

# *Our Saviour Lutheran Church*

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## **BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

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### Order of Worship

The order of worship is set out in this bulletin. The congregation responds in parts marked in bold. Hymns are taken from our hymnal, the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW).

#### **WE GATHER**

#### **Centering Music**

**The ringing of *the Morningstar***

#### **Prelude**

#### **Confession and Forgiveness**

*We admit our sins*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
our creator, our protector,  
our wellspring of life.

**Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,  
**you speak blessing and compassion into the world.**  
**Forgive us for the ways we act**  
**with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.**  
**We ignore the needs of our neighbors;**  
**we resist your call to oppose injustice;**  
**we give in to scarcity and fear;**  
**we assume the worst about one another.**  
**Cleanse us from our faults**  
**and release us from their grasp.**

**Show us your lovingkindness.  
Restore our hearts and repair your world,  
that we may live in Christ's ways.  
Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name. You are mine.”

In ✝ Christ, you are forgiven.

In the Spirit, you are made free.

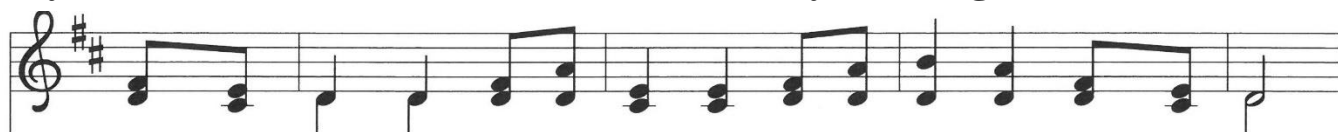
Refreshed by the waters of mercy,  
live anew as beloved children of God.

**Amen.**

## Hymn

## Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

ELW#807



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";  
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;



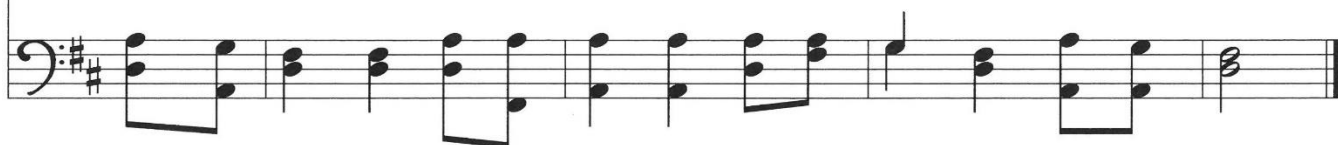
streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;  
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.  
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.



## Apostolic Greeting

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

And also with you.

## Gloria

*Refrain*



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God. *Refrain*



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. *Refrain*



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

**Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **First Lesson**

**Isaiah 43:1-7**

- 1 But now thus says the Lord,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.
- 2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.
- 3 For I am the Lord your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
- 4 Because you are precious in my sight,  
and honored, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.
- 5 Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;
- 6 I will say to the north, "Give them up,"  
and to the south, "Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away  
and my daughters from the end of the earth—
- 7 everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made."

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## Psalm

## Psalm 29

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name;  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
- 7 The voice of the Lord  
bursts forth in lightning flashes.
- 8 The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
- 9 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!"
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.**
- 11 O Lord, give strength to your people;  
give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

## Second Reading

## Acts 8:14-17

14 Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. 15 The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit 16 (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). 17 Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## Alleluia Verse



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## The Holy Gospel

### Gospel Reading

**Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

15 As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, 16 John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

21 Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, 22 and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

# Hymn

# Great Is Thy Faithfulness

ELW#733



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no  
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -  
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in  
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright,



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



## Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by





morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy  
hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

## Prayers of the People

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

You call us by name and form us. We give thanks for the gift of baptism. Nurture the baptized and equip people sent to proclaim the good news, especially Young Adults in Global Mission and international congregations. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your voice sounds over the waters. Speak words of healing over the rivers and lakes, seas and oceans. Heeding your voice, lead us to care for water, and the land and creatures it nourishes. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

You give strength to your people. Uphold all who serve the common good. Guide federal and state legislators, city and county officials, judges and juries. Strengthen our resolve to serve all in need. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

You are with us in challenging times. Draw near to all who are ill, undergoing treatment, or recovering from surgery. Accompany individuals and families affected by addiction or mental health challenges. Uphold each person as your beloved. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

You draw us into community. Embolden ministries of racial reconciliation, nurture work on behalf of immigrants and refugees, and equip each to use their gifts for the sake of neighbors near and far. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

You grant us peace. Comfort all who grieve. Dwell with us in this life and at the last, join us with the saints whom you have created, formed, and named. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

***Here other intercessions may be offered.***

We entrust our prayers prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.  
**Amen.**

## **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*Please be seated.*

## **Offering**

*Financial offerings are received in the plates. Please stand as the gifts come forward.*



## **Musical Offering**

*Please Stand*

## Offertory Canticle

## As the Grains of Wheat

*Refrain*

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from  
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

*Refrain*

may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

## Prayer of Dedication

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,  
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.

Bless what we offer to your service:  
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.

Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,  
now and always.

**Amen.**

## Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

God of all, mighty and merciful,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We thank you and praise you  
for you have satisfied the hunger of your people in every age:  
from the beginning you drew up food from the earth  
and humankind from the soil,  
filling our nostrils full of your Breath.

You ate the fatted calf with Abraham and Sarah,  
and answered their deep longing for a child;  
you sustained your chosen people with manna  
as you led them toward the promised land;  
you sent prophets to answer the cry for bread and for justice;  
and in the fullness of time,  
you sent your own Son, Jesus Christ, the Bread of Heaven;

Who, in the night in which he was handed over,  
took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory  
to share with us the great and promised feast.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
And stir in us a hunger for justice and thirst for compassion.  
Open wide your hand  
and satisfy our deep desire—  
feed us with the Bread that is you.  
All honor and glory to you, almighty God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

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

## Agnus Dei



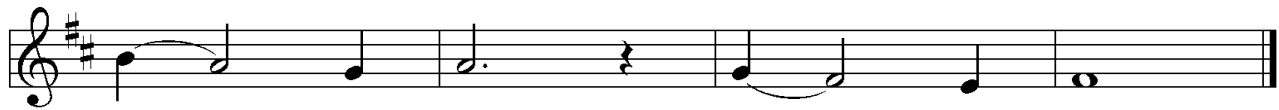
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Please Sit*

**The Distribution**

There is a place for you at the banquet.  
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

*All the baptized are invited to come forward to receive the holy gifts. Those not receiving may come forward for a blessing or remain in the pews in prayer.*

Taste and see that the Lord is good.  
The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**Amen**

**Post-Communion Sentence**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

**Post-Communion Prayer**

Nourishing God,  
at this table you have refreshed us  
with holy gifts of food and drink.  
Strengthen us for service,  
and send us out to embody your good news  
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.  
In the name of Christ we pray,

**Amen.**

**WE ARE SENT**

**Blessing**

The God of love,  
Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
lavish you with grace,  
illumine your path,  
and increase your joy,  
today and always.

**Amen.**

Hymn

Let All Things Now Living

ELW#881



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,  
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who  
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



still guides us on to the end of our days.  
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -  
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -



fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,  
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as  
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To



for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

## **Charge**

Go in peace. Live in hope.

**Thanks be to God.**

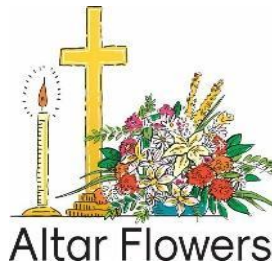
## **Postlude**

Congregation adjourns to engage in loving service in the World



**Worship Service Today**

**Greeters/Ushers** .....Inga Colbran  
**Lector**.....John Magerlein  
**Worship Assistant**.....Deacon LeeAnn McCarthy  
**Hospitality**..... Karen Magerlein  
**Altar Guild**.....Karen Magerlein  
**Offering Teller** .....Dianne Carroll



**This Morning's  
 Altar Flowers  
 Donated by  
 Frank & Sue Orts  
 In Honor of  
 Their 34<sup>th</sup>  
 Anniversary**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**This morning we welcome Eleanor Keil as our guest organist.**

**Quilters meet every Tuesday from 9am-12noon.**

**Monday:** Psalm 106:1-12; Judges 4:1-16; Ephesians 6:10-17.

**Tuesday:** Psalm 106:1-12; Judges 5:12-21; 1 John 5:13-21.

**Wednesday:** Numbers 27:1-11; Psalm 106:1-12; Luke 11:33-36.

**Thursday:** Psalm 36:5-10; Jeremiah 3:1-5; Acts 8:18-24.

**Friday:** Psalm 36:5-10; Jeremiah 3:19-25; 1 Corinthians 7:1-7.

**Saturday:** Psalm 18:1-6, 16-19; Acts 4:8-13; 1 Corinthians 10:1-5; Matthew 16:13-19.

**Second Epiphany – January 19, 2025:**

**Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11;**

**John 2:1-11.**

**Those With Special Needs & Concerns**

**Other Concerns of Our Community**

**PRAYER LIST**

John Nurmi  
 Arlita Hoyt  
 Christine Olszanski  
 Kolbe Olszanski  
 Deanna Platt  
 Bob Riekert  
 Catherine Biel  
 Jim Murtha  
 Jim Befanis

**SERVING IN ARMED FORCES**

Michael Gabrielsen  
 Jack O'Brien  
 John Picucci



**Bishop Paul Egensteiner and his staff.**

**For those who would dare to bring peace.**

**For the President and his administration.**

**Communities of Faith in & around Croton.**

**For refugees suffering in camps around the world.**

**For food to feed all those who hunger.**

# Welcome to Our Saviour

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Do you want to live life to its fullest? Do you want to have resources to cope with the challenges of life? Since his disciples first followed him, Jesus' teachings and example have been providing enduring answers for life's most troubling questions. Jesus' life was given for us. His life remains a gift to be received and God's Word through him waits to be heard. Come and see! The Lord is good!

Our Saviour is a safe, friendly, welcoming place for you and your family to hear Good News and find warm, caring community. We welcome people of all races, ethnicities, political affiliations, sexual orientations and gender identities or expressions. We invite you to join us in any or all of the activities. Please ask any member for further details.

You will find the Order of Worship set out in this bulletin. You will also find a schedule of devotional readings and next Sunday's scripture set out inside the back cover.

**HOLY COMMUNION:** All are invited to the Lord's Table, as Jesus welcomed all without condition, to commune with Him. You need not be Lutheran or a church member. Young children may receive at their parents' discretion.

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**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

## ***Welcome to Our Saviour Evangelical Lutheran Church***

Rev. Dr. Justin Johnson, Pastor  
Phill Greenland, Music Minister

**Sunday School** 9:00 am  
**Sunday Worship Service** 10:00 am

**Pastor's Office Hours:** Mon & Tues: 9:00 am – 12:00 noon;  
Wed, Sat & Sun: by appointment; Thurs & Friday: Pastor's Days Off.

**Church Secretary's Office Hours:** Mon, Tues & Fri: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm  
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