



Church of the Savior

L U T H E R A N

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Baptism of our Lord



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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Welcome to Church of the Savior – Lutheran:

We are a community of believers, seekers, and doubters. We affirm all of God's people just as they are. We are a welcoming and inclusive community that does not require you to change in any way to worship with us.

We strive to make love grow both in our congregational life and in our nursery school. We recognize all the love we have is given to us from the Holy Spirit, we are but reflections of God's love. One of the ways we make love grow is by being accepting and existing the way Jesus taught us; living in harmony together no matter one's race, nationality, or gender. We strive to create and ensure the safest and most loving environment for everyone. We look forward to growing in faith with you.

With Regard to Holy Communion:

We celebrate Holy Communion nearly every week at Church of the Savior. Holy Communion is a sacred meal in which Christ comes to us in bread and wine. "This is my body given for you... This is my blood shed for you." We believe those words to be true. Christ is truly present in Holy Communion. When we receive the bread and wine of this meal, we receive his body and blood "in, with, and under the forms" of the consecrated bread and wine. All of God's beautiful children are welcome to our Lord's table — it's our Lord's table, after all, and all are invited. Let's be clear — it is not "my" table, or "our" table or a "Lutheran" table. It is our Lord's table, and he sends out the invitations — to everyone under the sun. This includes you to come forward just as are.

For the bread we provide two types of host, with gluten and without. If you would like gluten free let Pastor Paul know when you come forward. We offer both red wine and white grape juice.

To the Parents of Children:

Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome! Sit toward the front where it is easier for children to see and hear what is going on. Little one's tire of seeing the back of others' heads.

Explain the parts of the service and actions of the pastor, ushers, choir, and the people who make worship happen. Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.

If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

The way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to The Church, to God and to one another. Let them know, and let us show them, that they are at home in their house of worship. The presence of your child is a gift to Church of the Savior. We are blessed to welcome and worship with our children. We know that it took a lot of work to get to this pew today; you are doing a really good job!

PRELUDE: Cause Me to Come to Thy River, O Lord

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

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.

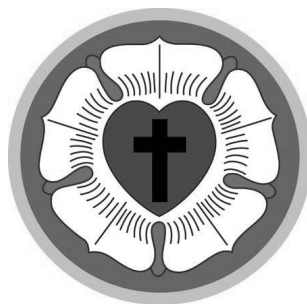
Silence is kept for reflection.

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.**



PROCESSIONAL HYMN: Cause Me to Come to Thy River, O Lord

D A⁷ G

1. Cause me to come to Thy riv - er, — O Lord, cause me to
 2. Cause me to drink from Thy riv - er, — O Lord, cause me to
 3. Cause me to live by Thy riv - er, — O Lord, cause me to

6 A⁷ G/D D D⁷

come to Thy riv - er, — O Lord. Cause me to come to Thy
 drink from Thy riv - er, — O Lord. Cause me to drink from Thy
 live by Thy riv - er, — O Lord. Cause me to live by Thy

11 G D^{sus} D

riv - er, — O Lord; Cause me to come,
 riv - er, — O Lord;
 riv - er, — O Lord;

15 A⁷ G D

cause me to drink, cause me to live.



GREETING

Pastor: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE KYRIE

Refrain E A E F#m Bsus B

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

E A B E B E

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

A C#m G#m B

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
 2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the

A Bsus E E7

u - ni - ty of all; for
 hun - gry and the poor; that
 friends and fam - i - ly; for
 wa - ter and the word; that you

A C#m G#m B

this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
 we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
 life and for love, for our work and our play,
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

F#m A Bsus B F#m A Bsus B *Refrain*

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.



THE GLORIA

Refrain F (ped) Gm/F F Eb/F F Eb/F Dm/F Eb/F Dm/F C/F

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and

Dm/F Cm/F Bb/F C/F Bb/F Gm/F F Eb/F F

peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

F Cm/F Bb/F Ab/F F Eb Db Ab Eb/G

1 Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,

Eb Ab Bb7 Eb Cm Ab

we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you

Fm Ab Bb *Refrain* F (ped) Gm/F F Eb/F

for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high -

F Eb/F Dm/F Eb/F Dm/F C/F Dm/F Cm/F Bb/F C/F Bb/F Gm/F F Eb/F F

est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

F Eb Ab Eb Ab

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,

Cm Bb2 Bb F Eb Ab

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

Bb Db Cm Fm/Db Eb

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

Ab Bb7 Eb Cm Db Bbm/Db Fsus/C C

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain F(ped) Gm/F F Eb/F F Eb/F Dm/F Eb/F Dm/F C/F

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and

Dm/F Cm/F Bb/F C/F Bb/F Gm/F F Eb/F F Ab

peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -

Fm Eb Cm Db Bbm C

lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

single Eb Db/Eb Eb Ab Db Eb Fm Db

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Bbm C Ab Fm/Db Eb/C Eb

Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

Db Bbm Eb Cm Db Fm/Bb Bb/C C

A - men. A - men. A - men.

F2 *Final refrain* Bb/F F Bb/F F

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's

Bb/F F Bb/C C F Gm

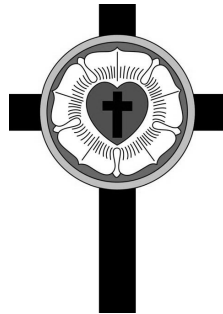
peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -

F/A Bb Amaj Dm Gm Bb Gm/C F2

est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. Amen.



FIRST READING: 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."

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

People: Thanks Be to God



FAITH STORY: Dave Johnsrud

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.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

People: Thanks Be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Chord symbols: F, C/E, Dm, C, C/A, Bb, C, F, F/A, Bb2, 8va, F/A, Bb2, Gm7, C7, F, Bb2, F/A, Bb, 8va, F/A, Bb2, Am, Dm, Bb/C, Fsus, F.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

People: 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."

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Lord, Make Us One

words & music by W. Vollinger ©1989

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and common time. It consists of two staves: a treble staff for the vocal line and a bass staff for the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each corresponding to a pair of staves. The first system contains five lines of lyrics. The second system contains four lines. The third system contains four lines. The fourth system contains four lines. The piano accompaniment provides a steady harmonic support with chords and moving lines in the bass.

1. Lord, make us one, that we may be
2. Lord, make us one, and not a - fraid
3. Lord, make us one, though deep with - in
4. Lord, make us one, but not the same.
5. Lord, make us one, that all may know

all that You are for all to see.
To love each child that you have made.
It goes a - gainst all that we've been.
In diffe - rent words, Your Word pro - claim.
What Je - sus died for long a - go.

And in this world— of in - ner night,
Give grace to hear, — to meet their need,
Our fear, our pride, — our self re - move;
Let us not judge, — let us but find
Made in the i - mage of Your — Son,

Cause us to be Your — life and light.
Not just with words but with love in - deed.
Make us pure ves - sels — of Your love.
All that's of You in — hu - man kind.
Lord, make us Yours! Lord, — make us one!

HOMILY: Pastor Paul

CONFESSION OF FAITH - APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Response: Hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE:

SPECIAL MUSIC: Bill Vollinger: The Three Kings (Köphel & Nicolai, Cornelius)

OFFERING

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C Am Em Bb/F Dm

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our

G C Em Am

cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the

Bb Dm G Dm F/G G C

seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Em Am Em Amaj D G Amaj

Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the

D Am D G Am Em

prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your

Bb/F Dm G C Em F C/G Bm Emaj

pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

ALL: 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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE FOR THE SEASON

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The musical score is written in E major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music with corresponding lyrics and guitar chords. The chords are: E, B/D#, C#m, E/B, A, F#m, B, E/G#, C#m, A, F#m, B, B7, E/G#, C#m, A, F#m, E/G#, C#m, E/B, B7, E, F#m, E/G#, E7/G#, A, F#m, G#m, A2, E/B, E/G#, C#m, A, F#m, E/G#, C#m, E/B, B7, E.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

...proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

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

At conclusion of Eucharistic Prayer

People: Amen



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Musical score for "The Lord's Prayer" in G major (one sharp). The score is written on four staves of music in treble clef. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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, Lamb of God.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION



COMMUNION HYMN: Always Remember (Andrae Crouch)

ALWAYS REMEMBER

Andrae Crouch

Musical notation for the hymn 'Always Remember' in 4/4 time. The melody is written on a single staff with a treble clef. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are: 'Al - ways re - mem - ber Je - sus, oh Je - sus. Al - ways re - mem - ber Je - sus, oh Je - sus. Al - ways keep Him on your mind.'

C Am G C7 F C/E Dm7 C/E F D7/F#

Al - ways re - mem - ber Je - sus, oh Je - sus. Al - ways re -

Am/G C/A Dm C/E E7 Am C/G F G7sus G7 C

mem - ber Je - sus, oh Je - sus. Al - ways keep Him on your mind.



COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His Grace! **Amen.**

Musical notation for the Communion Blessing in 4/4 time. The melody is written on a single staff with a treble clef. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are: 'Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry - one what God has done. Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name. Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.'

F C C7 A7/C# Dm Bb C A7

Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry - one what God has

Dm F C C7 A7/C# Dm F/C Bb C Bb F

done. Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.

Dm A7 Dm G7 C Bb C

Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in

A7 Dm Bb C Am D7 Bb C Bb C F

joy with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

The Spirit of the triune God ✠ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: We Shall Overcome



1. We shall o - ver - come. _____ We shall o - ver - come. _____
2. We'll walk hand in hand. _____ We'll walk hand in hand. _____
3. We are not a - fraid. _____ We are not a - fraid. _____
4. We shall see the Lord. _____ We shall see the Lord. _____



We shall o - ver - come some day. _____ Oh— deep in my
We'll walk hand in hand some day. _____
We are not a - fraid to - day. _____
We shall see the Lord that day. _____



heart I do be - lieve that we shall o - ver - come some day. _____

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope..
Thanks be to God.

*Go Now
in Peace*

SERVING TODAY

DATE	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASST.	USHER
Jan 19	Maggie Harrer	Rick Henly	Antoinette Walder
Jan 26	Michael Chomin	Sally Leara	John Leara
Feb 2	Vicki Coyle	Susan Conrad	Ed Moderacki

FLOWERS

Jan 19	For: Love for the Conrad Grandchildren From: Susan Conrad
Jan 26	For: From:
Feb 2	For: From:

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan 19	Sunday School Congregational Meeting
Jan 20	Martin Luther King Day—Church & School Closed
Jan 21	Council Meeting: 6pm
Jan 27-31	Theme Week and Art Show
Feb 1	Music at Savior: 7pm
Feb 2	Sunday School

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