

St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church

7459 MN-19, Cannon Falls, MN 55009



Vision Statement

A Welcoming Church focused on Christ, together actively reaching out to the community.

Mission Statement

Proclaiming God's Love and salvation for everyone through Jesus Christ.

*Please fill out the Membership and Visitor sheet so we can connect
Worship Service | Rev. Kira Anderson*

Acolyte	Bryer Gustafson	Soundboard	Bob Durdahl
Pianist/Organist	Jane Bracken	Computer	Cashden Cassidy
Reader	Maxine Rademacher	Live Streaming	Carie Dicke
Altar Guild	Barb M & Judy J	Greeters/Ushers/Bell	Charlie, John, Curt & Maureen
Offering Counters	Gary & Cheryl	Contemporary Dir	Doug Anderson
		Choir Dir	Cindy Hayward

As a community of faith, we invite you to hold these people in prayer this week:

Linda Rifenberick, Sue Samuelson, Don & Darlene Sundheim, Cindy Hayward, Glenn & Lou Schulz and Rueben & Jean Prinzing (Bill Durdahl's parent in-laws).

We pray for those who have been called to active military service and for our mission partners around the globe.

Prelude

Brightest and Best | Baptized in Water

Words of Welcome & Church Bells

(The Lord be with you / **And also with you**)

Sharing of the Peace

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.**

Thanksgiving for Baptism

by Meta Herrick Carlson

P: Let it be the holy Trinity, one God, who creates, saves, and sends us with love that lives forever.

C: Amen.

P: Join to Christ in the waters of baptism we give thanks for the great exchange, the mercy and forgiveness that wrap our true selves and sacred belonging and purpose.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

P: For a word at the dawn of creation, which spoke water and life into being.

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P: The great flood that revealed nature's power, and God's commitment to life after death.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

P: For the river that carried Moses safely, building a bridge between mothers and nations.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

P: For the rock split open in the desert, spilling water for those thirsting for freedom.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

P: The one who turned water into wine and met a woman at the well with living water.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

P: For the gift of holy baptism, which declares there are no more godforsaken places, and nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus. For Christ is risen!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Opening Song

Here I Am to Worship

Light of the world, You stepped down into the darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

So, here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely, Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

Kings of all days, oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth you created
All of love's sake became poor.

So, here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely, Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

And I'll never know how much it cost, To see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know how much it cost, To see my sin upon that cross

So, here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely, Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

Salt and Light

We all need a little salt (need a little salt)
Need a little light (need a little light)
Need a hopeful word (need a hopeful word)
Shining bright
We can be a little salt (be a little salt)
Be a little light (be a little light)
In this darkened world (In this darkened world)
We can shine oh, oh, shine so bright
Shine oh, oh just like the starlight
Shine, oh, oh shine, shine, oh, oh shine the light

This little light of mine – I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine – I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine – I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

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Confession & Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, our protector, our wellspring of life.

C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting that God receives our words and the mediations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

C: **you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

P: God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In ✝ Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

C: **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God,

C: **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.**

Children's Message

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.

Choir Anthem

Walk in the Light

The Gospel of Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (This is the Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God**)

Sermon

Rev. Kira Anderson

Song of the Day

Christ Be Our Light

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1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

3 Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. **Refrain**

Refrain

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. **Refrain**

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. **Refrain**

5 Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
signs of your kingdom come. **Refrain**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

He will come again 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 the People

(Lord in your mercy / **Receive our Prayer**)

The 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.

Offering & Music

Wade in the Water

Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray,

C: **God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.**

Benediction

Closing Song

My Lighthouse

Vs1

In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea, woah
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Vs2

In the silence, You won't let go
In the questions, Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea, woah
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Chorus

My lighthouse, my lighthouse
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You
Oh My lighthouse, my lighthouse
I will trust the promise
You will carry me safe to shore
Safe to shore, Safe to shore, Safe to shore

Vs3

I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea, woah
You are the peace in my troubled sea (**Chorus**)

Bridge

Fire before us, You're the brightest
You will lead us through the storms
Fire before us, You're the brightest
You will lead us through the storms. Hey!
Fire before us, You're the brightest
You will lead us through the storms
Fire before us, You're the brightest
You will lead us through the storms (**Chorus**)

Dismissal (Go in peace to love and serve the Lord / **Thanks be to God**)

Postlude *Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne*

Parish Announcements

January Globe Offering – Residents of Valley View Recovery Center

New sign-up sheets are posted on the “Together We Can” board for the 2025 Fellowship & Coffee and Altar Flowers. Please pick up your new 2025 Offering Envelopes.

Weekly Church Calendar

Monday (1/13)	1pm Mission Quilting 6:30pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm Worship and Outreach Ministry
Tuesday (1/14)	7am Lydia Prayer 10am Retired Teachers
Wednesday (1/15)	6pm Faith Night 7pm Choir Practice
Saturday (1/18)	7am Men’s Bible Study
Sunday (1/19)	9:30am Worship Service (New Member Service) 10:45am Usher’s Meeting

Sunday, January 19, Worship Leaders

Acolyte	Kylie Sindt
Reader	Cathy Hanson
Pianist/Organist	Jane Bracken
Altar Guild	Barb Monroe & Judy Johnson
Offering Counters	Bryce & Danielle
Greeters/Ushers/Bell	Shari, Bill, Jeff & Tony (<i>one person to ring bell.</i>)
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Notice of Annual Meeting

ATTENTION CHURCH MEMBERS:

Please join St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church for our Annual Meeting.
Sunday, January 26th immediately following worship at 9:30 am.



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