

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 9, 2018

Worship Service

10:00 A.M.





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:	Connie Gibbs
Ushers:	Connie & Terry Gibbs
Acolyte:	Abby Gibbs & Mackenzie Davis
Reader:	Carmen Nazario
Communion Assistants:	Jana Coke, Ken & Cheryl Pontious
Projectionist:	Toby Fite

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 9, 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 ~ SOON AND VERY SOON

WOV 744

Soon and very soon
We are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon
We are goin' to see the King
Soon and very soon
We are goin' to see the King
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
We're goin' to see the King!

No more cryin' there
We are goin' to see the King,
No more cryin' there
We are goin' to see the King
No more cryin' there
We are goin' to see the King
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
We're goin' to see the King!

No more dyin' there
We are goin' to see the King,
No more dyin' there
We are goin' to see the King
No more dyin' there
We are goin' to see the King
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
We're goin' to see the King!

Soon and very soon
We are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon
We are goin' to see the King
Soon and very soon
We are goin' to see the King
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
We're goin' to see the King!

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. Almighty God, you once called John the Baptist to give witness to the coming of your Son and to prepare his way. Grant us, your people, the wisdom to see your purpose today and the openness to hear your will, that we may witness to Christ's coming and so prepare his way; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please Sit

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

P: At His birth in Bethlehem, there was no room found for Jesus. The Ruler of the Universe was wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid to sleep in a manger. Remembering that we love only because He first loved us, we pray that God would prepare for Himself a place in our hearts.

In love, we light the second candle on the Advent wreath. We read in Micah, Chapter 5:

You, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. (Micah 5:2)

Light the second candle.

OH COME, OH COME, EMMANUEL ~ LBW 34, vs. 2

Oh, come, oh, come, great Lord of might,
Who to your tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times once gave the law

In cloud, and majesty, and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.

FIRST READING: MALACHI 3:1-7b

“Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. ³He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the Lord. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of

old and as in former years. ⁵Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts. ⁶For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. ⁷From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts.”

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 66:1-12

¹Be joyful in God, all you lands;

 sing the glory of his name; sing the glory of his praise.

²**Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!**

because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

³All the earth bows down before you,

 sings to you, sings out your name.”

⁴**Come now and see the works of God,**

how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.

⁵He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot,

 and there we rejoiced in him.

⁶**In his might he rules forever; his eyes keep watch over the nations;**

let no rebel rise up against him.

⁷Bless our God, you peoples;

 make the voice of his praise to be heard;

⁸**Who holds our souls in life,**

and will not allow our feet to slip.

⁹For you, O God, have proved us;

 you have tried us just as silver is tried.

¹⁰**You brought us into the snare;**

you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

¹¹You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water;

 but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

¹²**I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows,**

which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

SECOND READING: PHILLIPIANS 1:2-11

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SONG ~ AWAY IN A MANGER

LBW 67, vs. 1

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The Little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

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 3:1-20

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 3rd 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 ~ ON JORDAN'S BANKS

LBW 36, vs, 1 - 3 & 5

On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of kings!

Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin;
Make straight the way for God within,
And let us all our hearts prepare
For Christ to come and enter there.

We hail you as our Savior, Lord,
Our refuge and our great reward;
Without your grace we waste away
Like flow'rs that wither and decay.

All praise to you, eternal Son,
Whose advent has our freedom won,
Whom with the Father we adore,
And Holy Spirit, evermore.

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 ~ GOD WILL MAKE A WAY

God will make a way
Where there seems to be no way.
He works in ways we cannot see.
He will make a way for me.
He will be my Guide,
Hold me closely to His side.
With love and strength for each new day
He will make a way...He will make a way.
(Repeat)

By a roadway in the wilderness,
You lead me.
Rivers in the desert will I see.

Heaven and earth will fade,
But His Word will still remain.
And He will do something new today.

God will make a way
Where there seems to be no way.
He works in ways we cannot see.
He will make a way for me.
He will be my Guide,
Hold me closely to His side.
With love and strength for each new day
He will make a way...He will make a way.

COMMUNION SONG #2 ~ INFANT LOWLY, INFANT HOLY

LBW 44

Infant holy, infant lowly,
For his bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing,
Christ the child is Lord of all.
Swiftly winging, angels singing,
Bells are ringing, tidings bringing;
Christ the child is Lord of all!
Christ the child is Lord of all!

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping
Vigil till the morning new
Saw the glory, heard the story,
Tidings of a Gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
Praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the child was born for you!
Christ the child was born for you!

COMMUNION SONG #3 ~ IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR

LBW 54

It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to all,

from heav'n's all-gracious king."
The world in solemn stillness lay
to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come
with peaceful wings unfurled,

and still their heav'nly music floats
o'er all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains
they bend on hov'ring wing,
and ever o'er its babel sounds
the blessed angels sing.

And you, beneath life's crushing load,
whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way
with painful steps and slow:

look now, for glad and golden hours
come swiftly on the wing;
oh, rest beside the weary road
and hear the angels sing!

For lo! The days are hast'ning on,
by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and all the world give back the song

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 ~ ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

LBW 71

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.

Chorus:

Gloria in excelsis Deo;

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?

What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song?

Chorus

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn king.

Chorus

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE ~ DR. JAEYONG LEE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Members

It is with great joy that we welcome two new members to our family of faith today—Glory Gopinath and Frances (Dee Dee) Cook.

Confirmation Class trip and fundraisers

Our Confirmation Class is looking at a June trip to Galveston. They are hosting 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

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.

Our High School Youth will also be having a Christmas party here at the church on Saturday night, Dec. 15 from 5:30 until 9:00 pm. They will share dinner, make ornaments for the tree and watch a Christmas movie.

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

Thank you to everyone who signed up to help with this year's Christmas in the Neighborhood Drive. Please bring your gifts to church today.

Christmas Eve Fellowship Before Music Concert

On December 24th at our early service we will be having a finger food /appetizer social starting at 6pm. We are requesting food items that do not need to be heated so that everyone can enjoy the get together before the music begins at 6:30. There will be a **sign up sheet in the narthex**. Please come and participate we always have a good time with lots of fellowship and great food.

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.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR (DECEMBER 9— DECEMBER 16, 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 9, 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 Meeting 12:00 p.m.
 Primetimers 12:00 p.m.
 CODA 6:00 p.m.
 ACA 6:00 p.m.

MONDAY

Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.
 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES
 DEADLINE—NOON

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 16, 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		DECEMBER 2, 2018 WORSHIP	
Monthly Budget	<u>\$ 20,333</u>	Worship Service	<u>143</u>
Total November Donations	<u>\$ 20,439</u>	Year to Date Average	<u>120</u>
Donations on Sunday, Dec. 2	\$ 5,188		
Other Offering			
Cumulative December Donations	<u>\$ 5,188</u>		
Year to Date Donations	<u>\$ 247,132</u>		