



**Our Savior Lutheran Church
Name of Jesus – January 1, 2023
9:00 a.m. Worship Service**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Concerns

Sharing of the Peace

Call to Worship (*from Philippians 2*)

A: Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

C: who, emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

A: Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

C: being found in human form, humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross.

A: Therefore, God gave him the name that is above every name,

C: so, at the name of Jesus, every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

Gathering Hymn – Once in Royal David’s City – ELW #269

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QmspXB6IUeg>

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the Word made flesh, our life and our salvation.

C: Amen.

L: Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior, let us confess our sin, asking for God’s forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

L: God of life,

**All: you promise good news of great joy for all people,
and call us to be messengers of your peace.**

**We confess that too often we hoard our joy,
our resources, and our security.**

We nurture conflict and build barriers.

**We neglect the needs of our neighbors
and ignore the groaning of creation.**

Have mercy on us.

Where we are self-centered, open our hearts.

Where we are reluctant, give us courage.

Where we are cynical, restore our trust.

**Renew us with your grace and give us again the hope of eternal
life in you. Amen.**

L: Hear the good news: We are children of God and heirs of God’s promises through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In †Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed. Sing with joy, for all the end of the earth shall know the salvation of God.

C: Amen.

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.

Hymn of Praise – Good Christian Friends, Rejoice – ELW #288
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gkCjddxp1g4>

Prayer of the Day

A: Father, you gave your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation.

C: Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord,

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

C: Amen.

The Word

First Reading – Numbers 6:22-27

²²The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ²³Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them, ²⁴The LORD bless you and keep you; ²⁵the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; ²⁶the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. ²⁷So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

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

Psalm 8

¹O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.

²Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

³When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

⁴what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

⁵Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

**⁶You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,**

⁷all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

⁸the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. ⁹O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Second Reading: - Galatians 4:4-7

⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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

Holy Gospel: Luke 2:15-21

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

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

²¹After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

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

Message – Tim Leitner, SAM

https://youtu.be/Su_of1TYpFs

Hymn of the Day - Love Has Come - ELW #292

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MXIQyyVZF-E>

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: With wonder and thanksgiving for Christ's coming into the world, we pray for the church, the life of the earth, and the whole human family.

Silence for reflection

A: Holy God, you have given the church the holy name of Jesus, and in him we are your beloved children. Unite us in mission through the power of his Spirit. Make us worthy of the name we bear, the name in which we pray. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Renewing God, restore your glory to the earth. Awaken humanity to our kinship with all living things that depend on your provision. Teach us to care for the earth and safeguard its treasures for those who come after us. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Peacemaking God, reconcile the nations. Lead those in conflict into negotiation, especially in areas of religious and ethnic strife. End acts of aggression and violence out carried in your name. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Delivering God, rescue our siblings in any danger, especially in communities where disaster and disease threaten. Move those in authority to respond with speed and compassion. We pray for the safety of first responders, health care workers, and all who protect us. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Healing God, raise up any who are bowed down with illness or sorrow. Deepen our care and concern for one another. We lift to you all who are undergoing transition in relationships, occupation, living situation or health condition. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Saving God, redeem us and grant us eternal peace. We give thanks for the faithful departed who now rest in your undying love, made known to us in Jesus our Emmanuel. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Pondering the mystery of eternal love made flesh in Christ Jesus, we commend all for whom we pray to the mercy of God.

C: Amen.

Offertory Prayer

A: God of abundance,

C: receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration.

A: Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace,

C: poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

Offertory Hymn

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear – ELW #282 Vs 1-2

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

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.

Words of Institution

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 Distribution

Post Communion Blessing

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

C: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

A: God our redeemer,

C: you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace.

A: Make us shine with the good news of your glory,

C: born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Benediction

L: God bless you and keep you, +Jesus grant you grace and truth, and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

Angels, from the Realms of Glory ELW #275

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IUL8CDz2G1k>

Dismissal

A: Christ the Savior is Born!
Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude