

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

4900 Kinsey Drive, Tyler, Texas

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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

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Parish Administrator

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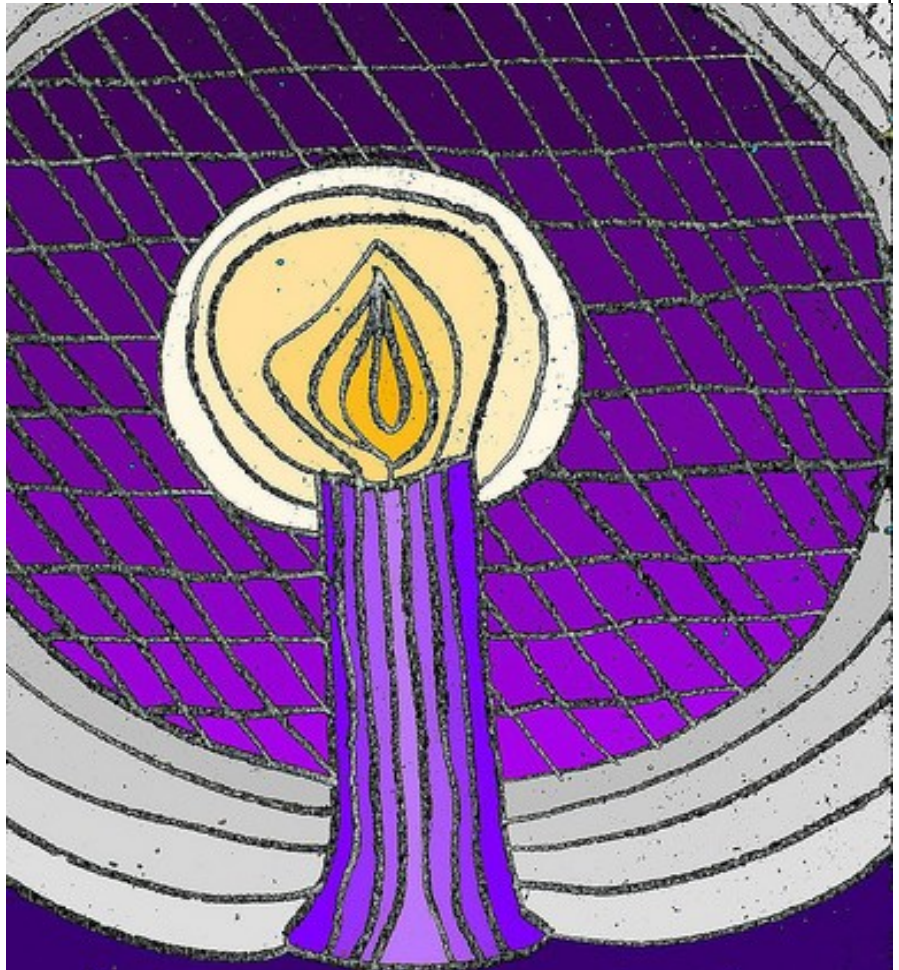
Member Goals

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

December 1, 2019

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:	Ryan Gibbs
Ushers:	Ryann Gibbs & Milo Miles
Acolyte:	Annabelle Davis
Reader:	Travis Snyder
Communion Assistants:	Susan Buntz, Audrey Cameron & Dee Miles
Projectionist:	Toby Fite

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 1, 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.

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 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!

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!

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. 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, vs. 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: ISAIAH 2:1-5

¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ²It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, ³and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their

spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 122

¹I was glad when they | said to me,*
“Let us go to the house | of the Lord.”

²**Now our | feet are standing***
within your gates, | O Jerusalem.

³Jerusalem is built | as a city*
that is at unity | with itself;

⁴**To which the tribes go up, the tribes | of the Lord,***
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name | of the Lord.

⁵For there are the | thrones of judgment,*
the thrones of the | house of David.

⁶**Pray for the peace | of Jerusalem:***
“May they pros- | per who love you.

⁷Peace be with- | in your walls*
and quietness with- | in your towers.

⁸**For my brethren and com- | panions’ sake,***
I pray for | your prosperity.

⁹Because of the house of the | Lord our God,*
I will seek to | do you good.”

SECOND READING: ROMANS 13:11-14

¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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 ~ MATTHEW 24:36-44

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 24th 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 ~ IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and
storm.
What heights of love, what depths of
peace;
When fears are stilled, when strivings
cease.

My Comforter, my All-in-all;
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious Day,
Up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;

For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious
blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me.

From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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.**

It is indeed right and salutary . . . (*Here the minister continues with the preface appropriate to the day or session, concluding:*)

We praise your name and join their unending praise:

C: **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.

LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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 IS GOOD

God is good, all the time.
He put a song of praise
in this heart of mine.
God is good all the time,
Through the darkest night
his light will shine.
God is good, God is good...,
all the time.

If you're walkin' through the valley
And there are shadows all around,
Do not fear, He will guide you,
He will keep you safe and sound.
'Cause He has promised to never leave you;
Nor forsake you, and His Word is true.

God is good, all the time.

He put a song of praise
in this heart of mine.
God is good, all the time.
Through the darkest night
his light will shine.
God is good, God is good...,
all the time.

We were sinners, so unworthy,
Still for us He chose to die.
Filled us with His Holy Spirit;
Now we can stand and testify
that His love is everlasting,
and His mercies they will never end.

God is good, all the time.
He put a song of praise
in this heart of mine.
God is good all the time,
Through the darkest night

his light will shine.
God is good, God is good...,
all the time.

Though I may not understand
all the plans You have for me.
My life is in Your hands,
and through the eyes of faith
I can clearly see...

God is good, all the time.
He put a song of praise
in this heart of mine.
God is good all the time,
Through the darkest night
his light will shine.

God is good, God is good,
God is good, He's so good,
God is good, He's so good,
... all the time!

COMMUNION SONG #2 ~ ANGELS FROM THE REALMS 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.

COMMUNION SONG #3 ~ ANCIENT WORDS

LBW 50

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 and 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 #4 ~ DONA NOBIS PACEM

WOV 774

Dona nobis pacem, pacem.

Dona nobis pacem.

Dona nobis pacem.

Dona nobis pacem.

Dona nobis pacem.

Dona nobis pacem.

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.

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 ~ ~ COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

LBW 30 (SUNG TO THE TUNE OF LBW 315)

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art,
Dear desire of ev'ry nation,
joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child, and yet a king;
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE ~ DR. JAEYONG LEE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School Schedule

Sunday School is not meeting today because of the Thanksgiving Holiday weekend. Classes for age three through Adults will resume next Sunday.

Advent is Here!

Advent, the wonderful season of preparation for Christmas, begins today. On the Wednesdays of Advent, beginning this Wednesday, we will again offer special mid-week worship services. We will worship on Wednesdays Dec. 4, 11, and 18. The Wednesday night schedule will include a time for prayer at 6:30, followed by worship at 7:00.

Please note, we will not be doing the soup suppers this year.

Offering Envelopes

The offering envelopes for 2020 will be put out in the church entryway during December. Be sure to pick up your box.

Thank You!!

We share a wonderful word of thanks to all who gave for this year's PATH Food Drive in November. We had a great response of food for those in need here in Tyler. All donated items have been given to PATH for distribution. Thank you for your generous support!

Sunday School Table

One of our goals this year is to get more people involved in working with Sunday School. We realize one reason people are hesitant help is that they aren't sure what happens in a Sunday School class. No worries – we provide plenty of training and help. And we are putting a table in the narthex with Sunday School curriculum on it so that you can see what we are teaching. The materials are easy to prepare, quite self-explanatory, and great to use. Please do take a look!

Lutheranism 101

We are going to offer a class on Tuesday night, Dec. 3, at 7:00 p.m. We are going to call it "Lutheranism 101". It will be an introduction to the Lutheran Church, including history, theology, and what we do here at OSLC. We've had a number of visitors of late and we thought this would be a fun way to introduce what Lutherans are about. There will be lots of discussion and time for questions. The class is both for people who are new to Our Saviour's and for long time members who would like a refresher.

Dessert will be provided. Please come for a fun evening. We will meet in the fellowship hall.

Egyptian Coptic Worship

The Egyptian Coptic congregation that uses our worship space will worship here on Saturday, December 7 beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Are You Available to Serve Christmas Eve @ 11:00 Service

The Worship Server's schedule for December is included in the December newsletter. However we need Ushers, a Reader and Communion Servers who would be willing to serve at the 11:00 service on Christmas Eve. If you will be attending at 11:00 p.m. and are willing to serve, please let Debbie Miller know at dmiller@oslctyler.org, 903-561-1865 or leave a message on our voicemail. Thank you for your service.



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR (DECEMBER 1— DECEMBER 8, 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—December 1, 2019

Choir Practice 9:15 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
 Youth Meeting 11:15 a.m.

THURSDAY

Bible Study 10:00 a.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.
 Lutheranism 101 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY

Coptic Church 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Advent Service 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY-December 8, 2019

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

STEWARDSHIP		NOVEMBER 24, 2019 WORSHIP	
Monthly Budget	<u>\$ 23,000</u>	Worship Service	<u>130</u>
Prior November Donations	\$14,607	Year to Date Average	<u>125</u>
Donations on Sunday, Nov. 24	3,978		
Other Offering	<u>933</u>		
Cumulative November Donations	<u>\$ 19,518</u>		
Year to Date Donations	<u>\$243,212</u>		