



**OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Pastor Joe Johnson**  
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Office: 636-5701; Hours 9am-3pm, M-Fri.

Broadcast at 8:30am on KMSR 1520 AM and KMAV 105.5 FM

**Sunday, December 28, 2014**  
**First Sunday of Christmas**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*We extend a special welcome to our visitors and ask that they fill out a Welcome card located in each pew and place it in the offering plate. We pray that you will be blessed and renewed by our worship experience today.*

**OPENING HYMN**

*Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

ELW 275

**GREETING**

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

**C** **And also with you.**

**SONG OF PRAISE**

*Once in Royal David's City*

ELW 269

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray...

**C** **Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**READING: Isaiah 40:1-5**

Comfort, O comfort my people,  
says your God.

<sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her  
that she has served her term,  
that her penalty is paid,  
that she has received from the LORD's hand  
double for all her sins.

<sup>3</sup>A voice cries out:  
"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

<sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.

<sup>5</sup>Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SONG FOR THE WORD**

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in treble clef. A large slur covers the first six notes of each staff. The lyrics are: "Glo - - - - ri - a in ex-cel-sis De - o;" on the first staff and "glo - - - - ri - a in ex-cel-sis De - o." on the second staff. The second staff begins with a small number '7' above the first note.

## **GOSPEL: John 1:1-23**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

<sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.

<sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup>(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

<sup>19</sup>This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" <sup>20</sup>He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." <sup>21</sup>And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." <sup>22</sup>Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" <sup>23</sup>He said,

"I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,

'Make straight the way of the Lord,'"

as the prophet Isaiah said.

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

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

## **SERMON**

**APOSTLES' CREED**      *ELW p. 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 into hell.  
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.**

**PRAYER SONG**

*ELW 277 V. 3*

*Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay close by me forever and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care and fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.*

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**P**      Lord, in your mercy,  
**C**      **hear our prayer.**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*ELW 294 V. 3*

*What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb; if I were a wise man I would do my part; yet what I can I give him- give my heart.*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**     *ELW p. 154*

**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**

**THREE BELLS**

**SENDING HYMN**     *Come On, Ring Those Bells*

TOSB 30

**DISMISSAL**

**P**     Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C**     **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*ALTAR FLOWERS today are in memory of Ralph Engel, given by his family.*

# *O Lord, Hear Our Prayers*

## **Praise & Thanksgiving to God for...**

The people of Our Savior's.

Those celebrating birthdays today: ?

## **God's Healing Presence for...**

Barb Prestegord      Bonnie Spicer      Carl Anderson      Christy Boeddeker

Becky Foss      Audrey Waters      Arnie Gilbertson      Mabel Mergenthal

Tim Miller      Pastor Sharon Gunderson      Ole Olson

Helen Woken      Michael Ludwig      Mary Christianson      Ruth McSparron

(If you would like your name put on or taken off this list please contact Pastor Joe or Pastor Siri.)

**Safety for those serving in the Military...** especially those serving in combat areas:

**Our Sympathy to...** Those in our church family who have experienced the death of a family member or friend:

**ORGANIST:** Karen Alfson

**LECTOR:** Brenda Stallman

**GREETER:** John Bartels

**ACOLYTES:** Connor Aanderud, Travis Doeden

**USHERS:** Peter Lovas, Chris McInnes

**ATTENDANCE:** December 21, 2014: 8:30am - 73; 10:30am - 105

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT:** December 21, 2014: \$10,807.97; December to date: \$19,616.02; 2014 Income through November 30: \$272,073.82; Expenses through November 30: \$264,240.73.

**CELL PHONE NUMBERS:** Pastor Joe - 701-430-3787; Pastor Siri - 701-430-3879

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** (Due in the church office by 9am Thursdays)

**COMMITTEES:** All year end committee reports for the annual report book are due by Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH'S ANNUAL MEETING** will be held on January 25, 2015 at noon. There will be a potluck lunch following the 10:30am worship service. All members of OSLC are encouraged to attend.

**W.O.W. Bible Study** will resume meeting on Monday, January 5, 2015 at 9am with a new study on *The Tabernacle* by Shawn Barnard.

**HILLSBORO FOOD PANTRY:** On the first Sunday of the month, it is an Our Savior's tradition to bring donations for the Hillsboro Food Pantry. **This month, the food pantry is in special need of: laundry soaps, liquid hand soaps and paper products - toilet paper, paper towels & Kleenex.** Thanks so much for your ongoing support. Please remember that if you or someone you know needs help with groceries, don't hesitate to contact any Hillsboro pastor or Traill County Social Services for a confidential referral. Place your items in the wood crate located west of the front door. Thank you!

**Sunday School:** Beginning January 4<sup>th</sup> your children will begin our Rotational model. They still meet at 9:30am in the Chapel for Gathering time and music and then they are lead each week to a new station to learn a different Bible story.

**Radio Broadcast schedule:** The 8:30am Our Savior's worship service is broadcast live at 8:30am on KMSR 1520 AM **and** KMAV 105.5 FM. If you would like to sponsor a Sunday radio broadcast, the cost is \$65.

**ASSISTED HEARING DEVICES** are available for anyone to use each Sunday. They are located on the podium where the guest book is sitting in the narthex. Please feel free to try one out.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### **Sunday, December 28**

9:30am Worship Service  
10:30am Coffee/Fellowship

### **Tuesday, December 30**

7:00am Breakfast Bible Study (Country Hearth)  
9:00am Steeple Talk Volunteers

### **Wednesday, December 31**

7:00am Men's Fellowship

### **Thursday, January 1**

**New Year's Day**

### **Friday, January 2**

Committee Annual Reports are due

### **Sunday, January 4**

Communion Sunday  
8:30am Worship Service  
9:30am Coffee/Fellowship  
9:30am Sunday School  
10:30am Worship Service  
11:45am Council Meeting

### **Monday, January 5**

9:00am W.O.W. Bible Study  
6:00pm Yoga Class-Pastor Siri

