

**Our Savior Lutheran Church
First Sunday of Christmas – December 26, 2021**

Prelude

Announcements and Prayer Requests

Sharing of Peace

Confession and Forgiveness

L: In the name of the Father and of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, +one God, who sends the word with angels, who is made flesh among all peoples, and who breathes peace on all the earth.

C: Amen.

L In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and we cry out for forgiveness and peace.

(Silence for reflection)

L: Holy God,

C: we confess our sin before you.

We replace compassion with competition.

We seek what is mighty while ignoring the meek.

We are quick to anger but slow to forgive.

We have not put on love in harmony with you.

Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word.

Swaddle our hearts with your peace, that all we do, in word and deed, may reflect your love born among us.

Amen.

L: I bring good news of great joy for all people: God has come among us in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord. +In Christ our sins are forgiven and we are clothed in peace.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn – Good Christian Friends, Rejoice ELW #288

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0mVFzkDgMq4>

Greeting

L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Psalm 148

¹Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

²Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

³Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

⁴Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

⁶He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

⁷Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

⁸fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

⁹Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

¹⁰Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

¹²Young men and women alike, old and young together!

¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

¹⁴He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!

Prayer of the Day

A: Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God,

C: and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ,

A: who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Word

First Reading: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

¹⁸Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. ¹⁹His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. ²⁰Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, “May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD”; and then they would return to their home. ²⁶Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the LORD and with the people.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-17

¹²As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁴¹Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." ⁴⁹He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

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

Message - Tim Leitner, SAM

<https://youtu.be/1ejpJX06KF0>

Hymn of the Day — Love Has Come ELW #292

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z3XFiBAG1xw>

The 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.

Prayers of Intercession

L: Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world and all of creation.

a brief silence

A: God of love, unite us with all who celebrate your birth, even when they are burdened with loss, poverty, hunger and injustice. Hear us O Lord.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of creation, grant us humility to trust our place in all of creation, that we may live in service to you and to the natural world. Hear us O Lord.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of healing, send your Spirit to all who are ailing in mind, body or spirit. Move us to help those who need comfort, care and understanding. (especially). Hear us O Lord.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of forgiveness, open our hearts to forgive one another. Clothe us in love and bind us all together in perfect harmony. Hear us O Lord.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Offering Prayer

A: Gracious God,

C: your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth. As we offer ourselves and your gifts, prepare us to receive the grace and truth you offer at this table and renew in us the song of your salvation,

A: In Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Meal – Consecration

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth, as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Communion

Post Communion Blessing

Now may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

A: We thank you, wondrous God,

C: for Jesus, God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine. As we have shared this feast of love, strengthen us to share your love with all the world.

A: In Jesus name we pray.

C: Amen.

Blessing

L: The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing,
so we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit,
through +Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn –

Let All Together Praise Our God ELW #287 verses 1-3

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UgN1UO06SRE>

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude