

# OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Larimore, ND ~ January 7, 2024



*Baptism of Our Lord*

## GREETING

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

### \*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us in Christ Jesus, whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**

*Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.*

Faithful God, **have mercy on me. I confess that I am captive to sin and cannot free myself. I turn from your loving embrace and go my own way. I pass judgement on others before examining myself. I place my own needs before those of my neighbor(s). I keep your gift of salvation to myself. Make me humble, cast away my transgressions, and turn me again to life in you through Jesus Christ, my Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us His own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world. **AMEN**

### \*GATHERING HYMN

*"As With Gladness Men of Old"* ELW 302 vs.1,3,5

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## WORD

**FIRST READING:** *Genesis 1:1-5* PB 1

**1** In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, **2** the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. **3** Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. **4** And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. **5** God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

**WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**PSALM:** *Psalm 29* PB 438 (*read responsively*)

**1** Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. **2** **Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.** **3** The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters. **4** **The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.** **5** The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon. **6** **He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and**

**Sirion like a young wild ox.** **7** The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. **8** **The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.** **9** The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!" **10** **The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.** **11** May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

**SECOND READING:** *Acts 19:1-10 PB 903*

**1** While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. **2** He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." **3** Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." **4** Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." **5** On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. **6** When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—**7** altogether there were about twelve of them. **8** He entered the synagogue and for three months spoke out boldly, and argued persuasively about the kingdom of God. **9** When some stubbornly refused to believe and spoke evil of the Way before the congregation, he left them, taking the disciples with him, and argued daily in the lecture hall of Tyrannus. **10** This continued for two years, so that all the residents of Asia, both Jews and Greeks, heard the word of the Lord.

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**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*"Angels From the Realms of Glory" ELW 275 vs.3*

**L:**The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter. **A: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**\*GOSPEL** *Mark 1:1-11 PB 812*

**1** The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. **2** As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; **3** the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight," " **4** John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. **5** And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. **6** Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. **7** He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. **8** I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." **9** In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. **10** And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. **11** And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

**L:** The Gospel of our Lord. **A: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY “*Baptized in Water*” ELW 456

## ~OFFERING~

\*OFFERING “*We Give Thee But Thine Own*”

We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

## \*OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. You are an abundant God, and out of Your great mercy you have given us so much. We give you this offering today. With it, we worship You and give our whole selves to You. May it be used for Your kingdom and Your glory. Extend and multiply its reach, and may it be a great blessing to many. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

## \*APOSTLE'S 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 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.

## \*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

SING: 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.

## MEAL

## \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**L:** The Lord be with you.

**A:** And also with you.

**L:** Lift up your hearts.

**A:** We lift them to the Lord.

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

**A:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**L:** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**ALL:** Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## \*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered together as one family around one table, let us pray the prayer Our Lord taught us: **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.**

## INVITATION/DISTRIBUTION

### \*BLESSING

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray: **We thank you, gracious God, for loving all your family with tender care, and feeding us in a way our hearts can understand, with the saving body and blood of Jesus Christ. Renew and enliven us by your presence in this meal, that we may be your presence in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.**

## SENDING

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*BLESSING

May you trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek God's will in all you do, and he will direct your paths. **AMEN!**

### \*SENDING HYMN “*We Three Kings of Orient Are*”

1.) We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar, field and fountain, more and mountain, following yonder star. **Refrain**

2.) Born a king on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again; king forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign. **Refrain**

3.) Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a deity nigh; prayer and praising, gladly raising, worshipping God most high. **Refrain**

4.) Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume brings a life of gathering gloom; sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. **Refrain**

**REFRAIN:** Oh, star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright; westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

### \*DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, to serve, and to share the love of Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

A: We will—Thanks be to God!

## POSTLUDE

**Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!** If you are interested in joining our church, please contact Lori at 218-791-2671 or Julie at 701-741-5683. If you have an emergency, call Wayne Knudson (church president) at 218-779-3594 -or- Camilla Stover at 218-791-2678.

## CALENDAR

Today, 1/7/2024—Baptism of Our Lord

**9:00am**—NO Sunday School/Adult Bible Study

**10:00am**—Worship w/Holy Communion

**11:00am**—Fellowship

Wednesday, 1/10/2024

**3:30pm**—Confirmation Class

Thursday, 1/11/2024

**9:30am**—*No Quilting*

Saturday, 1/13/2024

**2:00pm**—Linda Knudson's Funeral—all are welcome

Next Sunday, 1/14/2024—2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

**9:00am**—Sunday School/Adult Bible Study

**10:00am**—Worship w/Holy Communion

**11:00am**—Fellowship

Every day:

An opportunity to show we are Christians by our love.

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Mission of the Month for: Nov. – Dec.: FOOD PANTRY
- Noisy offering: Collected on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month for the mission of the month(s).
- Quilting: There will be no quilting until February, 2024. Quilters are in need of: Single cotton or cotton blend flat sheets. No microfiber ones. (they get into the water sources). Colors preferred blue, gray, green.
- Funeral: Linda Knudson's (wife of Kieth Knudson/sister-in-law of Joel & JoAnn Knudson) funeral will be @ OSLC; @ 2:00pm. Everyone is welcome.

### Our Savior's Mission Statement:

**"Excited by faith**, we are called to **serve all**; gathered to **WORSHIP**, **inspired** to teach,  
**we are our Savior's!"**

## PRAYER LIST

To add or remove someone from the prayer lists, please email the church email: [oslclarimoreoffice@gmail.com](mailto:oslclarimoreoffice@gmail.com) or call/text Roberta Stover: 218-779-0359

### We pray for those in need:

Family of Linda Knudson    Ron Petsinger    Red Willow Bible Camp    Country of Israel, and all countries in the world—that they come to know Christ as their Savior and Lord  
Gloria Temple    Lois Jemtrud    Mark Sletten    Donna Willoughby (daughter of Gordon Peterson)    Robbie Leake  
OSLC Call Committee: *Paul Mutch, Dee Muir, Jenn Aamodt, Nancy Smith, Wayne Knudson*  
(*non-voting members: Luke Reinhold, Sadie Aamodt*)

### Prayers for Homebound/Nursing Home Members:

LaVonne Jacobson    Vicki Sweeney    Dolores Mutch    Marv Jemtrud    Arlene Lilja  
Viola Lee

### Prayers for Armed Service Members:

Robert Norman    Dillon Norman

#### Serving this Sunday

**Ushers: Volunteers Encouraged**

*Reader:* Rob., Cam., & Berta

*Prayer:* Teresa Welder

*Communion:* J. & M. Nesdahl

*Fellowship:* T. Hofer & K. Williamson

#### Serving Next Sunday (1/14/24)

**Ushers: Volunteers Encouraged**

*Reader: Volunteers Encouraged*

**Prayer: Volunteers Encouraged**

*Communion:* N/A

*Fellowship:* Langs