

Welcome to  
Our Savior's Lutheran Church

A MEMBER OF THE MONTANA SYNOD, ELCA

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Baptism of Our Lord



## Prelude

## Announcements

## Prepare for Worship

### Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
who makes all things new,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One, source of our renewal,  
**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,  
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have not practiced your righteousness.**

**Our hearts have turned away from you.**

**For the sake of the world you so love,**

**forgive us,**

**that we may be reconciled to one another**

**for the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

Thus says our God:

“The former things have come to pass  
and new things I now declare.”

God's mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of ☩ Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## Opening Hymn “We Three Kings” WOV 646 vs. 1 & 5

**Greeting** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit with you all. **And also, with you.**

## Have You Thanked the Lord?

*Refrain*

Have you thanked the Lord? Have you praised God's name?  
Don't you know that no to-mor-row is quite the same?  
Have you thanked the Lord? Have you knelt in prayer,  
and re-joyced that, rain or sun-shine, our God is there?

1 Hal - le - lu - jah! Thank the Lord for sun, sand, and sea,  
2 Hal - le - lu - jah! Par - a - dise we taste where we are;  
3 Hal - le - lu - jah! Joy and peace the Sav - ior will bring.

ev - 'ry star at night that shines for you and me.  
sum - mer breez - es, win - ter warmth are nev - er far.  
Grace a - maz - ing! So we lift our voice and sing,

Bless - ings so man - y come our way:  
God's love is ev - er on dis - play:  
grate - ful when clouds are bright or gray:

*Refrain*

have you thanked the Lord to - day?  
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## Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized



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

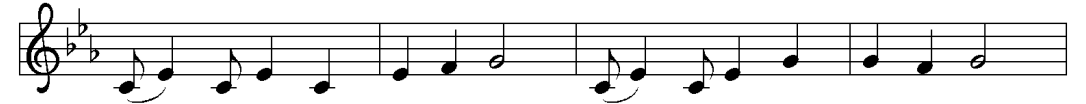


ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.  
 ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.  
 give your life for all, to give your life for all.  
 per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

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## Kyrie



1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.  
 2 Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.  
 1, 3 Lord, . . . . have mer - cy. Lord, . . . . have mer - cy.  
 2 Christ, . . . . have mer - cy. Christ, . . . . have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.  
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## Prayer of the Day

**O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## CHOIR ANTHEM: “Look A That Star”

To the Glory of God Alone. **Thanks be to God.**

### Isaiah 42:1-9

<sup>1</sup>Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup>He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. <sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: <sup>6</sup>I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, <sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. <sup>8</sup>I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. <sup>9</sup>See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalms 29

<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.

## We Three Kings of Orient Are



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing  
2 Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I  
3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense  
4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a  
5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,  
bring to crown him a - gain; king for - ev - er,  
owns a de - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,  
life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,  
God and Sac - ri - fice; heav'n sings al - le -



moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.  
ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.  
glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.  
bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.  
lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.



Oh, star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright;



west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

Text: John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820–1891, alt.  
Music: THREE KINGS OF ORIENT, John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820–1891

A special welcome if this is your first time worshipping at Our Savior's.

- Note that a baby change station is located in the restroom next to the elevator on this floor just outside the sanctuary. A privacy area is also provided by the elevator. The usher is happy to assist.

<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.

### Gospel Acclamation

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.*

Office hours are: 8:00am-12:00pm Monday through Friday

For the prayer chain, please complete a request card and place in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary.

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## Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

*The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the third chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.*** <sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented “. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## TIME WITH CHILDREN

## SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “Christ, When For ...” ELW 304 vs. 1, 2, 4

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The response to “Merciful God” is “**receive our prayer.**”

## SHARING OF CHRIST’S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

## OFFERING PRAYER

**Liberating God,  
you break the bonds of injustice  
and let the oppressed go free.  
Receive these offerings in thanksgiving  
for all your works of merciful power,  
and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.  
You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,  
Amen.**

<u>JAN 8</u>		<u>JAN 15</u>	
Host:	Jerry Ramstead	Host:	Amy Ford
Usher:	Kerri Ramstead	Usher:	Carol Anderson
Altar Guild:	Gloria Johnson/Bonnie Knight	Altar Guild:	Gloria Johnson/Bonnie Knight
Offering Collection:	Kayla Muston	Offering Collection:	Kayla Muston
Offering Counters:	Juanita Hogenson/Bonnie Knight	Offering Counters:	Juanita Hogenson/Bonnie Knight

**Thank you** to Reverend Sara Branom for being the Guest Pastor the service today.

**The offering** is received in the plate at the back of the sanctuary and brought forth by the usher during the Sharing of the Peace. Monetary contributions support the ministries of Our Savior’s and are given to the glory and praise of God.

**Music and Worship:** meets on Tuesday the 10th at 5:30 pm

**Men’s Square:** meets on Wednesday the 11th at 7:30 am

### **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray together.

**Holy One,**

**we thank you for the healing  
that springs forth abundantly from this table.**

**Renew our strength to do justice,  
love kindness,  
and journey humbly with you. Amen**

### **Blessing**

The God who faithfully brings forth justice  
and breaks the oppressor's rod

✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,  
today and always.

**Amen. Amen. Amen. (sung)**

**SENDING HYMN** "Have You Thanked...." ELW 829 vs. 1 & 3

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

God, you are indeed almighty, merciful, and holy. Great is the majesty of your glory. You love the world so much that you have your only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but have eternal life. We give thanks for his coming into the world to accomplish all things for our salvation.

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

We pray together the prayer our Lord taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as 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**

### **DISTRIBUTION**

Communion is served in a continuous line. Ushers will guide you. If you prefer to stay seated we will come to you with the elements. All are welcome at this table. The gifts of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

**TABLE BLESSING:** May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us, unite us, and keep us in his grace.