



A SAVIOR IS BORN



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Festival of the Epiphany, Celebrated

A Savior is Born—for all the nations!

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our services we gather before our almighty God to receive his gifts and to offer him our worship and praise. Through God's powerful Word and sacraments he renews our faith and strengthens us to serve in joy.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Almighty Father, you hear our every prayer and know our every need. Bless us as we praise you today for all your goodness and hear the prayers we offer in our Savior's name. Amen.

THEME OF THE DAY: "Christ" is not Jesus' last name. It is a title. The Greek word "Christ" and the Hebrew word "Messiah" both mean the same thing—"The Anointed One." Anointing was the practice of pouring liquid (typically oil) over the head of someone to signify selection for some special task. For centuries people of faith had patiently waited for the promised Messiah, the servant of God who would bring the salvation we so desperately need. The time had come for Jesus to be revealed as the fulfillment of that divine promise. So, Christ our Lord came to the Jordan River to be baptized, that he might be recognized by John and revealed to Israel. At his baptism Jesus was anointed—marked as God's special servant and empowered by the Spirit of the Lord.

OUR WORSHIP SERIES: The Christmas angel said, "A Savior has been born." Humanity doesn't need help - we need saving. At Christmas God sent more than a coach. He sent his only Son to be the Savior we need.

After December 25 the secular world is done with Christmas. But for the Church, the season of Christmas continues. For twelve glorious days—The Twelve Days of Christmas—we ponder the nativity of the Son of God. We celebrate what that nativity means. A Savior is born!

A WORD ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION: Our church observes the biblical practice of member communion (also called close communion). In Holy Communion we not only receive forgiveness from God, but we also express the unique relationship our members have with each other. If you are not a member of our congregation, we kindly ask that you not take communion today, but speak with our pastor after the service. We would love to share the sacrament with you in the future.

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Order of Worship



Hymn: Hail to the Lord's Anointed

CW 384



1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
2 He comes with res - cue speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
3 Kings shall bow down be - fore him and gold and in - cense bring;
4 O'er ev - 'ry foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest,



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
to help the poor and need - y and bid the weak be strong,
all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing,
from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free,
to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light
To him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as - cend,
The tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;



to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, are pre - cious in his sight.
his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.
his name shall stand for - ev - er—that name to us is Love.

Please stand.

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS OF SINS

M: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

I now ask you in the presence of God, who searches the heart: Do you sincerely confess that you have sinned against God and deserve his wrath and punishment?

C: I do confess my many sins and admit that I deserve God's punishment.

M: Do you willingly repent of all your sins committed in thought, word, and deed? And do you promise by the power of the Holy Spirit to amend your sinful life?

C: I do repent of my sins and promise to amend my sinful ways.

M: Do you sincerely believe that God, by grace, for Jesus' sake, forgives you all your sins?

C: I do believe, for God has promised that whoever believes in Jesus will not perish but have eternal life.

M: Because of the promise of our Savior Jesus, and as a called servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

Be seated.

(5pm & 8am) Hymn: All Glory Be to God Alone

CW 936 st. 1



1 All glo - ry be to God a - lone, for -
ev - er - more the high - est One, who did our
sin - ful race be - friend and grace and peace to
us ex - tend. A - mong man - kind may his good
will all hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.

(10:30am) Choir Anthem "We are Singing for the Lord is Our Light"

Arr. By Hal Hopson

Refrain

We are singing, for the Lord is our light, we are singing, for the Lord is our light.
We are singing for the Lord is our light, we are singing for the Lord is our light.
We are singing, Oh, we are singing for the Lord is our light,
We are singing, Oh, we are singing for the Lord is our light

The Lord is the strength of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?
Though foes may be near to destroy; the lord will be our light. **Refrain**

One thing have we asked of the Lord, yes, this is the thing we seek;
To dwell in the house of the Lord; to live with God forever. **Refrain**

When Burdens are heavy to bear, our shelter is ever sure.
Our feet are lifted high; yes, high upon a rock. **Refrain**

We walk in the strength of the Lord, God's love is ever sure.
We shout that the world may hear, we sing a joyful song. **Refrain**

THE WORD OF GOD

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children, and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 42:1-7

The Lord promises to put his Spirit on the Messiah, empowering the Anointed One to free us from our sins. We see this promise fulfilled when Jesus is baptized.

¹“Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom I delight;
I will put my Spirit on him,
and he will bring justice to the nations.
²He will not shout or cry out,
or raise his voice in the streets.
³A bruised reed he will not break,
and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.
In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;
⁴he will not falter or be discouraged
till he establishes justice on earth.
In his teaching the islands will put their hope.”

⁵This is what God the LORD says—
the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out,
who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it,
who gives breath to its people,
and life to those who walk on it:
⁶“I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness;
I will take hold of your hand.
I will keep you and will make you
to be a covenant for the people
and a light for the Gentiles,
⁷to open eyes that are blind,
to free captives from prison
and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power.

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

¹⁵Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

¹⁶As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

Children's Devotion

Hymn of the Day: To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

CW 377



1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, the Christ, whom
2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— the Son of
3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood and John bap -
4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound came God's own



heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, the God from God, the
God in flesh dis - guised— to stand be - neath the
tized the Lamb of God, the Ho - ly Spir - it,
voice with words pro - found: "This is my Son," was



Light from Light, the Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.
Fa - ther's will and all his prom - is - es ful - fill.
heav'n - ly dove, de - scend - ed on him from a - bove.
his de - cree, "the one I love, who pleas - es me."

**5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight, anointed Christ in glorious sight
as God's own choice, from Adam's fall, to save the world and free us all.**

**6 Now rise, faint hearts: be resolute! This man is Christ, our substitute!
He was baptized in Jordan's stream, proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.**

²⁸And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Please stand after the sermon.

THANKSGIVING

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Be seated.

Offering



 Connect Card

Our members give offerings to support God's work in our church. Offerings can be put in the basket or made online by scanning the code. Visitors may give, but aren't expected to.

We ask members and visitors alike to fill out the connection card and place it in the basket now or as you leave. Please share your prayer requests that we can pray for you.



 Give Online

Please stand.

Prayer of the Church

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. The meal also bears witness to the unity and fellowship we share with each other. Therefore, we invite to communion all those who share in our confession by virtue of their membership here or in a sister WELS or ELS congregation. We ask visitors to speak to the pastor before communing.

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na, ho -



san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he,



bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my \dagger body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my \dagger blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**

O Christ, Lamb of God



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - - - men.

Be seated.

Communion Distribution

For those who cannot have any alcohol for personal or medical reasons we offer white grape juice. You will find cups of white grape juice in the center of each communion tray. Gluten-free wafers are available by request for those medically unable to tolerate gluten.

Communicants may choose to receive the wine by individual or common cup. If you choose the common cup, please allow the individual tray to pass and then assist the minister by helping to tip the common cup.

COMMUNION HYMN: *The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord* CW 677



1 The death of Je - sus Christ, our Lord, we cel - e -
2 He blot - ted out with his own blood the judg - ment
3 That this for - ev - er true shall be he gives a
4 His Word pro - claims and we be - lieve that in this



brate with one ac - cord; it is our com - fort
that a - gainst us stood; he full a - tone - ment
sol - emn guar - an - tee; in this his ho - ly
sup - per we re - ceive his ver - y bod - y,



in dis - tress, our heart's sweet joy and hap - pi - ness.
for us made, and all our debt he ful - ly paid.
sup - per here we taste his love, so sweet, so near.
as he said, his ver - y blood for sin - ners shed.

- 5 **A precious food is this indeed, it never fails us in our need,
a heav'nly manna for our soul until we safely reach our goal.**
- 6 **How blest is each believing guest who in these promises finds rest,
for Jesus will in love abide with those who do in him confide!**
- 7 **They who his Word do not believe this food unworthily receive,
salvation here will never find— may we this warning keep in mind!**
- 8 **Help us sincerely to believe that we may worthily receive
your supper and in you find rest. Amen! They who believe are blest.**

Please stand at the pastor's direction.

Response of Thanksgiving

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: **His mercy endures forever.**

Psalm 118:1

M: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: **We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

1 Corinthians 11:26

Closing Prayer & Blessing

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

(5pm & 8am) Hymn: Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace CW 950



1 Lord, bid your ser - vant go in peace, your
2 This is the Sav - ior of the world, the
3 With saints of old, with saints to come, to



word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -
Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing
you we lift our voice; to Fa - ther, Son, and



va - tion's dawn, this child so long fore - told.
in our midst, the joy of Is - ra - el.
Spir - it blest be hon - or, love, and praise.

(10:30am) Choir Anthem

"Go Now in Peace"

By D, Besig & N. Price

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will be with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Silent Prayer and Announcements

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Setting One from Christian Worship
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SERVING GOD, SERVING US:

Preacher: Pastor Jake Schram
Organ: Robyn Stoller

Worship Leader: Pastor Ryan Wolfe
Choir Director: Roger Zolldan

Fellowship & Spiritual Growth

Sunday morning, all are invited to enjoy refreshments and fellowship in the entry between services. Sunday JAM for children ages 3yrs to 6th grade starts at 9:10am in the sanctuary. Adult and Teen Bible studies begin at 9:15 in the fellowship hall downstairs and in the youth room.

For Worship Next Week

Worship theme: Jesus appears as the anointed one
Bible Readings: Isaiah 49:1-6, Colossians 2:6-15, John 1:29-41
Hymns: 380, 375, 929

PERSONAL PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

(Also printed in the hymnal)

Q: What does God tell me about myself in his holy Word?

A: *He says that I am a sinner and deserve only his punishment.*

Q: What should I do if I am not aware of my sins or am not troubled by them?

A: *I should examine myself according to the Ten Commandments and ask how well I have carried out my responsibilities as a husband or wife or single person, as a parent or child, an employer or employee, a teacher or student. Have I loved God with all my heart, gladly heard his Word, and patiently endured affliction? Have I been disobedient, proud, or unforgiving? Have I been selfish, lazy, envious, or quarrelsome? Have I lied or deceived, taken something not mine, or given anyone a bad name? Have I abused my body or permitted indecent thoughts to linger in my mind? Have I failed to do what is right and good?*

Q: When I realize that I have sinned against God and deserve his punishment, what should I do?

A: *I will confess before God all my sins, those which I remember as well as those of which I am unaware. I will pray to God for his mercy and forgiveness.*

Q: How do I receive his gracious forgiveness?

A: *His Word assures me that Jesus led a pure and holy life for me and died on the cross for me to pay the full price for all my sins. Through faith in Jesus, I have been clothed in my Savior's perfect righteousness and holiness.*

Q: What further assurance do I have that Jesus is mine and I am his?

A: *In Holy Communion he gives me his body and blood together with the bread and wine as a truly life-giving food and drink to unite me with him and my fellow believers. By means of this sacrament, Jesus not only forgives my sins but sweeps away all my doubts about his love for me, gives me his own strength to live a God-pleasing life, and grants me a joyful foretaste of heaven.*

Q: How can I be sure that I receive all these blessings in the Lord's Supper?

A: *I have his own word spoken as his last will and testament on the night before he died. There he tells me: "Take and eat; this is my body. Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."*

Q: How will I respond to this priceless gift from Jesus?

A: *I will daily thank and praise him for his love to me. With his help I will fight temptation, do my best to correct whatever wrongs I have done, and serve him and those around me with love and good works.*

Lord Jesus, with joy and gratitude I now come to your table to receive the precious food of your life-giving body and blood. May it strengthen me to remain in you as you remain in me, so that I bear much fruit in devoted service to you and in acts of kindness to others. Amen.

Welcome to worship!

FOR OUR GUESTS

We are glad that you joined us to worship our Savior today. If you have questions about our church or service simply ask an usher or someone near you. We're happy to help. Please take note of a few helpful things:

- † **Restrooms** are located straight down the hall opposite the sanctuary entrance. Both men's and women's restrooms are equipped with **diaper changing tables** for your convenience.
- † Our sanctuary is equipped with an amplified "loop" system for **hearing assistance**. Please set hearing aids to the "T" position.
- † You will find a **connection card** in your pew. We ask members and guests to share their names and contact info, and invite you to share requests for contact or prayers.
- † Salem members give an **offering** to support the work we do for the Lord. Guests are not expected to give anything, but if you wish to make a donation you can place it in a basket as it's passed during the service or give online.

FOR THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We love to see families worship together and we welcome children to sing and pray and grow with us in our services. Please note these special worship aids and helps for families:

- † Children's bulletins & "*quiet bags*" for your child's use in worship are available in the entry, just to the left of the office hallway. Ask an usher if you need help finding them.
- † If your child needs to be nursed or quieted for a few moments you can use our "*cry room*" down the hallway across from the restrooms. The service is shown live on a TV in the room.
- † Sunday mornings, before the hymn of the day and sermon, children of all ages are invited to come to the front of church for a short devotion on God's Word. Parents may accompany their children as they wish.

Salem Lutheran Church exists to glorify God
by teaching his timeless Truth, that all may
grow in grace and faith to share tomorrow's eternity.

