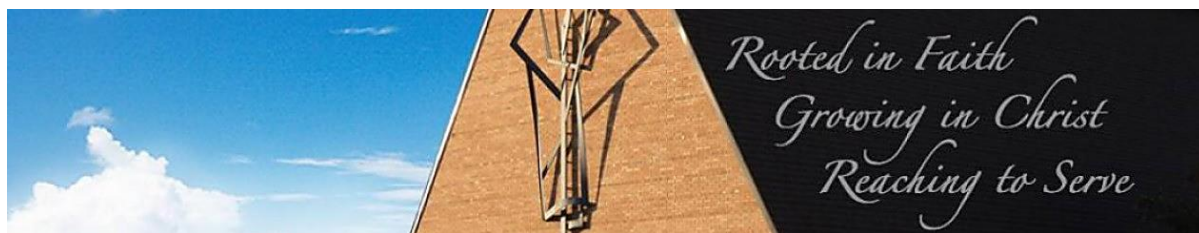




January 7th, 2023
Baptism of the Lord



Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Virginia, MN
Pastor Liz Cheney

PRELUDE

Kristen Weikum

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG **Bright and Glorious Is the Sky**

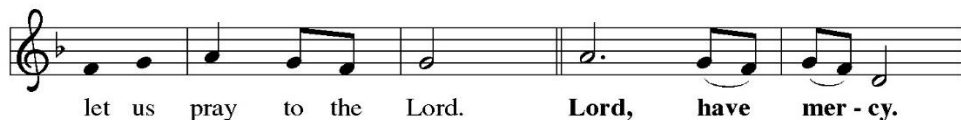
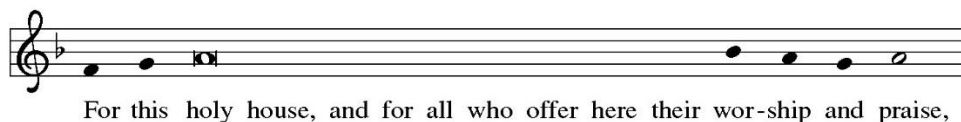
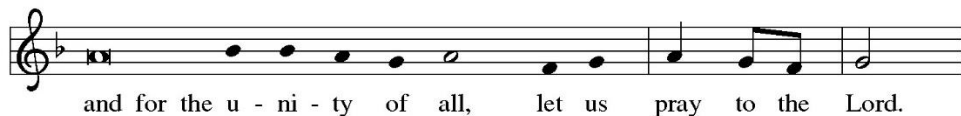
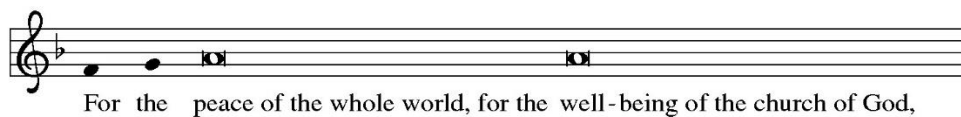
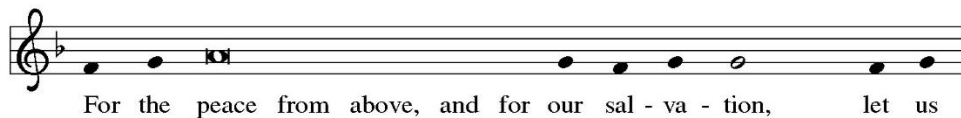
ELW 301

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
creator of darkness and light,
word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters. **Amen.**
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our rock and refuge,
we pour out our hearts before you.
We have known you but have not always loved you.
We have wounded one another
and sinned against you.
We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit
dwelling in each of us.
Remember your covenant.
Renew your creation.
Restore us,
that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.
The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.
God has spoken:
The time of grace is now.
In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.
By the authority of † Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven.
You are God's beloved. **Amen.**





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



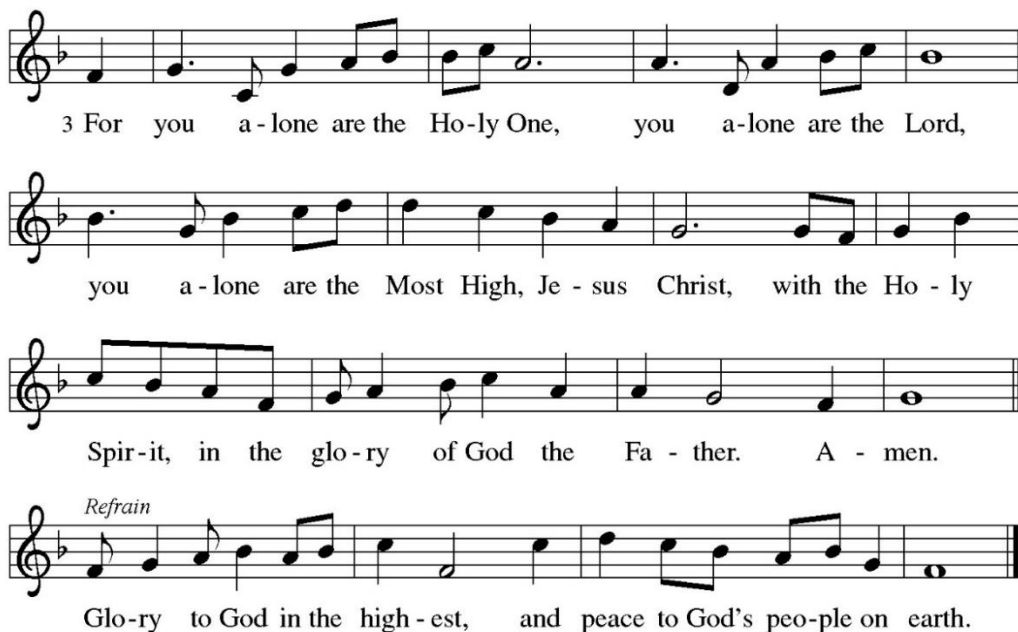
God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



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



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 Let us pray. **Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING Genesis 1:1-5

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

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

PSALM 29

¹Ascribe 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.**

³The 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.**

continued

⁵The 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.**

⁷The 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.**

⁹The 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.**

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

SECOND READING Acts 19:1-7

¹While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ³Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." ⁴Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Mark 1:4-11 The Holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And 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.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

Pastor Liz Cheney

HYMN OF THE DAY Baptized and Set Free

ELW 453

APOSTLES CREED

pg. 105

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please share a sign of God's peace with one another.

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you.

In bread and cup you open heaven to us.

Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek

and follow your Son, Jesus,

in whose name we pray. Amen.

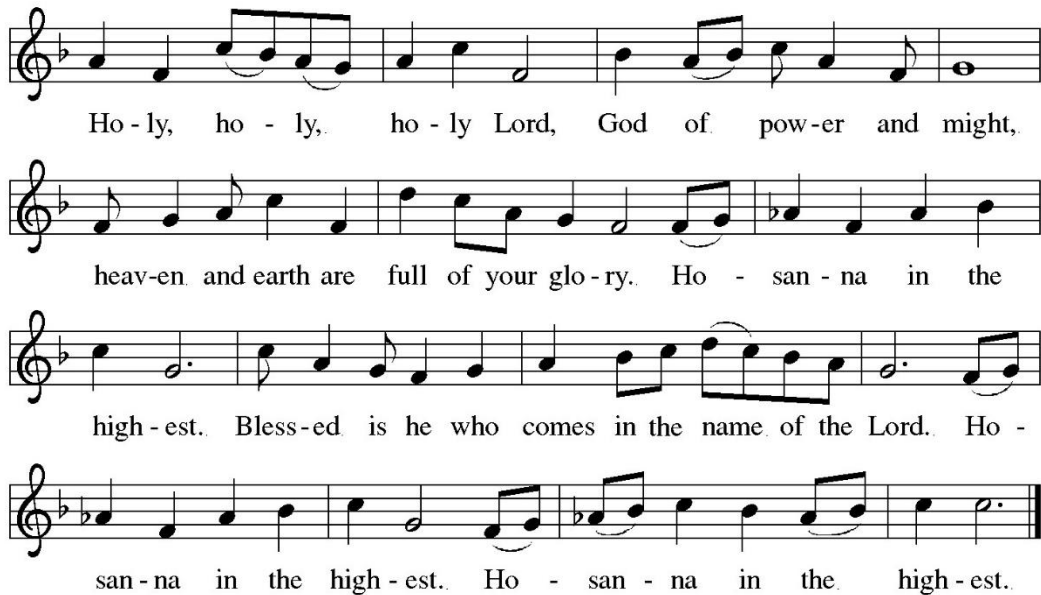
GREAT THANKSGIVING

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, our duty and our joy.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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

pg. 191

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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

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

LAMB OF GOD

pg. 135

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.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

ELW 445

We are Baptized in Christ Jesus

ELW 451

TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Giver of every gift,

Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.

Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory,
now and forever. **Amen.**

BLESSING

SENDING SONG Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

ELW 310

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are God's beloved. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Kristen Weikum

We hold in our prayers

Please pray for people in need of comfort, hope, healing, or safe transition: JoAnne, Barbara, Tom, Mark, Jess, Kate, Joe, Matthew, Russ, Carolyn B., Dan, Adeline, Jesse, Tedd, Ed & Karen, Ralph, Diane, Chuck, Sue, Mike, Kate, Matt, Ken, Ruth T., Hermine, Deb L., Matt, Ross-(needs transplant of kidneys & pancreas), Brandon, Jessica, Breanna, Jeremy, Richard, Shari, Rodney, Lee, Kathy, Mary, Wally C., Marlene, Victoria.

Call Janet Heglund, prayer leader for this month, at 218-749-6143, for prayer needs.

If you are in need of any pastoral care or if you or someone you know would like a visit, please call Pastor Liz Cheney at 218-780-8907 or the church office at 218-741-6207.

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NEW OFFICE HOURS

Office Admin hours are Tuesday - Friday, 9am - 5pm

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

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Custodian: Steve Gagnon



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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JANUARY 7TH, 2023

ADULT FORUM TODAY Adult forum will be held in the sanctuary after worship. Grab a cup of coffee and come learn about the ministry of **Recycled Lives** in Guatemala and Pastor Liz's work as the Food Distribution Coordinator.

FREE COMMUNITY BREAKFAST Join us again, **Saturday January 13th**. Biscuits and gravy. Come and help serve and clean up and of course come for breakfast!!! **9-noon**

BE THE LIGHT SUNDAY next week, **Jan. 14th**! We will celebrate Epiphany, learn about the star and the Magi and get a star word to lead you through the year! Hope to see you in worship!

YOUTH GROUP **Wednesday, January 17th 6-8pm**, we are having breakfast for dinner, games and an epiphany lesson! All are welcome.



ANNUAL MEETING Annual meeting **January 21st after worship**. Please plan to attend as we have important conversations to have, council elections, and other great information to share as we transition into a new year! **Please have your reports in to the office by Monday, Jan. 8th** so we can have a preliminary report made public to the congregation.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS We are in need of people to sign up to help **serve communion, be a lector, usher, greet**, etc...in order for worship on Sunday mornings to run smoothly. The sign-up sheets will now be located on the kiosk in the narthex. This work belongs to all of us, the ministers of the congregation. We all can take a Sunday to help out in many ways and that makes the work light. Please prayerfully consider how you might be able to sign up for one Sunday, a couple Sundays, a whole month to assist in worship in 2024. Not sure how to do something, just ask!

TECH TEAM FORMATION It's exciting to see what we will be able to do in the very near future! Shortly, Our Savior's will have the equipment and ability to live stream our worship services, funerals, weddings, concerts, etc... LIVE! People will be able to tune in at 9:30 on Sunday mornings and watch our worship in the moment on both our FB page & YouTube. This is very exciting! Pastor is looking to put together a *Tech Team* that would be able to help on Sunday mornings get mics on, camera on, radio on, easy tasks... Dan Peliska has been our solo Tech Team with help from our secretary Colleen. It's time to expand our team, and with our new equipment, now seems to be a good time. Please talk with Pastor Liz if you are interested in helping out in this way.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE It's time to re-energize our *Social Concerns Committee* – we sent out both Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets, but beyond that, there are many social concerns OSLC could be a part of. If you are interested in social justice, outreach ministry and concerns for our local community, this is the team for you! See Pastor Liz for more information.

RADIO SPONSORSHIP If you are interested in sponsoring a Sunday Worship in honor of someone or a special event (wedding anniversary, birth of children, baptism date) or in memory of a loved one who has passed, you may do so in full for \$90 or shared/partial at \$45. Just call the church office, **and/or sign up on the sheet provided on the bulletin board by the fountain.** You can also sponsor to support our new tech and sound equipment.

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS:

Adult Forum after worship, 1/7

Council Meeting, Wednesday, 5:30pm, 1/10

Community Breakfast 9am – 12noon, 1/13

Be the Light Sunday 1/14

Youth Group, 4th-8th gr., 6pm – 8pm, Wed. 1/17

Annual meeting after worship, 1/21

**Committee leaders please have your annual report in to the office by Monday, Jan. 8th so a preliminary report can be made available in time!*



**ANNUAL
MEETING**

AFTER WORSHIP
JAN. 21ST

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