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Luke 2:21*

*"Walking With Our Savior"  
Our 150th Year of Ministry in La Crosse*

**January 1, 2012**  
**Name of Jesus**

*All are welcome in this church! The Good News of God's grace is for all, regardless of age, abilities, physical & mental health, race, sexual orientation, education, income or strength of faith. There is nothing we do, have done or will do that can separate us from the love of God. God makes no exceptions, nor do we. Come join us in praise, prayer and the work of our Lord!*

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**"Our mission is to make the love of Christ known to  
all as we worship, serve and grow together."**

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## **Name of Jesus**

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*Welcome, visitors! We hope your time with us is a blessing, and that you will  
come back soon. Please ask ushers for directions or any needed information.*

*The Lord's Table is open to all baptized Christians who are communing in  
their home churches, and who desire God's forgiveness and new life through  
the real presence of Jesus. For our Communion, we invite you to come up  
the center aisle, take an empty cup for wine (or a filled glass with grape  
juice) and let us fill your cup at the altar.*

**PLEASE USE THE PEW CARDS TODAY.** *Please fill them out whenever you  
receive Holy Communion. In addition, use them for prayer requests, hymn  
requests, to get the newsletter, to give us address changes, or for any com-  
munication with the office or pastor. Put them in the offering plate, hand  
them to an usher, leave them on the office desk, or give them to the pastor  
as you leave any worship. Feel free to list more than one name per card.*

### **WE INVITE YOU TO USE OUR SPARK YOUTH BULLETIN TODAY.**

There are two versions stapled together, one for pre-reader and one for  
early reader. They are based on today's Scripture texts, and can be used in  
church and at home as a great teaching tool. Feel free to take one for any  
child or grandchild in your life.

**If you need hearing assistance,  
ask the Ushers for our special devices.**

## **FOR OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

### **Altar Flowers**

Pointsettias and from Ona King's funeral

**BAPTIZED INTO GOD'S FAMILY:** Hannah Dianne Panzer, daughter of Ryan & Karin Panzer (granddaughter of Pastor Mark & Sharon Jolivette), receives God's new life and anointing of the Holy Spirit this morning. Her sponsors are Nathan & Anne Schularick. May the light of Christ always shine on her.

### **PRELUDE**

*From the beginning, by virtue of our baptism, we are called Christian. We were "Christ-ened" at the font. Bearing his name, we share the same Father and are invited to address him intimately: Abba! Jesus bears our sins in humble obedience to the will of the Father. Today we pray that the mind of Christ, whose name we bear, would be our own. It is a good way to begin, again, another year.*

### **Name of Jesus**

*By Jewish law, every baby boy was circumcised and named on the eighth day of life, so on the eighth day of Christmas the church celebrates this event in Jesus' life. The keeping of the covenant as well as Jesus' name are signs of God's salvation given to us through him.*

### **PERSONAL PRAYER**

***Order of Worship-Holy Communion Setting 2, p. 116***

### **INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

#### **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

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

**P** Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by

John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG #292** "Love Has Come"

**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.**

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE #286** "Your Little Ones, Dear Lord"

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray. **C: Eternal Father, you gave your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Reader: Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of the Holy Scripture.*

**C Our hearts and minds are open.**

**FIRST READING** Numbers 6:22-27

*God commanded Aaron to say these words, known as the Aaronic benediction, in blessing the people of Israel. We too are marked with God's name and God's blessing as we are sent from our assemblies into the world.*

<sup>22</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: <sup>23</sup>Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them,

<sup>24</sup>The LORD bless you and keep you;

<sup>25</sup>the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;  
<sup>26</sup>the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.  
<sup>27</sup>So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

*Reader:* Word of God, word of life. **C Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING**      *Galatians 4:4-7*

*Paul proclaims the ultimate significance of the nativity: Jesus was born the Son of God so that, because of him, we all may be God's children.*

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

*Reader:* Word of God, word of life. **C Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**      (*Sung*)      p. 124

***C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

**P** The holy gospel according to Luke.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL**      *Luke 2:15-21*

*Eight days after his birth, Jesus is circumcised according to Jewish law and given the name announced by the angel before his conception.*

<sup>15</sup>When 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."  
<sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all

these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

<sup>21</sup>After 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.

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

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**PULPIT HYMN** #293 "That Boy-Child of Mary"

**SERMON** Pastor Mark Jolivette

**HYMN OF THE DAY** #732 "Borning Cry"

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM** p. 227

### **PEACE**

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

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

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words. The assembly is seated.*

**OFFERING AND HYMN** #277 "Away in a Manger"

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

**P** Let us pray. Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**DIALOGUE** (Sung) p. 129

**P** The Lord be with you. **C *And also with you.***

**P** Lift up your hearts. **C *We lift them to the Lord.***

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C *It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

## **PREFACE**

**P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** (Sung) p. 130

**C** *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. Hosanna in the highest.*

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

**P** Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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 TO COMMUNION**

**P** The bread of God comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. Come, eat, and live.

**COMMUNION SONG** (Sung) p. 135

**C** ***Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.***

#### **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

**#296** "What Child Is This"

**#300** "The First Noel"

**#268** "From Heaven Above" Vs.1-3, 12-14

#### **SENDING OF COMMUNION**

**P** Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick, homebound, and imprisoned. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C Amen.**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **BLESSING**

**P** The holy Three, holy One increase your hope, strengthen your faith, deepen your love, and + grant you peace.

**C Amen.**

**SENDING SONG** **#838** "Beautiful Savior"

#### **DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Organist: Louise Temte*

*Reader: Sue Staples*

*Greeters: Myra Smaby, Jean Lange*

*Acolytes:*

*Ushers: Bruce Kwosek, Joyce Dahl*

*Communion Deacons: Cheryl Vieth, Levi Powers*

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**PLEASE LEAVE LIQUIDS OUTSIDE OUR SANCTUARY.** We ask that all beverages be consumed before entering the worship area, with the exception of water and infant liquids. Please help us all to honor worship and keep our seating spaces clean. Thanks.

## BEFORE YOU LEAVE TODAY

### Coffee Fellowship:

Please join us for coffee (regular, decaf and tea) and treats in the Fellowship Hall following worship provided today by Cheryl Vieth on behalf of the Women's Clothes Closet

**SIGN UP** on the bulletin board by the pastor's office door for the following:

• Worship Assistant as:

\* Usher

\*Communion Deacon

\* Lay Reader

\*Host/Serve Coffee Fellowship Hour

**WHERE ARE THE DEVOTIONAL BOOKS? New devotional books are out in the welcome center.** Where are the boxes for Festival receipts? They and many more items will be found centered in one spot, on our Welcome Center in the narthex outside our worship space. Please take a look at this "one stop shopping" welcome place before you leave.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL THIS ON THE WEB!

The Bulletin and the Messenger are now available on the web at [www.oursaviorslutheranchurch.net](http://www.oursaviorslutheranchurch.net).

**RECEIVE A GIFT TODAY. TAKE HOME AN OUR SAVIOR'S TOTE**

**BAG.** There are plenty to go around. Take these bright orange bags into the community both to be good stewards of our resources and to let people know about our congregation. Some of you have received one in the past. It is just fine to take one today. And take one to someone who cannot be in worship right now.

**THE DOVES ON THE GARLANDS ARE A SIGN OF OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH BEGUN IN BAPTISM.** Family names comprising our membership are on these doves, a project of our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee.

**THE HISTORIC QUILT FROM 1897 IS AT THE FRONT OF OUR NAVE.** A little history is added on a nearby sheet. It apparently is comprised of name blocks from various women's service groups in a number of surrounding communities united in mission in this area through the Norwegian Lutheran Synod..

**LOVE, PEACE AND JOY!!** The 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee invites you to take a **Prayer Dove** from the Christmas tree in the Narthex and give to your neighbor, friend or relative and share the gift of Christmas. Each dove has the word of love, peace or joy printed on them. **Share this special gift and prayer with someone you know**, and celebrate the many gifts OSLC has received for the last 150 years. Have Merry Christmas from the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee.

**WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!!** The 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee has plates, mugs note cards and other awesome stuff to give as gifts this Christmas. What would make a better gift? Please see any committee member or watch for the display table at coffee fellowship.

**GOT LUTEFISK??** The 150<sup>th</sup> Committee has some (frozen) lutefisk available for purchase. Each one pound plus package is five dollars. Please contact Rod Tisthammer for purchase/questions.

**Save those Festival and Quillin's Receipts.** This is traditionally the best quarter for those receipts. Please keep saving them and turn them into the trays at the Welcoming Center. All receipts from October, November and December are needing to be turned in by January 9th. I will be tallying them that week as they need to be taken to the store. The youth are planning several trips this summer and will need this fundraiser. Thank you. Colleen Pitz

## **WE'RE LOOKING FOR YOU!**

**COME FOR SUPPER! COME FOR SUPPER!** Last week we served many meals! OSLC and English Lutheran will be preparing the meal. The main entrée will be a wonderful dish. As always, any one can be a part of this outreach program on any given Tuesday. Prep work starts at 1:00 pm and lasts about two hours. Serving begins at 5:00, so we ask volunteers to come at 4:30 and we are usually done by 6:30. You will bless others, and they will bless you right back!

**Our Savior's Communion Deacon Training**  
**Saturday, January 14, 2012      10 am to 11 am**

Please join us by becoming a **Communion Deacon** with this training course. After this training there will be a sign-up sheet for you.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Any questions? \_\_\_\_\_

Please give to usher, drop off at Church office, or mail in.

Thank you,  
Worship & Music Committee

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**Our Savior's Homebound Communion Volunteers Training**  
**Saturday, January 14, 2012      11 am to 12 pm**

Please assist home bound members *by becoming* a volunteer for Homebound Communion giving. This is *bringing* communion to our homebound members in their private homes (the Pastors handle the Nursing homes). We suggest 2 visits per volunteer on Sundays as needed.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Any questions? \_\_\_\_\_

Please give to usher, drop off at Church office, or mail in.

Thank you,  
Worship & Music Committee

# OUR SAVIORS THIS WEEK

POST ON A FRIG, NEAR A PHONE, ON AN ALTAR AND ANY OTHER SACRED PLACE

## CALENDAR

Dec. 25th through Jan. 2nd

### Today

#### **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

**10:15 am** CF

**5:00 pm** Come for Supper

### Monday

**OFFICE CLOSED!**

### Tuesday

**1:30 PM** Hillview Chapel

**5:00 pm** Come For Supper/OLSC/St.  
Paul's/Good Shepherd

**6:30 pm** Boy Scout—Troop 13

### Wednesday

**Noon** Worship

**1:00 pm** Messenger Assembly

### Thursday

### Friday

**Last day for 2011 gifts!**

### Saturday

### Sunday January 1st

**9:00 am** Worship/HC

**10:15 am** CF

### Monday January 2nd

**OFFICE CLOSED!**

HC= Holy Communion  
CF= Coffee Fellowship  
SS= Sunday School

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### HEALING AND PEACE:

**Alfred Nissen** (father of Rick Nissen); **Ruth Vian** (sister of Nancy Lord); **Lisa Bubbers & Diane Hanson** (friends of Nancy Lord); **Kim Lenth** (friend of Cheryl Vieth); **Kris Brown** (sister of Mark Zellmer); **Elizabeth Peterson** (friend of Sue Brobeck); **Roberta Groening** (niece of Pastor Mark Jolivette); **Nora Smith, Casey Davis, Todd Moser, Kenneth Larson & Suzanne Krause** (friends of Linda & Chuck Rudrud); **Craig Mellem** (nephew of Carol Miller); **Lois Weeks** (friend of Chris Krueger); **Gordon Helke; Harvey Lothen** (brother of Bev Sanborn); **Trystan Pohlman; Ruby Meiller** (mother of Karen Geier); **Amber Brigham & Jerry Sobronik** (friends of Renee Hesper), **Martha Becker; Susan Moran** (sister of Stef VanZee); **Myra Sila** (sister of Sharon Helke); **Baby Jack** (great nephew of Deb Dukatz); **Jacob Jones; Vernetta Moe** (mother of Cindy Jones); **Jared Zellmer** (nephew of Deb & Mark Zellmer); **Dee Meiners** (father-in-law of Bethany (Zellmer) Meiners)

### GRIEVING FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:

**Raymond Kroner; Ona King; Alicia Marquez** (mother of Orlando Marquez)

### MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN THE ARMED FORCES:

Members & Friends in the Armed Forces: **Gene & Gary & Greg** Phillips (sons of Gene and Sonia Phillips), **Gabriel** W. Kleven (grandson of Patricia Kleven, great-grandson of Iva Mercier), **Sally** O'Brien & **Nathan** Schlesner (cousin of Sherry Taylor), **Amber & Shane** Dwyer (Pearl Campbell's great-niece and husband), **Douglas** Smits (nephew of Linda & Chuck Rudrud), **Ian** Vanlin (grandson of Marjorie Mattie), **Mike** Chambers (paternal uncle of Zinniel children), **Christopher** Beckhoff (cousin of Hanson family), **Becky** Leitzow (friend of the Rudruds), **Emilee** Germanson (granddaughter of Marian Meyer), **Chris** Shultz (friend of Tarah Moyer), **Seth** Wright & **Brian** Mixon (nephews of Mikel Hampel)

Please provide our office with regular updates. Unless we've heard otherwise, a name will be retired from the worship remembrance after one month. The Armed Forces list is for active duty personnel and guard or reserve who are currently activated. Email: [osloffice@centurytel.net](mailto:osloffice@centurytel.net) Call: 782-3468