

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

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Church Mission

" Bringing Christ
to the people...
...the people to Christ "

Church Slogan

Living, Loving,
Leading, and Laughing;
that's Our Saviour's
Lutheran Church

Our Ministers

The people

Our Pastor

Rev. Dr. Mark Braaten

Parish Administrator

Debbie Miller

Financial Administrator

Carol Lattier

Organist & Keyboardist

Jaeyong Lee

Council President

Bill Hebb

Member Goals

*As disciples of
our Lord, Jesus Christ,
we strive to grow in
faith through daily prayer
and bible reading,
attending worship
services, tithing,*

December 2, 2018

Worship Service

10:00 A.M.



Advent 1: A Time for Hope



To Our Guests and Visitors

Thank you for joining with us! We're glad you are here.

* To find our nursery go to the Sunday School wing. The Nursery is just a few doors down this hallway.

* We have activity bags for youngsters to use during worship. The bags include soft toys and coloring books. Please help yourself to a bag. Be sure to return it after worship.

* We practice open communion. If you are baptized and desire to share in the body and blood of our Lord, please join us.

* We begin communing children in the 5th grade. We offer a communion class to prepare 5th graders to receive this sacrament.

* If you would prefer grape juice instead of wine for communion, there is grape juice in the center of the tray of glasses.

* Following our worship service there is coffee and tea on the table in our café area. Please stay for some fellowship.

* Let us know how we can be of assistance to you!

WORSHIP SERVERS

Lay Coordinator:	Sally Dengerud
Ushers:	Sally & Cliff Dengerud
Acolyte:	Ben Snyder
Reader:	Travis Snyder
Communion Assistants:	Susan Buntz, Audrey Cameron & Jana Coke
Projectionist:	Toby Fite

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 2, 2018 ~ WELCOME

It is a pleasure to worship together.
If you are a newcomer, if you have a prayer request, or both,
please fill out the yellow pew card located on the back of a pew.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

OPENING HYMN ~ ANGELS, FROM THE REALM OF GLORY

LBW 50

Angels, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Once you sang creation's story;
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn king.

Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
Yonder shines the infant light.
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn king.

Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great desire of nations,
You have seen his natal star.
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn king.

All creation, join in praising
God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising
To the eternal Three in One.
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn king.

OUR SAVIOUR'S SINGERS ~ GIVE ME OIL IN MY LAMP

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: As we await the fullness of Christ's coming, let us acknowledge our sins and failures before God.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Our indifference toward your coming,

C: we confess to you, Lord.

P: Our desire to control time and seasons,

C: we confess to you, Lord.

P: Our failure to be alert to signs of your presence in our midst,

C: we confess to you, Lord.

P: Our lack of concern for those who come after us,

C: we confess to you, Lord.

P: Our lack of compassion for people you came to save,

C: we confess to you, Lord.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, I declare to you the forgiveness of your sins, and the grace to know joy in the Savior's coming.

C: Amen.

GREETING

P: From the one who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty: grace, light, and peace be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Please Sit

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

P: Centuries before the birth of Jesus, the people of God longed and waited for the Messiah. Prophets foretold His coming. We, too, wait in trust for His advent among us. We pray for the same Holy Spirit that moved the prophets to stir our hearts to faith in God's Word.

In hope, we light the first candle on the Advent wreath. We read in Hebrews, Chapter 1:

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed the heir of all things. (Hebrews 1:1-21)

Light the first candle.

OH COME, OH COME, EMMANUEL ~ LBW 34, VERSE 1

Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 33:14-16

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and right-

eousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'"

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 25:1-10

¹To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

²**Let none who look to you be put to shame;
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

³Show me your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.

⁴**Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.**

⁵Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.

⁶**Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**

⁷Gracious and upright is the Lord;
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

⁸**He guides the humble in doing right
and teaches his way to the lowly.**

⁹All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

¹⁰**For your name's sake, O Lord,
forgive my sin, for it is great.**

SECOND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 3:9-13

What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? ¹¹Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹²and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SONG ~ I'VE GOT THE JOY, JOY, JOY, JOY

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy	Down in my heart!
down in my heart	I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy
Where?	down in my heart
Down in my heart!	Down in my heart to stay
Where?	

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Please Stand

GOSPEL VERSE ~ ALLELUIA, LORD

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

GOSPEL ~ LUKE 21:25-36

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 21st chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please Sit

SERMON ~ PASTOR MARK BRAATEN

Please Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY ~ REJOICE, REJOICE, BELIEVERS

LBW 25, vs, 1, 2, & 4

Rejoice, rejoice, believers,
And let your lights appear;
The evening is advancing,
And darker night is near.
The bridegroom is arising
And soon is drawing nigh.

Up, pray and watch and wrestle;
At midnight comes the cry.

The watchers on the mountain
Proclaim the bridegroom near;
Go forth as he approaches
With alleluias clear.

The marriage feast is waiting;
The gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory;
The bridegroom is at hand.

Our hope and expectation,
O Jesus, now appear;

Arise, O Sun so longed for,
O'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted,
We plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption
That sets your people free!

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. 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.

THE PRAYERS

A: Watchful at all times, let us pray in joyful anticipation for the advent of our God.

After each petition of the prayer the pastor will say "O giver of hope".

*The congregation will respond, "**hear our prayer.**"*

P: Sustain us in your promises, faithful God, as we watch for you, and gather us into the peaceful reign of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

Please Sit

OFFERING

Please Stand

OFFERTORY ~ THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ~ P. 88 LBW

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

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

P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ~ P. 89 LBW

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,

that all those who believe in him

should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you

for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,

that we may receive our Lord with a living faith

as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: 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.

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.

Please Sit

DISTRIBUTION

*For those who prefer, the center circle of glasses contain grape juice.
Please return your cup in the basket on the aisle.*

LAMB OF GOD ~ P. 92 LBW

**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 SONG #1 ~ ANCIENT WORDS

Holy words, long preserved
For our walk in this world.
They resound with God's own heart;
O let the ancient words impart.

Words of life, words of hope,
Give us strength, help us cope.
In this world where'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us home.

Ancient words ever true,
Changing me, changing you.
We have come with open hearts,
O, let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith
Handed down to this age,
Came to us through sacrifice,
O, heed the faithful words of Christ.

Ancient words ever true,
Changing me, changing you.
We have come with open hearts,
O, let the ancient words impart.

Ancient words ever true,
Changing me and changing you.

We have come with open hearts,
O, let the ancient words impart.
We have come with open hearts,
O, let the ancient words impart...
O, let the ancient words impart.

COMMUNION SONG #2 ~ OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN
LBW 42

Of the Father's love begotten
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the source, the ending he.
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore.

Oh, that birth forever blessed,
When the virgin full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving,
Bore the Savior of our race,
And the babe, the world's redeemer,
First revealed his sacred face,
Evermore and evermore.

This is he whom seers in old time
Chanted of with one accord,
Whom the voices of the prophets
Promised in their faithful word;
Now he shines, the long expected;
Let creation praise its Lord
Evermore and evermore.

Let the heights of heav'n adore him,
Angel hosts, his praises sing;
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before him
And extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Ev'ry voice in concert ring
Evermore and evermore.
A-men.

COMMUNION SONG #3 ~ WHAT CHILD IS THIS
LBW 40

What child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the king,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
Come peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
The babe, the son of Mary.

Please Stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE ~ "GLORY TO GOD"

(Sung to the tune of "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee")

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.

Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth;

We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise;

Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord fill you with joy and hope, as we look to His coming among us. In the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CLOSING SONG ~ ~ HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING

LBW 60

Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all you nations, rise;
Join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Chorus:

*Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"*

Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come,

Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
Hail, incarnate deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel!

Chorus

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise each child of earth,
Born to give us second birth.

Chorus

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE ~ DR. JAEYONG LEE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confirmation Class trip and fundraisers

Our Confirmation Class is looking at a June trip to Galveston. They are beginning some fundraisers for the trip this month.

*Every Sunday morning - the youth will provide gift wrapping

*On Sunday, Dec. 23 the youth will hold a Bake Sale in the narthex

Sunday School Christmas Tree Excursion

The annual Sunday School trip to cut a Christmas Tree for the education wing will be on Saturday, December 8. Meet at the church at 9:30 for breakfast, we will head for the tree farm about 10. We are encouraging each family to send one parent or guardian for supervision. Plan to come; this is always a wonderful event!

Help Wanted – Church Directory

The church council would like for us to do an updated picture church directory. We have had a lot of new members and we'd like to update our directory to reflect that. If you would be willing to work on this project, please talk to Pastor Mark or Bill Hebb.

Mid-Week Advent Activities

With December we enter the season of Advent. We will offer special activities on the Wednesday evenings of Advent. At 6:00 p.m. we will have a soup and salad dinner in the fellowship hall. At 7:00 pm we will have special Advent services. We will have three Wednesdays when we offer these activities – Dec. 5, 12, and 19. Here are a few more details:

At 6:00 pm we will have a soup and salad supper. There is no cost for the meal. Please come when you can and enjoy a meal with your church family. We are also asking people to sign up to help with setting up or cooking or cleaning up after a meal.

Worship will be at 7:00 pm. Pastor Mark will start with a Bible study on what the Gospel of Matthew tells us about Christmas. After the study we will use the Holden Village Evening Prayer worship service. This is a beautiful and popular service and most fitting for Advent.

Here is the schedule for topics in the Bible study:

Dec. 5 – The Genealogy of Jesus – Matthew 1:1-17

Dec. 12 – Joseph and his dreams – Matthew 1:18-25

Dec. 19 – The Wisemen – Matthew 2:1-12

Be sure to come and share this Advent season!

High School Youth

Our High School Youth are meeting right after worship today.

Primetimers

Big change for this year's meeting on **December 13, 2018 at 12 noon** at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church; **NO** cookie exchange. Instead there will be a Christmas ornament or gag-gift exchange. You may bring either and it can be something used or something purchased. Don't spend more than \$5 if you purchase it. Do wrap the gift.

In addition, please bring toiletries to be donated to the Social Ministry committee to distribute to those less fortunate than we. The toiletries should be travel size and items such as tooth brushes, tooth paste, shampoo, lotion, combs, and items that one might receive while staying at a motel.

The luncheon will be a potluck (share a dish) of international foods—anything you feel like cooking). The ornament/gift exchange as well as some other surprises will be in store. Jenny Videtto will be involved, so you know it will be fun.

Do plan to attend. Not only will the food be great, but the fellowship is “out of this world”. Remember we are the “most caring Primetimers in the world”. There is no one who will intimidate you or nothing to obligate you, just great folks to welcome you, so give us a try.

Remember, bring an ornament/gag gift wrapped for the exchange, toiletries for the less fortunate, a dish to share for the luncheon, and **do bring a friend** to share the fellowship.

Please RSVP to Mary Ferguson via email or 903-565-6607, by Tuesday December 11th so we know how many tables to prepare.

Christmas in the Neighborhood

We have begun “Christmas In The Neighborhood”. We will provide gifts for four seniors in our community who receive Meals On Wheels and who do not have family. There are signup sheets on the table in the Narthax. Please participate by agreeing to bring gift items listed. Gifts should be returned by December 9th.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR (DECEMBER 2— DECEMBER 9, 2018)

THIS WEEK'S OFFICE HOURS: MON. - WED. 10:00-2:00

IF YOU HAVE A NEED, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE @ 903-561-1865

SUNDAY—December 2, 2018

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Adult Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
 Choir Practice 9:15 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
 Youth Meeting 11:15 a.m.

THURSDAY

AA 12:00 p.m.
 CODA 6:00 p.m.
 ACA 6:00 p.m.

MONDAY

No Activities Scheduled 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

No Activities Scheduled

SATURDAY

AA Meeting 12:00 p.m.

TUESDAY

Quilters 9:00 a.m.
 AA Meeting 12:00 p.m.

SUNDAY—December 9, 2018

Adult Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
 Choir Practice 9:15 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY—ADVENT

Soup Supper 6:00 p.m.
 Prayer Time 6:45 p.m.
 Worship 7:00 p.m.

STEWARDSHIP		NOVEMBER 25, 2018 WORSHIP	
Monthly Budget	<u>\$ 20,333</u>	Worship Service	<u>108</u>
Prior November Donations	\$ 15,636	Year to Date Average	<u>120</u>
Donations on Sunday, Nov. 25	\$ 1,842		
Other Offering	<u>1,548</u>		
Cumulative November Donations	<u>\$ 19,026</u>		
Year to Date Donations	<u>\$240,621</u>		