

# 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,*

**January 6, 2019**  
**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 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We offer a communion class to prepare 5<sup>th</sup> 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:	Ryan Gibbs
Ushers:	Ryan Gibbs and Milo Miles
Acolyte:	Ben Snyder
Reader:	Travis Snyder
Communion Assistants:	Susan Buntz, Dee Miles, and Audrey Cameron
Projectionist:	Toby Fite

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# THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

## JANUARY 6, 2019 ~ 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.

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### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please Stand*

### OPENING HYMN ~ I, THE LORD OF SEA AND SKY WOV 752

“I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin  
my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?”

*Refrain*

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

“I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people’s pain.

I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?”

*Refrain*

“I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?”

*Refrain*

### CONFESSION OF SIN

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy

Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. In the name of Jesus Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

## 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.**

## 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.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE ~ THIS IS THE FEAST

LBW 81

This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of  
God.

Power and riches and wisdom and  
strength and honor and blessing  
and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God and join  
in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor and glory and  
might be to God and the Lamb for-  
ever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has  
begun his reign.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. O God, on this day, by the leading of a star, you revealed your only-begotten Son to the nations. Mercifully grant that we, who know you by faith, may be brought to contemplate the beauty of your majesty; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Please Sit*

### FIRST READING: ISAIAH 60:1-6

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. <sup>2</sup>For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. <sup>3</sup>And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. <sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. <sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. <sup>6</sup>A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the Lord.

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 72:1-11

- <sup>1</sup>Give the King your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- <sup>2</sup>**That he may rule your people righteously  
and the poor with justice;**
- <sup>3</sup>That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,  
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- <sup>4</sup>**He shall defend the needy among the people;  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**
- <sup>5</sup>He shall live as long as the sun and | moon endure,  
from one generation to another.
- <sup>6</sup>**He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,  
like showers that water the earth.**
- <sup>7</sup>In his time shall the righteous flourish;  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- <sup>8</sup>**He shall rule from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.**
- <sup>9</sup>His foes shall bow down before him,  
and his enemies lick the dust.
- <sup>10</sup>**The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute,  
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.**
- <sup>11</sup>All kings shall bow down before him,  
and all the nations do him service.

## SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 3:1-12

<sup>1</sup>For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles — <sup>2</sup>assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup>how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. <sup>4</sup>When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup>which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. <sup>7</sup>Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup>To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, <sup>10</sup>so that through the

church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **CHILDREN'S SONG ~ JESUS LOVES ME**

Jesus loves me, this I know.  
For the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong,  
They are weak but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me.  
Yes, Jesus loves me.  
Yes, Jesus loves me.  
The Bible tells me so.

### **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 ~ MATTHEW 2:1-12**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 2nd 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 ~ WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE

WOV 646

We three kings of Orient are;  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
Following yonder star.

Born a king on Bethlehem's plain,  
Gold I bring to crown him again;  
King forever, ceasing never,  
Over us all to reign.

*Chorus*

Chorus:

*Oh, star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright;  
West-ward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light!*

Frankincense to offer have I;  
Incense owns a deity nigh;  
Prayer and praising, gladly raising,  
Worshipping God, most High.

*Chorus*

### 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

Congregation sings refrain of "Lord, listen to your children praying." **WOV 775**

**Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.**



Pastor Mark prays while Jaeyong plays refrain in background.

**Congregation repeats refrain.**

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**Congregation repeats refrain.**

## **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.**

# WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## 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 ~ ABOVE ALL

Above all powers, above all kings,  
Above all nature and all created things,  
Above all wisdom and all the ways of  
man,

You were here before the world began.

Above all kingdoms, above all thrones,  
Above all wonders the world has ever  
known,

Above all wealth and treasures of the  
earth,

There's no way to measure what you're  
worth.

Crucified...laid behind a stone,  
You lived to die...rejected and alone.

Like a rose, trampled on the ground,  
You took the fall  
And thought of me  
Above all.

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## **COMMUNION SONG #2 ~ BECAUSE HE LIVES**

God sent His Son,  
They called Him Jesus;  
He came to love, heal and forgive.  
He bled and died to buy my pardon;  
An empty grave is there  
to prove my Savior lives.

*Chorus:*  
*Because He lives I can face tomorrow.*  
*Because He lives, all fear is gone.*  
*Because I know He holds the future,*  
*And life is worth the living*  
*Just because He lives.*

How sweet to hold our newborn baby,  
And feel the pride and joy he gives;  
But greater still the calm assurance;  
This child can face uncertain days  
Because Christ lives.

Chorus

And then one day, I'll cross that river;  
I'll fight life's final war with pain.  
And then, as death gives way to vict'ry,  
I'll see the lights of glory and  
I'll know He reigns.

Chorus

## **COMMUNION SONG #3 ~ PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND** WOV 731

Precious Lord, take my hand,  
lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
Through the storm, through the night,  
lead me on to the light.  
Take my hand, precious Lord,  
lead me home.

When my way grows drear,  
precious Lord, linger near,

when my life is almost gone,  
hear my cry, hear my call,  
hold my hand lest I fall.  
Take my hand, precious Lord,  
lead me home.

When the darkness appears  
and the night draws near,  
and the day is past and gone,  
at the river I stand,  
guide my feet, hold my hand.

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 ~ SONG OF SIMEON**

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace,

Your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the Salvation,

Which you have prepared in the sight of every people.

A light to reveal you to the Nations,

And the glory of your people, Israel.

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace.

## **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: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

## **CLOSING SONG ~ GO MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING"**

WOV 721

Go, my children, with my blessing,  
never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you,  
you are my own.

In my love's baptismal river  
I have made you mine forever  
Go, my children, with my blessing,  
you are my own.

Go, my children, sins forgiven,  
at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you,  
what I can cure.

Here you heard my dear Son's story,  
here you touched him, saw his glory.  
Go, my children, sins forgiven,  
At peace and pure.

Go, my children, fed and nourished,  
closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving,  
joyful and free.

Here my Spirit's power filled you,  
here my tender comfort still you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished,  
joyful and free.

I the Lord will bless and keep you,  
and give you peace.  
I the Lord will smile upon you,  
and give you peace.  
I the Lord will be your Father,  
Savior, Comforter, and Brother.  
Go, my children, I will keep you,  
and give you peace.

## **DISMISSAL**

**A:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE ~ DR. JAEYONG LEE**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Thank you from Braaten Family**

Thank you for the wonderful Christmas Love gift. Your generosity and care are much appreciated! Thank you and God Bless. The Braaten Family

### **Sunday School Resumes**

Sunday School classes for all ages resume today.

### **Primetimers**

Primetimers has decided to slow the pace for January after the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season. The January meeting scheduled for **January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 will begining at 1PM at OSLC.**

There will be an afternoon of watching Christian DVD's and munching on snacks while watching the films. Everyone is to bring a snack (popcorn etc.) to share. The DVD's chronicle the lives of Peter, Stephen, James, Timothy and many others who were the early followers of Jesus. Who was Jesus & what was it like to be in His presence? In the time that He physically walked among mankind, what was His purpose? What is the purpose of our lives now?

Mark your calendars and do note the time change. Bring friends for some fantastic Christian fellowship. There is nothing to obligate you or no one to intimidate you, just great Christian friends to welcome you. Remember we are the "most caring Primetimers in the world".

### **Confirmation Resumes**

Confirmation begins again on Wednesday evening, January 9 at 6:30 p.m.

### **High School Retreat at Lutherhill**

High School youth, we are going to Lutherhill for a retreat again in 2019. The annual High School retreat will be Feb. 9-11. We will leave Friday evening and return late Sunday afternoon. This is a great time of worship, small groups, ultimate frisbee, and all sorts of fun. The cost for the gathering is going to be \$80. Please register with Courtney or Bailey if you plan to attend.

### **Congregational Meeting**

Our annual meeting of the congregation will be on Sunday, January 27 at 11:15 a.m. The meeting will be followed by a congregational potluck dinner. 2018 has been an incredible year of ministry for OSLC; we want our congregational meeting to be a time of celebrating and thanking God for all He is doing!

### **Adult Forums on Jan. 13 and 20**

Our church council is going to host adult forums on Sunday, Jan. 13 and 20 during the Sunday School hour. The council will share with the congregation the proposed budget for 2019 and all the items on the agenda for the annual meeting. We've learned in past years that it is most important to have the congregation informed of all of this before the annual meeting. That gives people a chance to pray and reflect ahead of the meeting. Please come to these forums and share your input and thoughts.

### **Thursday Morning Bible Study**

On Thursday at 10:00 AM we begin a new 12 week study of Genesis. We have study guides available in the church office. We hope you can join us!

If you have any questions about our current study or future studies, please contact Chris Burris at 303-668-6643 or [cburris9031@gmail.com](mailto:cburris9031@gmail.com).

### **SPRING CLEAN EARLY**

As you put away all those new Christmas items, clean out your excess and bring it to the church for a GARAGE SALE on March 2. Anything of higher value will be put in a locked room and listed separately at the sale or online.

The proceeds will be split between the youth for their trip to Galveston and a yet to be determined need in the church as well as a social ministry's program.

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR (JANUARY 6—JANUARY 13, 2019)**

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

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

**SUNDAY—January 6, 2019**

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.

**THURSDAY**

Bible Study 10:00 a.m.  
 Primetimers 1:00 p.m.  
 AA Meeting 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

**TUESDAY**

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

**SATURDAY**

AA Meeting 12:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**

Confirmation 6:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY—January 13, 2019**

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

<b>STEWARDSHIP</b>		<b>DECEMBER 30, 2018 WORSHIP</b>	
Monthly Budget	<u>\$ 20,333</u>	Worship Service	<u>105</u>
Total December Donations	<u>\$ 31,892</u>	Year to Date Average	<u>122</u>
Year to Date Donations	<u>\$ 273,835</u>		
Thank you for your tithes And donations during 2018.			