

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

Rev. Dr. Mark Braaten

Parish Administrator

Debbie Miller

Financial Administrator

Carol Lattier

Organist & Keyboardist

Jaeyong Lee

Council President

Bill Videtto

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 8, 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 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

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| Lay Coordinator: | Robert Henriksen |
| Ushers: | Robert Henriksen & Nicholas Henriksen |
| Acolyte: | Abby Gibbs |
| Reader: | Becky Chambers |
| Communion Assistants: | Max Lewis, Jana Snyder, & Blaine Davis |
| Projectionist: | Toby Fite |

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 8, 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 ~ OH COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

LBW 45

Oh, come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant!
Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him born the king of
angels:

Chorus:

*Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!*

The highest, most holy,
Light of light eternal,

Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
Son of the Father now in
flesh appearing! *Chorus*

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God in the highest: *Chorus*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, now in
flesh appearing: *Chorus*

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, Ch. 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, V. 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: ISAIAH 11:1-10

¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. ²And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. ³And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. ⁶The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. ⁹They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the

sea. ¹⁰In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples — of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 72:1-7

¹Give the King your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the King's Son;

²**That he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice;**

³That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the little hills bring righteousness.

⁴**He shall defend the needy among the people;
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**

⁵He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.

⁶**He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.**

⁷In his time shall the righteous flourish;
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 15:4-13

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name." ¹⁰And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." ¹¹And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." ¹²And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." ¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SONG ~ AWAY IN A MANGER

LBW 67, V. 2

The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

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 3:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, 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 THE BAPTIST'S CRY

LBW 36, V. 1-3

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.

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 . . . *(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.**

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 ~ EL SHADDAI

Chorus:

*El Shaddai, El Shaddai,
El, El-yon-na Adonai,
Age to age You're still the same,
By the power of the name.
El Shaddai, El Shaddai,
Er-Kam Kana Adonai,
We will praise and lift You high,
El Shaddai.*

Through Your love and through the ram,
You saved the son of Abraham,
Through the power of Your hand
You turned the sea into dry land.

To the outcast on her knees
You were the God who really sees,
And by Your might You set Your children
free. *Chorus*

Through the years You made it clear
That the time of Christ was near,
Though the people could not see
What Messiah ought to be
Though Your Word contained the plan
They just could not understand
Your most awesome works was done
In the frailty of Your Son. *Chorus*

COMMUNION SONG #2 ~ ALL EARTH IS HOPEFUL

WOV 629

All earth is hopeful, the Savior comes at last!
Furrows lie open for God's creative task;
This, the labor of people, who struggle to see
How God's truth and justice set ev'ry-body free.

People of Israel, you heard the prophet tell:
"A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel";
She conceived him, "God with us," our brother, whose birth
Restores hope and courage to children of this earth.

Mountains and valleys will have to be prepared;
New highways opened, new protocols declared.
Almost here! God is nearing, in beauty and grace!
All clear ev'ry gateway, in haste, come out in haste!

We first saw Jesus a baby in a crib.
This same Lord Jesus today has come to live
In our world; he his present, in neighbors we see
Our Jesus is with us, and ever sets us free.

COMMUNION SONG #3 ~ WE ARE CALLED

Come, live in the light,
Shine with joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called
To be light for the kingdom,
To live in the freedom
Of the city of God.

Chorus:

*We are called to act with justice;
We are called to love tenderly.
We are called to serve one another,
To walk humbly with God.*

Come, open your heart!
Show your mercy to
All those in fear!
We are called

To be hope for the hopeless,
So hatred and violence
Will be no more.

Chorus

Sing, sing a new song!
Sing of that great day
When all will be one God will reign,
And we'll walk with each other
As sisters and brothers
United in love.

Chorus

Ending:
We'll walk humbly with God.
We'll walk humbly with God.
We'll walk humbly...
Humbly...

COMMUNION SONG #4 ~ JESUS, REMEMBER ME

WOV 740

Jesus, remember me
When you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me
When you come into your kingdom.

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 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?

*Gloria in excelsis Deo;
Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

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

*Gloria in excelsis Deo;
Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

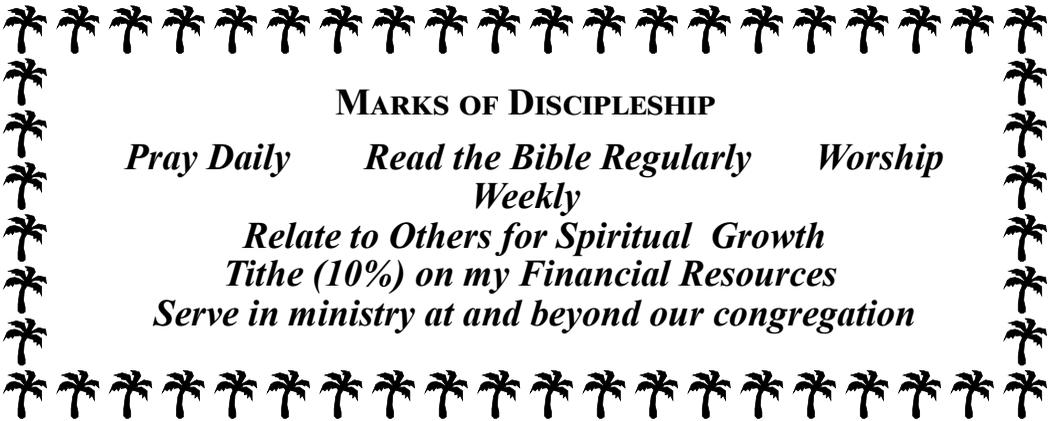
C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE ~ DR. JAEYONG LEE

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MARKS OF DISCIPLESHIP

*Pray Daily Read the Bible Regularly Worship
Weekly*

Relate to Others for Spiritual Growth

Tithe (10%) on my Financial Resources

Serve in ministry at and beyond our congregation

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offering Envelopes

The offering envelopes for 2019 will be put out in the church entryway during December. Be sure to pick up your box.

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!

Bible Camp Registration

Just a reminder for registering for Lutherhill this summer. For high school students looking at the LYLE program, please register by the end of the year. For students in grades 4 through 8, be sure to register by mid-January. And for student in grades 4 through 8, remember if you register and pay in full by Dec. 15 there is a \$50 discount.

We are doing things differently this year, please register directly with Lutherhill. If you have any questions, please call pastor Mark.

Mid-Week Advent Activities

We are now in the season of Advent. On the Wednesdays of Advent we offer a time for congregational prayer followed by a time of worship.

At 6:30 pm we are inviting people together for a time of prayer. There is no better way to prepare for Christmas than prayer. We will pray for our congregation, and for all needs as they arise.

Worship is at 7:00 pm. Pastor Mark will start with a Bible study on what the Gospel of Luke 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 remaining schedule for topics in the Bible study:

Dec. 11 – Gabriel, Mary, and Elizabeth – Luke 1:26-56

Dec. 18 – The birth of John the Baptist – Luke 1:57-80

Be sure to come and share this Advent season!

Christmas Caroling

Join us on December 15 at 3:00 to go Christmas Caroling! We will meet at the church. We had great fun doing this last year and so we want to do it again this year!

Primetimers

By the time you read this, Thanksgiving will be over and Christmas will be just around the corner. Time has a way of flying past. Our next meeting will be December 12, 2019 at 12 noon at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.

The group had so much fun with the gift exchange last year that we will be doing it again this year. It will be a Christmas ornament or gag-gift exchange. You may bring either and it can be something used or something you purchase. Don't spend more than \$5 if you purchase it. Do wrap the gift. There will also be some special Christmas music.

The luncheon will be provided by Jenny Videtto. She is asking that attendees provide desserts, like cookies etc. If you are willing, please contact Jenny to assist in this endeavor.

Theresa Ford will donate hats she has made to places like the Hope Cancer Center. If you have items to donate, please bring them to the December Primitimer's meeting and she will deliver them.

Once again, remember December 12, 2018 at 12 noon at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church and 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".

Remember, bring an ornament/gag gift wrapped for the exchange, any donations for the Hope Cancer Center, and **do bring a friend** to share the fellowship.

Please RSVP to Mary Ferguson via email or 903-565-6607, by Monday December 9th so that Jenny will know how much food to prepare.

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, Readers 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.

Christmas in the Neighborhood

Today we begin "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 8— DECEMBER 15, 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 8, 2019

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| 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

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| Bible Study | 10:00 a.m. |
| Primetimers | 12:00 a.m. |
| CODA | 6:00 p.m. |
| ACA | 6:00 p.m. |

MONDAY

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| Council Meeting | 6:30 p.m. |
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FRIDAY

No Activities Scheduled

SATURDAY

No Activities Scheduled

TUESDAY

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| Quilters | 9:00 a.m. |
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WEDNESDAY

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| Embroiderer's Group | 9:00 a.m. |
| Congregational Prayer | 6:30 p.m. |
| Advent Service | 7:00 p.m. |
| DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES | Noon |

SUNDAY-December 15, 2019

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| 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. |
| Youth Meeting | 11:15 a.m. |

| STEWARDSHIP | | DECEMBER 1, 2019 WORSHIP | |
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| Monthly Budget | <u>\$ 23,000</u> | Worship Service | <u>111</u> |
| November Offering | <u>\$20,832</u> | Year to Date Average | <u>124</u> |
| Offering on Sunday, Dec. 1 | \$ 5,183 | | |
| Other Offering | -0- | | |
| Cumulative December Offering | <u>\$ 5,183</u> | | |
| Year to Date Offerings | <u>\$ 249,709</u> | | |