

# Baptism of Our Lord, January 9, 2022

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Pastor Ellen Taube



PRELUDE

Kristen Weikum, Organist

WELCOME

Judy Peliska

OPENING HYMN *Spirit of Gentleness*

ELW #396



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;  
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;  
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;  
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:  
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,  
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,  
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."  
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.  
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.  
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

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

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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.



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## FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1-7

- <sup>1</sup>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.
- <sup>2</sup>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.
- <sup>3</sup>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.
- <sup>4</sup>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.
- <sup>5</sup>Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you;
- <sup>6</sup>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—
- <sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

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

## PSALM 29 *\*Read bold passages responsively*

- <sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- <sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**
- <sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- <sup>4</sup>**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**
- <sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- <sup>6</sup>**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
- <sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD  
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

<sup>8</sup>**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup>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!"

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

<sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength to your people;  
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** *This Little Light Of Mine- Sing Vs.1 before and after the message ELW #667*

*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 Acts 8:26-31 and 35-40**

<sup>26</sup>Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) <sup>27</sup>So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the \*Kandake (which means "queen of the Ethiopians") in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup>He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.

<sup>35</sup>Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" <sup>38</sup>He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup>When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** \*Please stand as you are able

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
*Repeat alleluia*

**GOSPEL** The Holy Gospel, according to **Luke 3:15-17, 21-22, Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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."

<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>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."

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

**SERMON**

*Pastor Ellen Taube*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Crashing Waters at Creation*

*ELW #455*

- 1 Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, or - dered by the Spir - it's breath,
- 2 Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem - bled as the cap - tives passed on through,
- 3 Cleans - ing wa - ter once at Jor - dan closed a - round the one fore - told,
- 4 Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end - ing, quench the thirst and flood the soul.

first to wit - ness day's be - gin - ning from the bright - ness of night's death.  
wash - ing off the chains of bond - age— chan - nel to a life made new.  
o - pened to re - veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old.  
Well - spring, source of life e - ter - nal, drench our dry - ness, make us whole.

**AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM** *\*Please see your Hymnal, page 234.*

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

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

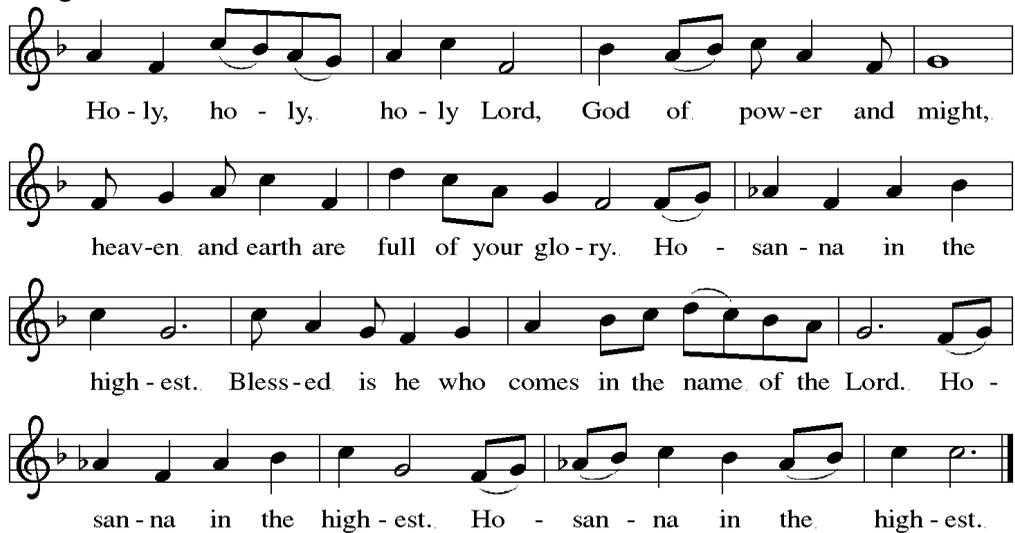
**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** *\*Please stand as you are able.*

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.

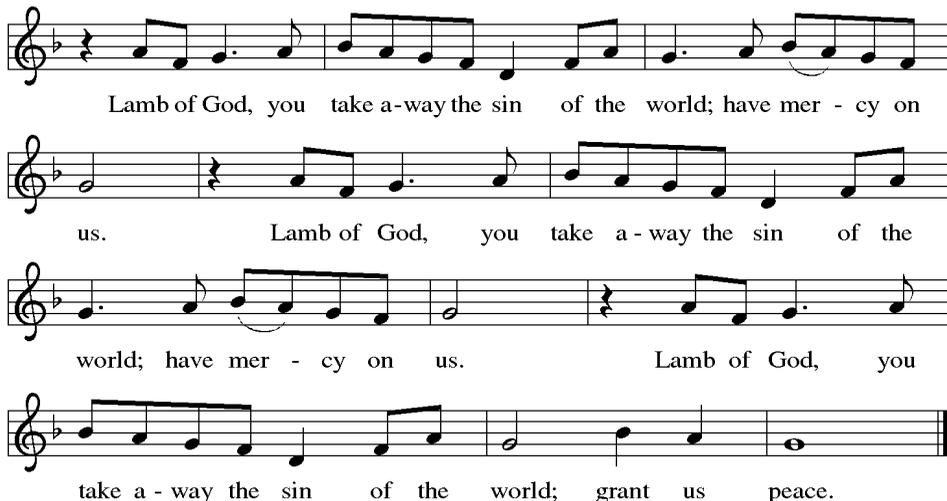
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

## 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.

We give you thanks, gracious God,

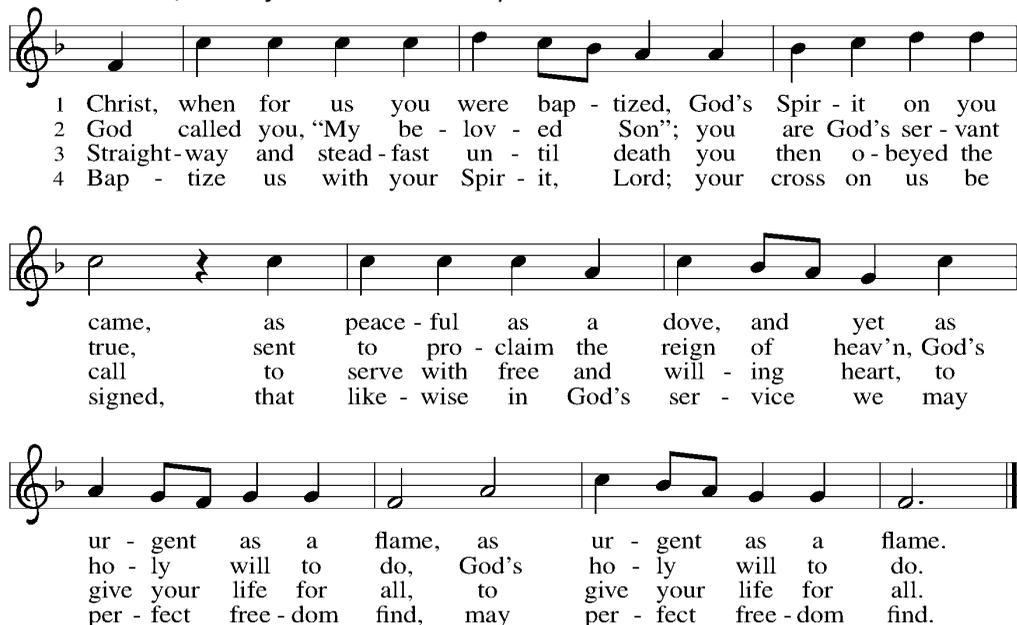
for we have feasted on the abundance of your house.

Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all,

strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized.*

ELW #304



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you  
2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant  
3 Straight-way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed the  
4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be  
came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as  
true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's  
call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to  
signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may  
ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.  
ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.  
give your life for all, to give your life for all.  
per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

## **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**

### **DISMISSAL**

Go with Christ into a weary world.

Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Kristen Weikum, Organist*

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

*Thank you for worshipping with us today.*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2021

**WELCA** All Women of OSLC are invited to the “Circle” Bible Study on the **1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 1pm** in the Fellowship Hall – Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> is the next study. The WELCA Board meeting is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 9:30a.m – Jan. 11th.

**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.

**ANNUAL MEETING** OSLC’s Annual Meeting will take place after Worship Sunday, January 30. If you have a ministry report for the Annual, turn it in to the office by Wednesday, Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> so copies can be made available to congregants for the Sunday Service, January 16<sup>th</sup>, ahead of the Annual Meeting.

**RADIO BROADCAST** Last week’s radio sponsors were Jay and Karen Christiansen, for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. 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** Sunday School will resume today during Worship. We meet down the hall in the Youth room, immediately after the Children’s Message portion of the service. 😊

**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 – I wouldn’t be gone long, 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 I adjust my schedule 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~

## **WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

### **SUNDAY JAN. 9**

**9:30AM WORSHIP \* SUNDAY  
SCHOOL TODAY**

1PM AA W.WING

7PM NA W.WING

### **MONDAY JAN. 10**

10:30 AM AA

5PM AA WW LOUNGE

5:30 TOPS WWING

6PM BOYSCOUTS

7PM NA WWING

### **TUESDAY JAN. 11**

9:30AM WELCA BOARD

10:30AM AA

**5:30 COUNCIL**

### **WEDNESDAY JAN.12**

10:30AM AA

**6:30 CONFIRMATION @  
MESSIAH LUTHERAN**

### **THURSDAY JAN. 13**

10:30AM AA

12 CHRONIC PAIN GROUP

5:30 RBI GROUP – FIRESIDE  
ROOM

6PM BOYSCOUTS

7PM NA WEST WING

### **FRIDAY JAN. 14**

10:30AM AA

6PM WOMEN'S NA MEETING

8PM CO-ED NA WEST WING

### **SATURDAY JAN. 15**

10:30AM AA

### **SUNDAY JAN. 16**

**9:30AM WORSHIP \*SUNDAY**

**SCHOOL 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,

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