



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Christmas Eve 2019

As part of our Christmas worship, we celebrate Holy Communion. We at Our Saviour's believe that Jesus Christ is truly present as we share the bread and wine of communion. We believe He is present to give us His body and blood for our renewal of life. If you are a baptized Christian, and desire to share in this sacrament with us, please feel most welcome to do so.

We also ask that children who wish to receive communion first be instructed in a class with the pastor.



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.

WORSHIP SERVERS—7:00 SERVICE

Lay Coordinator:	Robert Henriksen
Ushers:	Robert Henriksen, Milo Miles, Connie & Terry Gibbs
Acolyte:	Ean Hollenbeck
Reader:	Jan Moch
Communion Assistants:	Audrey Cameron, Dee Miles, Jana Snyder
Projectionist:	Toby Fite

CHRISTMAS EVE ~ DECEMBER 24, 2019
WELCOME!

PRELUDE - JAEYONG LEE

Please Stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN ~ O, 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:

Refrain

*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! *Refrain*

Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of
heaven above!

Glory to God
in the highest: *Refrain*

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

GREETING

P: For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulders, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE ~ 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.

Refrain:

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?

Refrain

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

Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God, you have made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Grant that as we have known on earth the mysteries of that Light, we may also come to the fullness of his joys in heaven; 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 9: 2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon His shoulders; and He is named Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: TITUS 2: 11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave Himself for us that He might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for Himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S HYMN ~ AWAY IN A MANGER

LBW 67

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet
head;

The stars in the bright sky looked down
where he lay

The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

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.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.

Bless all the dear children in your tender
care.

And fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Please Stand

GOSPEL: LUKE 2: 1-20

P: The Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2nd Chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵ to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴ Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

¹⁵ When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷ And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

P: The Christmas Gospel.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please Sit

HYMN ~ O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

LBW 41

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary,
And gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the king,
And peace to all the earth!

How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming;
But, in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him,
Still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
Oh come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Immanuel!

SERMON ~ PASTOR MARK BRAATEN

Please Stand

SERMON HYMN ~ JOY TO THE WORLD

LBW 39

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive its King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,

While fields and floods,
rocks, hills, and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrow grow
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow

Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace

And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

- P:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. For the increase of peace among all the nations of the world in the reign of Christ, let us pray to the Lord,
- C:** **Christ the Lord, bring peace on earth.**
- P:** For the spread of the good news of great joy that the Savior has come, let us pray to the Lord,
- C:** **Christ the Lord, bring peace on earth.**

P: For the poor and those who find no room made for them, let us pray to the Lord,

C: Christ the Lord, bring peace on earth.

P: For the renewal of the whole church in unity and joy, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Christ the Lord, bring peace on earth.

P: For the light of Christmas to shine on all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Christ the Lord, bring peace on earth.

P: Rejoicing in your birth and trusting in your mercy, we commend to you, O Lord, all for whom we pray.

C: Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

(Please greet your fellow worshippers with the peace of our Lord.)

Please Sit

THE OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY

Please Stand

OFFERTORY HYMN -WHAT CHILD IS THIS

LBW 40 , vs. 1&3

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!

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!

HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians who believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament are welcome to receive Holy Communion. All adults and children not receiving communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, Lord, Holy Father, through Christ our Lord. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of the faithful to a new and radiant vision of your glory; that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending praise.

C: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power 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: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God, you are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world you gave your only Son, that whoever believes in Him may not perish but have eternal life. Having come into the world, He fulfilled for us your holy will and accomplished our salvation.

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 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"

Remembering then His birth, His death, His glorious resurrection, we share this bread and wine, and give you thanks. Send your Holy Spirit upon us, that we and all who share in the body and blood of your Son may be filled with Heavenly joy and peace. All honor and glory are yours, O God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Kneel at the altar rail as a group. Each group will be dismissed with a blessing. For those who prefer, the center circle of glasses contains grape juice. Please return your cup to the baskets on either side of the aisle.

COMMUNION HYMN ~ INFANT LOWLY, INFANT HOLY

Infant holy, infant lowly,
For his bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing,
Christ the child is Lord of all.

LBW 44 Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping
Vigil till the morning new
Saw the glory, heard the story,
Tidings of a Gospel true.

Swiftly winging, angels singing,
Bells are ringing, tidings bringing;
Christ the child is Lord of all!
Christ the child is Lord of all!

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 HYMN ~ IT CAME UPON THE 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 came
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
which now the angels sing.

COMMUNION HYMN ~THE FIRST NOEL

LBW 56

The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields
As they lay;
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Born is the King of Israel

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.

Refrain

And by the light of that same star
Three Wise Men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.

Refrain

This star drew near to the northwest,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay.

Refrain

Then entered in those Wise Men three,
Full rev'rently upon their knee,
And offered there in his presence
Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.

Refrain

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, Almighty God, that you 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.

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

The ushers go forward to light their candles from the pastor's candle.

The ushers bring their candles to the first person in each pew.

Please dip the unlit candle into the lit candle.

PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN ~ SILENT NIGHT ~

LBW 65

Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon virgin, mother and child,
Holy Infant, so tender and mild.
Sleep in heav'nly peace!
Sleep in heav'nly peace!

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,

Heaven'ly hosts sing, Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light.
Radiant beams from your holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace.
Jesus, Lord, at your birth,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

The candles are extinguished and the ushers turn the lights on.

BENEDICTION

P: May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Poinsettia Donations—Christmas 2019

Given By:	In Memory of:	In Honor of:
Terry & Connie Gibbs	Adolph & Betty Rath, Laverne & Joan Gibbs	Our children and grandchildren: Ryan, Katrice, Rachael, Abby, Tony, Perryn, Sivley, Kaladin, Ad- manda, Adam, Chloe & Otto
Todd & Carmen Nazario	our grandparents	our parents
Limuel & Amy Norris	Oscar & Iris Norris, Robert Giltinan	
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Natalie Smith	Wayne & Kathleen Mur- ray	
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John Minster	Joe & Willemina Minster	
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Charlie & Sandy Corbin	our son, Christopher Corbin	
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Olin Hartley	Janet Vogel Hartley	
Claudia Hartley	Jansen Family	
Melinda Grant	Paul Fleck	Joan Fleck

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Schedule

Sunday, December 29— Worship at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School Classes

Sunday School classes will resume on Sunday, January 5, 2020.

Sunday, January 5 (Resume regular Sunday morning schedule)

9:00 a.m.—Sunday School for All Ages

10:00 a.m.— Worship

