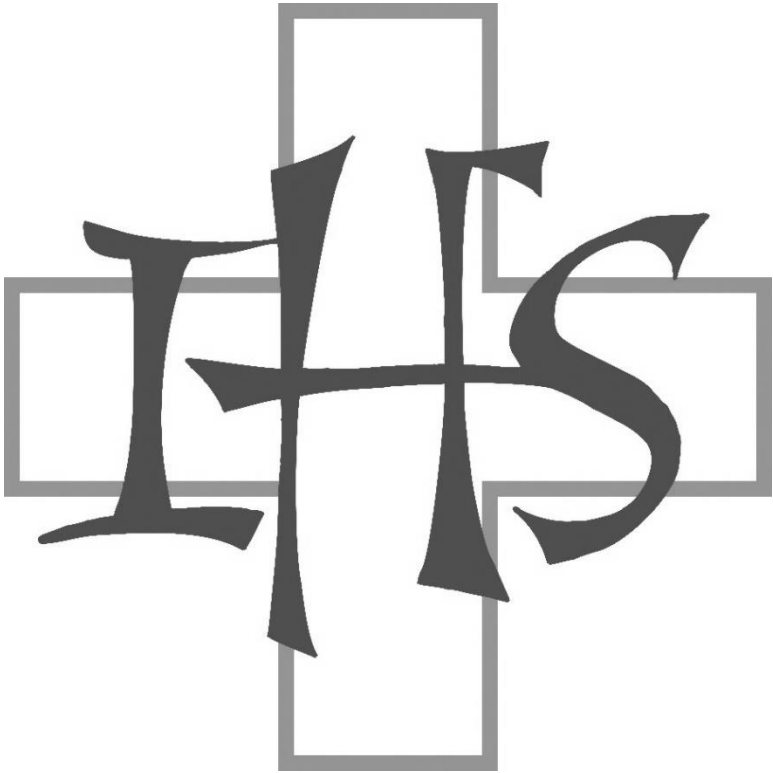


# The Lutheran Church of the Savior

**A Community of Faith:** *Centered in Christ – Called to Serve*



When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son,  
born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who  
were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as  
sons.

*Galatians 4:4-5*

## Order of Worship

*January 1, 2023 9:00 AM*

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## Introit

*Hosea 11:1; Jeremiah 31:15-17*

When Israel was a child, I loved him,  
and out of Egypt I called my son.

Thus says the LORD: "A voice is heard in Ramah,  
lamentation and bitter weeping.

Rachel is weeping for her children;

she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no  
more."

Thus says the LORD: "Keep your voice from weeping,  
and your eyes from tears,

for there is a reward for your work, declares the LORD,  
and they shall come back from the land of the enemy.

There is hope for your future, declares the LORD,  
and your children shall come back to their own country."

## Communion Theology and Practice

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is intended for those:

- who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God,
- who have faith in Jesus Christ as God the Son in the flesh and their personal Savior from sin, death, and the devil;
- who believe that they have sin that needs forgiving, hurt that needs healing, and faith that needs strengthening;
- who are committed to amending their sinful ways; and
- who believe that in, with, and under the bread and wine they receive the true body and blood of the risen Christ, together with the forgiveness of all their sins.

*If you are a visitor with us this morning and wish to receive the  
Lord's Supper, please speak with the pastor before the service.*

*Thank you.*

# First Sunday after Christmas

Welcome

## Divine Service

### Invocation & Christmas Litany

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✝}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Jesus Christ is the Light of the world.

*John 8:12*

**C** The Light no darkness can overcome.

*John 1:5*

**P** The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,

**C** And we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

*John 1:14*

### Opening Song

Come And Behold Him

*Chisum, Searcy*

*Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus x2*

Come and be - hold Him, come, see His glo - ry, come with an  
Come and be - hold Him, come, see His mer - cy, come find His  
hon - est heart to see all He is; We will dis - cov - er  
ten - der - ness reaching to you; Just as a mir - ror  
all of His beau - ty, His light will burn a  
shows a re - flec - tion. His Word and Spir - it  
way all the darkness we've known Come and be - hold  
come, now reflecting His love.

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Him, come and be - hold Him, come with an hon - est heart to see all He  
 is; Come and be - hold Him, wait now be - fore  
 Him, come with an hon - est heart to see all He is. \_\_\_\_\_

### Prayer of Confession

- P** Holy Lord, as we stand in your presence, we are aware of our sins of thought, word, and action.
- C** **We have not always lived our lives according to your will.**
- P** We have often failed to live up to your expectations.
- C** **We all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.**
- P** But we know your promise, that if we confess our sins,
- C** **you will hear our cry, and grant us your forgiveness.**

*Silence for confession and reflection*

- P** Hear us now, O Lord, as we confess our failings to you...
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

## Psalm

*Psalm 111*

*Spoken responsively, whole verse by whole verse*

<sup>1</sup>Praise the Lord!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**<sup>2</sup>Great are the works of the Lord,  
studied by all who delight in them.**

<sup>3</sup>Full of splendor and majesty is his work,  
and his righteousness endures forever.

**<sup>4</sup>He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;  
the Lord is gracious and merciful.**

<sup>5</sup>He provides food for those who fear him;  
he remembers his covenant forever.

**<sup>6</sup>He has shown his people the power of his works,  
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.**

<sup>7</sup>The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
all his precepts are trustworthy;

**<sup>8</sup>they are established forever and ever,  
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

<sup>9</sup>He sent redemption to his people;  
he has commanded his covenant forever.  
Holy and awesome is his name!

**<sup>10</sup>The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;  
all those who practice it have a good understanding.  
His praise endures forever!**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**Song of Praise**

Let There Be Joy

*Funk*

*Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus*

**Verse**

We are Your peo-ple, O God,

washed by the blood of the lamb;

Clothed in Your right - eous - ness, and

in Your fa - vor we stand.

We love ex - alt - ing Your name,

lift - ing up ho - ly hands;

Praise to our might - y God, Je -

ho - vah, the great I AM. Let there be

**Chorus**

joy in the house of the Lord, let there be

praise to the God of our sal - va - tion; Let there be  
sing - ing and shout - ing, danc - ing in cel - e - bra - tion.  
1. chil - dren of Zi - on, re - joice! Let there be  
2. chil - dren of Zi - on, chil - dren of Zi - on,  
chil - dren of Zi - on re - joice!

## Prayer

**P** Let us pray.

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.



## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 63:7–14*

<sup>7</sup>I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD,  
the praises of the LORD,  
according to all that the LORD has granted us,  
and the great goodness to the house of Israel  
that he has granted them according to his compassion,  
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

<sup>8</sup>For he said, "Surely they are my people,  
children who will not deal falsely."  
And he became their Savior.

<sup>9</sup>In all their affliction he was afflicted,  
and the angel of his presence saved them;  
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;  
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

<sup>10</sup>But they rebelled  
and grieved his Holy Spirit;  
therefore he turned to be their enemy,  
and himself fought against them.

<sup>11</sup>Then he remembered the days of old,  
of Moses and his people.

Where is he who brought them up out of the sea  
with the shepherds of his flock?

Where is he who put in the midst of them  
his Holy Spirit,

<sup>12</sup>who caused his glorious arm  
to go at the right hand of Moses,  
who divided the waters before them  
to make for himself an everlasting name,

<sup>13</sup>who led them through the depths?  
Like a horse in the desert,  
they did not stumble.

<sup>14</sup>Like livestock that go down into the valley,  
the Spirit of the LORD gave them rest.

So you led your people,  
to make for yourself a glorious name.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**



## Epistle

*Galatians 4:4–7*

<sup>4</sup>When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup>And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 2:13–23*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>When [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." <sup>14</sup>And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt <sup>15</sup>and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son."

<sup>16</sup>Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. <sup>17</sup>Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

<sup>18</sup>"A voice was heard in Ramah,  
weeping and loud lamentation,  
Rachel weeping for her children;  
she refused to be comforted, because they are no more."

<sup>19</sup>But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, <sup>20</sup>saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." <sup>21</sup>And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup>But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being

warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. <sup>23</sup>And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: "He shall be called a Nazarene."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the  
Father, by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from  
heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin  
Mary and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living  
and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and  
glorified, who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon Song

Faithful To Lead Us On

Baloche, Kerr

Chorus x2, Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus x2

CHORUS

A/E Bm/E A A/D D E A/E Bm/E

You are faith - ful to lead us on, more than

A A/D D E E/D

a - ble to keep us strong; Walk - ing be - fore us You

A/C# D 1.3. Bm7 Esus E A A/E Bm/E

light our way, faith - ful to lead us on. You are

2.4. Bm7 Esus E A

faith - ful to lead us on.

VERSE

E D A D/A A D

1. You've brought us out of the wil - der - ness,  
2. Called out of dark - ness in - to your light,

E D A2

guid - ing us home by Your hand;  
cho - sen to lift up Your name;

G D/F# A B/D#

Now You're pre - par - ing a place for us, we'll go, we'll  
We'll see Your king - dom es - tab - lished here, come rule, come

Esus A/E Bm/E 5. Bm7 Esus E A Fine

stand. You are faith - ful to lead us on.  
reign.

### Prayers of the Church Family and the Lord's Prayer

- P** O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth. The heavens are the work of Your fingers, yet You willed to save us in the most humble and sacrificial of ways. Already eight days after being born of the virgin Mary, Your Son was at work for our salvation by fulfilling Your Law and shedding His blood. Receive our heartfelt thanks for the righteousness and forgiveness of sins we have obtained through Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

*Response after each petition*

- P** Lord, in your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Gracious Father, in Your steadfast love You have put off the day of Jesus' return until the perfect time, when the number of Your elect is complete. Keep Your people watchful, vigilant and awake with Your gift of faith until that day; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:  
**C** **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.**

## Blessing

**P** The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** Amen.

## Song

### Good Good Father

*Brown, Barrett*

*Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus x2, Bridge x2,*

*Verse 3, Chorus x2, Bridge x2, Bridge, Chorus*

1. Oh, I've heard a  
thou - sand sto - ries of what they think You're like. But  
I've heard the ten - der whis - per of love in the  
dead of night. And You tell me  
that You're pleased and that I'm nev - er a - lone.  
You're a good, good Fa - ther, it's who You are,  
it's who You are, it's who You are. And I'm loved by  
You, it's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am.

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2. Oh, and I've seen man - y search-ing for an - swers  
far and wide. But I know we're all search-ing for an -  
- swers on-ly You pro - vide. 'Cause You know just  
what we need be-fore we say a word. You're a good, good  
Fa - ther, it's who You are, it's who You are,  
it's who You are. And I'm loved by You, it's who I am,  
it's who I am, it's who I am. You're a good, good  
Be-cause You are per - fect in all of Your ways.  
You are per - fect in all of Your ways. You are  
per - fect in all of Your ways. to us. Oh, You are  
3. Oh, this love so

un - de - ni - a - ble I, I can hard - ly speak.

Peace so un - ex - plain - a - ble I, I can

hard - ly think. As You call me deep - er still, as You

call me deep - er still, as You call me

D.S. al Coda ⊕

deep - er still in - to love, love, love. You're a good, good

⊕ Coda

Oh, You are per - fect in all of Your ways, so

per - fect in all of Your ways. You are

per - fect in all of Your ways to us. You're a good, good

Fa - ther, it's who You are, it's who You are,

it's who You are. And I'm loved by

You, it's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am.

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# Resources for Meditation this Week

## FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

1 January 2023

### Readings

Isaiah 63:7–14

Galatians 4:4–7

Matthew 2:13–23

### ***The Lord Jesus Undergoes a New Exodus in Order to Save His People from Their Sins***

Herod's efforts to destroy the little Lord Jesus anticipate the cross for which He was born. In response to Herod's edict, Joseph must *"take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt"* (Matt. 2:13). But the Lord does not abandon the Holy Family there. He brings about salvation for all people, just as He *"had spoken by the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I called my son'"* (Matt. 2:15). With might and strength, God accompanies His people, causing *"his glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses"* (Is. 63:12). Now through Jesus, even our afflictions are borne by Christ on the cross. *"He redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them"* (Is. 63:9). All of this is accomplished by God's might so that we, too, are claimed as members of His family. For we *"receive adoption as sons"* in the only begotten Son, Christ Jesus, even as He became like us by His conception and birth of the woman. Thus redeemed by Christ, no longer slaves of sin and death but beloved children and heirs of God, we pray in Jesus' name: *"Abba! Father!"* (Gal. 4:4–6).



## THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

8 January 2023

### Readings

Isaiah 42:1–9

Romans 6:1–11

Matthew 3:13–17

### ***The Triune God Is Manifested and Reveals Himself to Us in Holy Baptism***

The Baptism of our Lord is an “epiphany” of the one true God in the flesh and blood of Jesus. He is the chosen servant of the Lord, anointed with the Spirit for the rescue of God’s people to “*bring forth justice to the nations*” (Is. 42:1). Thus, He makes all things new, and He is given “*as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations*” (Is. 42:6). In the waters of the Jordan, He takes His place with sinners and takes all the sins of the world upon Himself. He undergoes the Baptism of repentance in order to “*fulfill all righteousness*” for us (Matt. 3:15). He submits Himself to the curse of sin and death in order to redeem us. We are baptized with a Baptism like His, thereby dying and rising with Him, so that “*we will also live with him*” (Rom. 6:8). Indeed, all of us who are baptized into Christ Jesus are anointed with His Spirit and named by His Father as beloved and well-pleasing sons and daughters.

