C: 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 your 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.

Psalm.....Psalm 104:1-9

P: Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord my God, you are very great! You are clothed with majesty and splendor.

C: You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak and stretch out the heavens like a tent.

P: You lay the beams of your chamber in the waters above; you make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind.

C: You make the winds your messengers and flames of fire your servants.

P: You set the earth upon its foundations, so that from now until forever it shall never be moved.

C: You covered it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.

P: At your rebuke the waters fled, scattered by your voice of thunder.

C: They went up into the mountains and descended down to the valleys, to the place where you assigned them.

P: You set the limits that they should not pass; never shall they return to cover the earth again.

Reading.....Isaiah 53:1-11

Beginning of the End.....Pastor Dorothy Sandahl

Hymn of the Day.....*Songs Of Thankfulness And Praise (vs 1-3)*.....#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 v
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.**

Prayers of Intercession (Each petition will end with “Lord in your mercy”; please respond “**Hear our prayers**”.)

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offering Hymn.....*Lord, I Lift Your Name On High*.....#857

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises. I’m so glad you’re in my life, I’m so glad you came to save us. You came from heaven to earth to show the way, from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

Offering Prayer

P: Merciful God, receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving.....Page 144

Words of Institution

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 145

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn 1.....*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*.....#461

All who hunger gather gladly; holy manna is our bread. Come from wilderness and wand'ring. Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest. Come from restlessness and roaming. Here in joy we keep the feast. We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread. Come from loneliness and longing. Here in peace we have been fed. Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

Communion Hymn 2.....*As The Grains Of Wheat*.....#465

As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst, may we share the presence of your love. As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread; so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.

Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come when all creation shares this feast with you. As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread; so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.

Communion Prayer

P: O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now—today, tomorrow, every day—that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn.....*Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing*#545

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing, fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace. Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us, trav'ling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound. May the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound. Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.

Savior, when your love shall call us from our struggling pilgrim way, let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey. May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.

Blessing

P: The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

P: Go in peace, love and serve the Lord, and one another!

C: Thanks be to God.

Announcements

Office Hours Change: The church office will be permanently changing its hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays to 7:00am - 1:00pm, effective immediately. Please take note and sorry for any inconveniences!

“Good Gifts”: The donations raised from our “Good Gifts” ornaments over Christmas totaled \$464 and included 10 Chicks, 5 Fruit Trees, 3

Pigs, 2 Goats, 2 Honey Bee Hives, 2 Mosquito Nets, 2 Water Jugs, 1 Mission Training, 1 Child Vaccination, and 1 Back Pack Supply. All donations have been sent to the Synod. Thank you and God bless!

Un-decorating the Church: We will be taking down the Christmas decorations in the church tomorrow, Monday, January 9th, starting at 3:00pm. We welcome anyone to come and join our fellowship!

Joint Service: We will be having a joint service with Grace Lutheran on Sunday, January 15th at Grace starting at 9:15am. We will also be having pot luck after worship, so bring a dish to pass!

Committee Leaders: Please remember to update the office, or write on the calendar outside of the office, times of any practices, meetings, events, and so forth so that they can be added to the Sunday announcements and monthly Messengers. Thanks!

Annual Meeting: Our Saviour's annual congregational meeting will take place after worship on Sunday, February 5th. Committees will need to have their annual reports turned into the office no later than **Thursday, January 19th**. Thank you!

Church Board Positions: We are currently seeking nominees for our various church boards. We have several openings available including: President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Church Council; an opening on the Board of Finance, Board of Youth and Family, and the Nominating Committee; two openings on the Worship and Music Committee and Council at Large, and lastly, two Auditors are needed. Please contact the church office or Mary Richter at 715-985-2261 with any questions or if you are interested in becoming a board member.

Happy Birthday: Wishing a happy birthday this upcoming week to: **Rick**

Paulson, Janice Fimreite, Kiera Kjos, Amanda Zimmerman, Annette Clipper, Rhonda Lofgren, Robert Speerstra, and Harriet Witt.

Please pray for the following: Barb Harms, Karl Fernholz, Roy Arneson, George Przybilla, Goodwin Anderson, Vicki Windjue, Steven Hanvold, Ralph Johnson, Lara Schansberg, Charlie Bratz, Fern Moe, Bob Guinn, Jeff Betthouser, Mary Eid Everson, Jerry Betthouser, Elaine Foss, Linda Schroeder, Christin Stoutner, and Bev Brey.

Coming Up This Week:

Monday - Un-Decorating the House 3:00pm

Bible Study 6:15pm

Praise Team Practice 7:00pm

Tuesday - Worship Meeting 6:30pm

Church Council Meeting 7:00pm

Wednesday - Bible Study 9:30am

Wednesday Worship 5:30pm

Confirmation 6:00pm

JCrew 6:30pm

Sunday - Joint Worship at Grace Lutheran 9:15am

Sunday School 10:15am

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Assisting in Worship Today:

Accompanist: Nancy Martinovici

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Maddy Frank

Videographer: Mike Gilbertson