



## OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Broadcast at 9:30am on KMSR 1520 AM

**Sunday, December 29, 2013**

**First Sunday of Christmas**

(9:30am service)

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen**

**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**P** Most merciful God,

**C** **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen**

### GATHERING HYMN

*It Came upon the Midnight Clear*

ELW 282

## **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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray...

**C** **O Lord God, you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: Isaiah 63:7–9**

<sup>7</sup>I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD,  
the praiseworthy acts of the LORD,  
because of all that the LORD has done for us,  
and the great favor to the house of Israel  
that he has shown them according to his mercy,  
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 distress.

It was no messenger or angel  
but his presence that saved them;  
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;  
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

## **SECOND READING: Hebrews 2:10–18**

<sup>10</sup>It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

<sup>11</sup>For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, <sup>12</sup>saying,

"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

<sup>13</sup>And again,

"I will put my trust in him."

And again,

"Here am I and the children whom God has given me."

<sup>14</sup>Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup>and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. <sup>16</sup>For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. <sup>17</sup>Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup>Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

L The word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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## GOSPEL: Matthew 2:13–23

<sup>11</sup>On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

<sup>13</sup>Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, 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>Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, <sup>15</sup>and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

<sup>16</sup>When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old

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or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. <sup>17</sup>Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

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

<sup>19</sup>When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, <sup>20</sup>Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead. <sup>21</sup>Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup>But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. <sup>23</sup>There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

P The gospel of the Lord.  
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY**      *Lead On, O King Eternal!*

ELW 805

**HOLY BAPTISM**      *ELW p. 227*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**      *Borning Cry*

Angela Kritzberger

## PRAYER SONG

ELW 752

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Hear us, O God.  
C **Your mercy is great.**

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY**      *What Child Is This*      ELW 296 vs 3  
So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him. The King of  
kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him. Raise, raise the song on high, the  
virgin sings her lullaby; joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

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

**BLESSING**

**THREE BELLS**

**SENDING HYMN**      *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*      ELW 275

**DISMISSAL**

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

**C**      **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

OUR SAVIOR' S LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

JANUARY 26, 2014 at 12:30pm

(following a potluck meal at 11:30am)

**\*\*All committee reports are due by Friday, January 3, 2014\*\***

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** 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.

**BAPTIZED TODAY, December 29, 2013** are John Larry Lovas and Jacob Victor Lovas, twin sons of Bryan and Stacy Lovas. John and Jacob were born September 14, 2013 in Fargo, North Dakota. Godparents are Steve and Dori Gades.

## *O Lord, Hear Our Prayers*

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

The people of Our Savior's.

Those celebrating birthdays today: Natassaja Eberhardt

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

Roger Mergenthal      Mark Madsen      Bonnie Spicer      Pat Woods  
Michelle Hams Singh      Helen Woken      Stacy Engel      Tim Miller      Ole Olson  
Marsall Weibye      Ben Brown      Jerry Boeddeker      Carroll Borke      Arnie Gilbertson  
(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:  
Drew Nathan

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

**ORGANIST:** Karen Alfson      **LECTOR:** John Miller

**GREETER:** Mavis Johnson      **USHER:** Peter Lovas

**ACOLYTES:** Dylan Huot, Andrew Cooper

**ATTENDANCE:** December 22, 2013: 8:30am – 70; 10:30am – 126  
December 24: 1:30pm -75; 3:30pm -358; 5:30pm –181

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT:** December 22, 2013: \$10,286.14; December to date: \$38,246.13; 2013 Income through November 30: \$245,569.16 and 2013 Expenses through November 30: \$267,027.73

**BAPTIZED December 26, 2013** were Ansley Jean Erickson and Adler John Erickson, twin daughter and son of Luke and Katie Erickson. Ansley and Adler were born October 15, 2013 in Fargo, North Dakota. Godparents are Stephanie Curtis, Thomas Anderson, Heather Wendorf, and John Samdahl.

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

**W.O.W. BIBLE STUDY** will NOT meet on December 23<sup>rd</sup> and December 30<sup>th</sup>, but will resume on Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. ~Senora Almquist, leader

**NOTE:** Starting in January we are beginning our Sunday school Rotational model. Kids will gather in a classroom and then be led each week to a new station with a new lesson. We will combine classes for this. Please look below to see where your child will meet for their class. See you January 5<sup>th</sup> for our New Adventure! ~Pastor Siri

- 3 and 4 yr olds gather in **Bethlehem Room**
- Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade gather upstairs in **Emmaus Room**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade gather in **Damascus Room**
- 3rd Graders gather in **Arimathea Room**
- 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders gather in **Corinth Room**

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES** begin again on Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at the usual time.

- Meal at 5:30pm
- Music at 6:00pm
- Classes begin at 6:15pm

**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.

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

**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 try one out.



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### **WEEKLY CALENDAR:**

#### **Sunday, December 29**

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

#### **Tuesday, December 31**

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

#### **Thursday, January 2**

9:00am WELCA Exec  
10:00am WELCA/Circle Meeting  
2:00pm Nursing Home Service  
5:45pm Yoga Class

#### **Sunday, January 5**

Communion Sunday  
8:30am Worship Service  
9:30am Head Usher orientation  
9:30am Coffee/Fellowship  
9:30am Sunday School  
10:30am Worship Service  
12:00pm Council Meeting