

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany, January 30, 2022

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Pastor Art Dale ~

Rooted in Faith, Growing in Christ, Reaching to Serve ~



PRELUDE

Al and Jen Fredrickson

WELCOME

Judy Peliska

OPENING HYMN *Christ, Be Our Light*

ELW # 715



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name. **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children.

We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected.

We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves.

We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome.

Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone.

For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

**Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us,
and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

Rejoice in this good news:

In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

You are descendants of the Most High,

adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life.

Live as freed and forgiven children of God. **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE



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



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



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



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



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of
 God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are
 seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

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

3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
 Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 1:4-10

⁴Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

⁵“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
 and before you were born I consecrated you;
 I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

⁶Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” ⁷But

the LORD said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’;
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.

⁸Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
says the LORD.”

⁹Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,
“Now I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.”

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

PSALM 71:1-6 **Please read bold print with the lector.*

¹In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame.

²**In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;
incline your ear to me and save me.**

³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe;
you are my crag and my stronghold.

⁴**Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**

⁵For you are my hope, O Lord GOD,
my confidence since I was young.

⁶**I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother’s womb you have
been my strength; my praise shall be always of you.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE *This Little Light Of Mine- Sing Vs.1 before and after the message ELW #677*

This little light of mine, I’m goin’-a let it shine;

this little light of mine, I’m goin’-a let it shine;

this little light of mine, I’m goin’-a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:1-13

¹If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Please stand as you are able



GOSPEL The Holy Gospel, according to **Luke 4:21-30**, Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” ²³He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” ²⁴And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. ²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” ²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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

SERMON

Pastor Art Dale

Special Music

Al Fredrickson



1 Al - though I speak with an - gel's tongue, my faith, my
 2 For love is pa - tient, love is kind, and nev - er
 3 For now we peer at dark - ened glass; our vi - sions
 4 The gifts are man - y, the Bod - y one, and in - to



knowl - edge all sur - pass, but have no love, my gifts are
 vain with boast - ing pride; love bears all things, all things en -
 end; our tongues all cease. In part we know, in part now
 one are all bap - tized. Be - lov - ed, share one heart, one



vain as clang - ing gong or blar - ing brass.
 dures. All things must end; love will a - bide.
 see: then we will see love face to face.
 mind, one hope, one faith, one love in Christ.

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: *Hear our prayer.*

Judy Peliska

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

**Take Communion together at this time.*

COMMUNION HYMN

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.**

SENDING HYMN *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

ELW #543



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

BLESSING

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,
who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name,
✠ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judy Peliska

DISMISSAL Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Al and Jen Fredrickson

As you exit the sanctuary, offering may be left in the plate.
Thank you for worshipping with us today.



ANNOUNCEMENTS SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 2021

OUR ANNUAL MEETING will be TODAY after worship. The Annual Reports are on the table in the narthex. Please remember to sign in if you are staying for the meeting. *Thank you!*

GIVING STATEMENTS: Contribution statements are usually mailed out the third or fourth week of January. This year, they will be mailed out next week (Jan. 31-Feb. 4th) a week later than we desired due to covid. Thank you for your patience.

GIVING ENVELOPES: New envelopes will be in the narthex next week – we received 10 boxes and Augsburg will send more as they receive them. They are not named or numbered, just write your first and last name on the envelope when you contribute.

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

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 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.

OFFICE HOURS: The Church office hours will be open Mon - Wed & Fri. 10am-4:00pm. *Colleen's hours are limited at this point, so please be patient until she can return to her regular hours.* Thursday is our day off. If you stop by and the doors are locked, we may be running errands or at the post office. It shouldn't take long, but it would still be best to *call the church office ahead of your visit* to ensure we are here, 218-741-6207, or our cell phones if we are out of the office: Colleen @ 218-269-7718 or Judy @ 218-969-2225. **The phone service will now be forwarding messages left at the church office to Colleen's cellphone as well, so she 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 & Judy.*

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: Gus, Sharon, Jared, Butch, Colleen, Ross, Arthur, Abi M., Jen, Bonnie, Rodney, Tyler, Wally, Harlow, 7 yo girl, Laura, Kathy, Mary, Piper, Marilee, Faye A., Ed, Helen, Steve, Janet, Kathryn, Gerilyn, Shay, Martha, Bob & Betty C., Bonnie, Victoria, Bob & Wife, Ken & Wife, Bonnie, Jeanette, Carolyn, Dorothy. Please keep Carol Swanson and family in your prayers at the loss of Arlen~

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY JAN. 30

9:30 am WORSHIP

10:30 am ANNUAL MEETING

1 pm AA West Wing

7 pm NA West Wing

MONDAY JAN. 31

10:30 am AA

11 am Worship, Music & Arts Committee

5:30 pm TOPS West Wing

6 pm Boy Scouts

7 pm NA West Wing

TUESDAY FEB. 1

10:30 am AA

1 pm WELCA Bible Study

5:30 pm Executive Committee

WEDNESDAY FEB. 2

7:30 Men's BREAKFAST @ LOONIES

9:00 QUILTING

10:30 am AA

6:30 CONFIRMATION @ MESSIAH LUTHERAN

THURSDAY FEB. 3

10:30 am AA West Wing

5 pm Cub Scouts

7 pm NA West Wing

FRIDAY FEB. 4

10:30 am AA

6 pm Women's NA Meeting

8 pm CO-ED NA W

SATURDAY FEB. 5

10:30 am AA

SUNDAY FEB. 6

9:30 am WORSHIP *SUNDAY SCHOOL

1 pm AA W.WING

7 pm NA W.WING

THE NEW VANCO APP: Vanco updated their phone and tablet APP. It is no longer "Give Plus" but is now called "Vanco Mobile." If you used it before on your phone you will need to go to your app store to download the new app and log-in with the info you used before to set up electronic giving. On the app, type in "Our Saviors Lutheran Church" with NO apostrophes or punctuation. Scroll down until you find the correct "Our Saviors" for Virginia MN and choose that button to start. Our **website has also been updated with Vanco** – look for the big green giving button on our main page, scroll down to the right, click the button and choose from three accounts to contribute to: *General Fund, VLM Camp, or Youth & Family.* Hope this provides you with extra options to give that are more convenient. If you have any questions, give us a call in the office.

