

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Service Bulletin

Baptism of our Lord Sunday

January 12th, 2025

P: Pastor

L: Liturgist

C: Congregation

Prelude

GATHERING

Welcome/Land Acknowledgment/Affirming Statement

APOSTOLIC 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

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through 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 – Isaiah 43:1-7

Psalm 29

- ¹ Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- ² **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**
- ³ The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- ⁴ **The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**
- ⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- ⁶ **the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
- ⁷ The voice of the Lord
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸ **The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹ The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰ **The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

¹¹ O Lord, give strength to your people;
give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

Second Reading – Acts 8:14-17

Gospel Acclamation – *Alleluia*. A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." *Alleluia*. (Matt. 3:17)

Gospel – Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED – ELW pg. 105

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offertory Prayer

Lord's Prayer – ELW pg. 112

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favour and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace and Love. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Worship Leader	Lauren Aldred
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OSLC Calendar of Events:

Jan. 12, 2025 - 9:45 AM - Traditional worship service

- 11:00-12:00PM - Potluck Brunch- Everyone welcome.

- 12:00-1:30PM - Eternity for Today discussion

Jan. 19, 2025 - 9:45AM - Worship of Holy Communion

Jan. 26, 2025 - 9:45 AM - Traditional worship service

- 11:00-12:30PM - Explore Art

Feb. 2, 2025 - 9:45 AM – Traditional worship service

Quilting Class–

Monday, **January 20, 2025 – 9AM-4PM** -Fellowship Hall– All sewers who are interested in quilting are welcome to attend this class to learn new techniques for quilting. If you are interested, please contact Debbie at 250-613-1824.

Youth Group–

Every Sunday, 5:00-8:00 PM - 2SLGBTQIA+ and allies Youth Group for ages 15-29.

Food Bank –

Thanks to everyone who helped put the Christmas hampers together, for donations of money and food and help with shopping.

We were able to give out 27 hampers this year. The people who received hampers were very grateful. One person cried.

I hope everyone had a blessed Christmas free of illness and had a good time with family and friends.

-Louise

Thank you so much to all those who have faithfully supported our Food Bank over many years. As you know, we are no longer receiving grant money to fund the Food Bank but are 100% reliant on our generous donors. Given the rise in inflation, the need for the food bank has increased for families as well as the price at the grocery store when we replenish our stock. As of November 30, 2024, we have \$2,636 remaining in our designated Food Bank fund which will

help to fund Christmas hampers. However, without additional designated funds, we may need to close or alter our services moving into 2025. If you are interested in supporting the Food Bank, please consider a donation designated to the Food Bank through a cheque or e-transfer at oslcdonation@gmail.com.

With gratitude,

-Joan Beek, Treasurer

Potluck Brunch–

Sunday, January 12, 2025-11:00-12:00

Start the year off right in community. Visit old friends and make some new ones. If you are able, bring a favourite dish to share. Everyone welcome.

Eternity for Today–

Sunday, January 12, 12:00-1:30

Would you like to encourage others through the scriptures? Do you enjoy theological study and discussion? We've been asked to write a week's worth of short reflections for Eternity for Today on these scriptures:

Jeremiah 29:24-32

Matthew 10:5-15

Jeremiah 31:27-34

Psalms 119:97-104

Luke 1:1-4; 24:44-53

Luke 18:1-8

Psalms 129

Explore – Art–

Sunday, January 26, 11:00-12:30

Join us as we meditatively explore our hopes and intentions for the coming year through colour, abstract form, and conversation.

Offering / Giving

Thank you to those who so generously give of their time, talents and gifts. We provide several options for you to contribute. If you require a charitable tax receipt for your donation, please contact the church office at oslcospika@gmail.com or 250-564-4336 to provide your name, address and email in order to register with us, so we may issue a charitable tax receipt and an envelope number. Tax receipts are issued by February of each year for the previous year.

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- Cheque: Mailed or placed in church mailbox or donated during Sunday worship service. Please provide: envelope number, if you have one; purpose of donation.
- Cash: Please only provide cash during Sunday morning worship service or during office hours. Place in envelope with details in order to receive tax receipt.

- OSLC website: Canada Helps: [Donate Now - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Prince George \(canadahelps.org\)](https://canadahelps.org) – **Canada Helps will issue a tax receipt directly to you**

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READINGS FOR THE DAY

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FIRST READING – Isaiah 43: 1-7

¹ But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed
you;
I have called you by name, you
are mine.
² When you pass through the
waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall
not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you
shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume
you.
³ For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your
Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for
you.
⁴ Because you are precious in my
sight,
and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the
east,
and from the west I will gather
you;
⁶ I will say to the north, "Give them
up,"
and to the south, "Do not
withhold;
bring my sons from far away

and my daughters from the end of
the earth—

⁷ everyone who is called by my
name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

L: Word of God, word of life

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING – Acts 8:14-17

¹⁴ Now when the apostles at
Jerusalem heard that Samaria had
accepted the word of God, they sent
Peter and John to them. ¹⁵ The two
went down and prayed for them
that they might receive the Holy
Spirit ¹⁶ (for as yet the Spirit had not
come upon any of them; they had
only been baptized in the name of
the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷ Then Peter and
John laid their hands on them, and
they received the Holy Spirit.

L: Word of God, word of life

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING - Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

C: Glory To You, O Lord

¹⁵ As the people were filled with
expectation, and all were
questioning in their hearts
concerning John, whether he might
be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all

of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

P: The gospel of the LORD.

C: Praise to you, O Christ