

Second Sunday of Christmas, January 2, 2022

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Pastor Art Dale



PRELUDE

Ginny Ahrlin, Organ

WELCOME

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OPENING HYMN *Joy to the World* ELW #267

Tom Witty, Cantor



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS **Please stand as you are able.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who sends the word with angels,
who is made flesh among all peoples,
and who breathes peace on all the earth. **Amen.**

In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry out for peace.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
we confess our sin before you.
We replace compassion with competition.
We seek what is mighty while ignoring the meek.
We are quick to anger but slow to forgive.
We have not put on love in harmony with you.
Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word.
Swaddle our hearts with your peace, that all we do, in word or deed,
may reflect your love born among us. Amen.

I bring you good news of great joy for all people:
 God has come among us in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord.
 † In Christ your sins are forgiven and you are clothed in peace. **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *Angels We Have Heard on High*

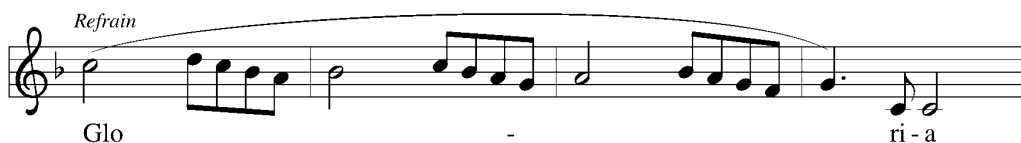
ELW #289



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun - tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.



PRAYER OF THE DAY Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, 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: Jeremiah 31:7-14

Chris Culbert, Lector

⁷Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say,
“Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel.”

⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

⁹With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.”

¹¹For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

¹²They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again.

¹³Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

¹⁴I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 147:12-20

- ¹²Worship the LORD, | O Jerusalem;
praise your | God, O Zion,
- ¹³**who has strengthened the bars | of your gates
and has blessed your chil- | dren within you.**
- ¹⁴God has established peace | on your borders
and satisfies you with the | finest wheat.
- ¹⁵**God sends out a command | to the earth,
a word that runs | very swiftly.**
- ¹⁶God gives | snow like wool,
scattering | frost like ashes.
- ¹⁷**God scatters | hail like bread crumbs.
Who can stand a- | gainst God's cold?**
- ¹⁸The LORD sends forth the | word and melts them;
the wind blows, and the | waters flow.
- ¹⁹**God declares the | word to Jacob,
statutes and judg- | ments to Israel.**
- ²⁰The LORD has not done so to any | other nation;
they do not know God's judgments. | Hallelujah!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *Away in a Manger* *Verses 1&2 at beginning of message ELW #277

- 1 *Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*
- 2 *The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.*

After Children's Message Verse #3

- 3 *Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.*

SECOND READING Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Good Christian Friends Rejoice* ELW# 288 *Please stand as you are able



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
He has o - pened heav - en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

GOSPEL The Holy Gospel, according to **John 1:1-18, Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

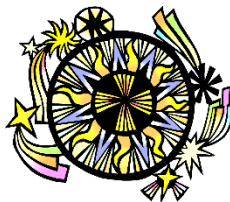
¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

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1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to
 2 They look - ed up and saw . . a star shin - ing
 3 And by the light of that . . same star three . .
 4 This star drew near to the . . north - west, o'er . .
 5 Then en - tered in those wise . . men three, full . .



cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where
 in . . . the east . . be - yond . . them far; and to the
 wise . . men came . . from coun - try far; to seek for a
 Beth - le - hem . . it took . . its rest; and there it
 rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and of - fered



they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's
 earth it gave . . . great light, and . . so it con -
 king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the
 did both stop . . . and stay right . . o - ver the
 there in his . . . pres - ence their . . gold, . . . and

Refrain

night that was so deep.
 tin-ued both day and night. No - el, No - el, No -
 star wher - ev - er it went.
 place where Je - sus lay.
 myrrh, and frank - in - cense.



el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

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.

**You may be seated.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION After each petition, please respond: *Receive our prayer.*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

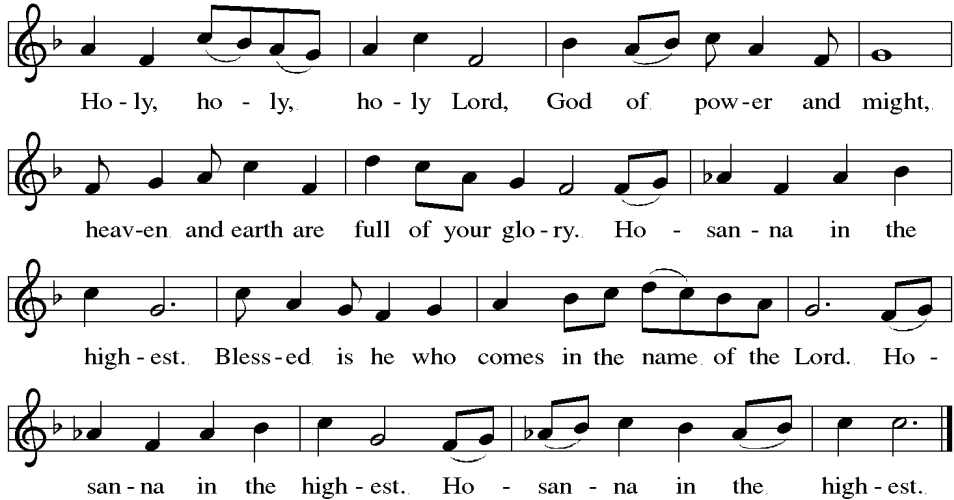
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING **Please stand as you are able.*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right....



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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

COMMUNION The table is set: taste and see that the Lord is good.
The body and blood of Christ broken and shed for you.

** You may be seated.*

COMMUNION HYMN *Lamb of God*



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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**



1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God be - fore the
 2 From God's right hand the Son de - scends, is born an
 3 O ten - der Child, you veil in flesh the splen - dor
 4 Your moth - er feeds you ten - der - ly, sings you a



high - est throne; to - day God o - pens heav'n a - gain and
 in - fant small, and lies in pov - er - ty, his bed a
 of your might; a ser - vant's garb now wraps the one who
 lul - la - by, while an - gels, hail - ing Da - vid's heir, your



sends the on - ly Son, and sends the on - ly Son.
 man - ger in a stall, a man - ger in a stall.
 clothed the sky with light, who clothed the sky with light.
 glo - ry mag - ni - fy, your glo - ry mag - ni - fy.

5 A wonderful exchange you make:
 you take our flesh and blood,
 and in return give us to share
 the shining realm of God,
 the shining realm of God.

6 Unlock the door again today
 that leads to paradise;
 the angel bars the way no more.
 To God let praises rise,
 to God let praises rise!

BLESSING May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Ginny Ahrlin, Organ

As you exit the sanctuary, offering may be left in the plate.

Thank you for worshipping with us today.



ANNOUNCEMENTS SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2021

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

WELCA All Women of OSLC are invited to the “Circle” Bible Study on the **1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1pm** in the Fellowship Hall. The WELCA Board meeting is the 2nd Tuesday at 9:30a.m.

QUILTING WEDNESDAYS We are resuming quilting next week - join us in the Fellowship Hall Wednesdays at 9am to approx.. 3pm, lunch is potluck and is served around noon.

SAFESERVE CLASS: If you are of the group that signed up for last month’s class that was postponed, please join us **this Thursday, Jan. 6th at 4pm** in the Fellowship hall.

OSLC MEN’S BREAKFAST & DEVOTIONAL We meet downtown @ Loonie’s Coffee Shop, 7:30 am on Wednesdays. Join us for an hour of good coffee & fellowship!

CONFIRMATION FOR 6TH – 9TH GRADERS Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church for the winter/spring semester. We are exploring Martin Luther's Small Catechism. Call Carolyn Flaschberger at 218-780-6942 if you have questions.

RADIO BROADCAST This week’s radio sponsors are Jay and Karen Christiansen for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you! Last week’s sponsors were “OSLC Friends of the Dingmans” honoring Sandy and Noell Dingman. If you would like to sponsor a radio broadcast in honor of a special date or in memory of someone special in your life, contact the church office with the date you have in mind.

SUNDAY SCHOOL **There will be no Sunday School until January 9th.**

Enjoy your Holiday time off! 😊

OFFICE HOURS: The Church office will now be open Mon - Wed & Fri. 10am-4:30pm, I have Thursdays off. If you stop by and the doors are locked, I may be running errands or at the post office. These things will mostly be done before 10am and after 4pm, but it would still be best to *call the church office ahead of your visit* to ensure I am here, 218-741-6207, or my cell if I am out of the office @ 218-269-7718. ****The phone service will now be forwarding messages left at the church office to my cellphone as well, so I can respond to you more promptly. This should help moving forward – Thank you for your patience as we adjust our schedules to serve you better ~ Colleen***

FOR THE PRAYER CHAIN: You may call Janet Heglund at 218-749-6143 for the month of January.

We pray for people in need of comfort, hope, healing, or safe transition:

Ross, Abi M., Jen, Bonnie, Rodney, Tyler, Wally, Harlow (lymphoma), 7 yo girl (kidney), Laura (cancer), Kathy (cancer), Mary (melanoma), Piper, Marilee K. (cancer), Faye A., Ed, Helen (cancer), Steve (acute copd), Janet (cancer), Kathryn (cancer), Gerilyn (cancer), Shay (bone cancer), Martha (cancer), Bob & Betty C., Bonnie (cancer), Victoria (MS), Bob (ALS) & Wife, Ken (ALS) & Wife, Bonnie (MS), Jeanette, Carolyn, Dorothy. Please keep Carol Swanson and family in your prayers at the loss of Arlen~

COMING UP...

*Messiah Lutheran Church will be selling pasties soon! Info will be available next week concerning time/place/costs.

*WELCA will be taking Love offerings starting in February.

*Annual Meeting will be at the end of January. If you have to provide a ministry report for it, please have them in to the office by Wednesday, Jan. 12th so copies can be made available to congregants for the Sunday Service, January 16th, ahead of the Annual Meeting. *Thank you!*



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY JAN. 2

**9:30AM WORSHIP *NO
SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY**
1PM AA W.WING
7PM NA W.WING

MONDAY JAN. 3

10:30 AM AA
5PM AA WW LOUNGE
5:30 TOPS WWING
6PM BOYSCOUTS
7PM NA WWING

TUESDAY JAN. 4

10:30AM AA
1PM WELCA STUDY
5:30 EXEC.COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY JAN.5

10:30AM AA
3:30 FINANCE FIRESIDE ROOM
**6:30 CONFIRMATION @
MESSIAH LUTHERAN**

THURSDAY JAN. 6

10:30AM AA
12 PEO FIRESIDE RM
4PM SAFESERVE CLASS
7PM NA WEST WING

FRIDAY JAN. 7

10:30AM AA
6PM WOMEN'S NA MEETING
8PM CO-ED NA WEST WING

SATURDAY JAN. 8

10:30AM AA

SUNDAY JAN. 9

**9:30AM WORSHIP *SUNDAY
SCHOOL RESUMES TODAY**
1PM AA W.WING
7PM NA W.WING

WE WANT YOUR INPUT!

The Coordinating Committee between Messiah and Our Savior's would like your ideas about how the two churches can work together to be the body of Christ. Suggestions can relate to worship, social activities, community ministries, or other topics. The committee is not exploring how the churches could become one congregation. Send your ideas to Coordinating Committee co-chairs, Tucker Nelson; **218-780-4594** tnelson10@msn.com Natalie Pankratz-Leff; **218-780-7624** leff@mchsi.com