

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 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 29, 2019

Worship Service

10:00 A.M.

Blessed
is the one
who comes
in the
name



of the Lord.
Luke 13.35



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:	Sally Dengerud
Ushers:	Sally & Cliff Dengerud
Acolyte:	Grayson Sartor
Reader:	Sherry Towns
Communion Assistants:	Amy Norris, Jana Coke and Jana Snyder
Projectionist:	Toby Fite

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 30, 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 ~ WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE

WOV 646, vs 1- 3

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

WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen.

P: The true light has come into the world in the Word made flesh. Let us bring our sin in-
to the light of God, that we may be healed.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

P: God of our salvation,

C: we have failed to respond to your life-giving Spirit in our relationships with you, with

one another, and with your creation. Have mercy for the sake of Jesus, your gift to us. Forgive us by grace, renew us in love, and lead us with joy so that we may bear your peace to all the earth.

P: Blessed be God who chose you in Christ! God forgives all your trespasses; in Christ you are children of the Most High, you are marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit, that you may live to the glory of God.

C: **Amen.**

THE GREETING

P: To us is born a Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Alleluia!**

P: The grace, mercy, and peace of God be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

KYRIE ~ P. 78 LBW

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 have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature and be born of the Virgin Mary. Grant that we, having been redeemed and made your children by grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE ~ JOY TO THE WORLD

LBW 39, vs 1, 2 & 4

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

Joy the to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rock,
hills and plains

Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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.

Please Sit

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 63:7-14

⁷I will recount the steadfast love of the Lord, the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord has granted us, and the great goodness to the house of Israel that he has granted them according to his compassion, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. ⁸For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely." And he became their Savior. ⁹In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old. ¹⁰But they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit; therefore he turned to be their enemy, and himself fought against them. ¹¹Then he remembered the days of old, of Moses and his people. Where is he who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of his flock? Where is he who put in the midst of them his Holy Spirit, ¹²who caused his glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses who divided the waters before them to make for himself an everlasting name, ¹³who led them through the depths? Like a horse in the desert, they did not stumble. ¹⁴Like livestock that go down into the valley, the Spirit of the Lord gave them rest. So you led your people, to make for yourself a glorious name.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: GALATIANS 4:4-7

⁴When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SONG ~ THIS IS THE DAY

This is the day,
This is the day
That the Lord has made
That the Lord has made.
We will rejoice,
We will rejoice
And be glad in it,
And be glad in it.

This is the day
That the Lord has made.
We will rejoice
And be glad in it.
This is the day,
This is the day
That the Lord has made.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Please Stand

GOSPEL VERSE ~ P. 83 LBW

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia.**

GOSPEL: LUKE 2:21-40

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the Second Chapter.

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

²¹And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

²² And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." ²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶ And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷ And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸ he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

²⁹ "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,
according to your word;

³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation

³¹ that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel."

³³ And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴ And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵ (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

³⁶ And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷ and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹ And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

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 ~ GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

LBW 70

Chorus:

*Go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and ev'rywhere;
go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!*

The shepherds feared and
trembled
When, lo, above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth.

Chorus

While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light

Chorus

Down in a lonely manger
The humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn.

Chorus

THE 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: Gathered in the joy of promises fulfilled, let us bring our needs and our thanksgivings to God.

*After each petition of the prayer, the leader will say "Lord in your mercy"
The congregation will respond, "hear our prayer."*

P: Hear all our prayers, gracious God, and receive them in the name of the Word made flesh, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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

OFFERTORY

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 ~ P. 91 LBW

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

*For those who prefer, the center circle of glasses contain grape juice.
Please return your cup in the basket on the aisle.*

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 ~ 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 #3 ~ I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE (PRAISE)

Chorus:
I am the Bread of Life
All who eat this Bread will never die
I am God's love revealed
I am broken that you might be healed

All who eat of this heavenly Bread
All who drink this cup of the covenant
You will live forever
For I will raise you up
 Chorus

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No one who comes to Me
shall ever hunger again
No one who believes shall ever thirst

All that the Father draws shall come
to Me
And I will give them rest
Chorus

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 ev'ry 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.

CLOSING HYMN ~ WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE

WOV 646, vs 3-5

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

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone cold tomb.

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!*

Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice;
Heav'n sings alleluia;
Alleluia the earth replies.

Chorus

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER ~ P. 94 LBW

A: Let us pray: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

THE 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.**

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offering Envelopes

The offering envelopes for 2020 are in the Narthex. Please be sure to go by and pick up your box.

Adult Sunday School – Jan. 5 – “What is all this talk about a Rapture?”

Our Adult Sunday School class is going to start the new year by taking a one-day look at a theory called the rapture. Some denominations teach that at the end of time, God will “rapture” or remove all Christians from the earth, and then begin a period of intense tribulation. It is a quite popular theory in East Texas.

Pastor Mark finds the theory to be most unhelpful and not a good interpretation of the Bible. On Sunday, Jan. 5 at 9:00 a.m., Pastor Mark will examine all of this. He will first present what the rapture theory teaches. And then he will critique it in light of what the Bible says.

Thank You!

Thank you to all who helped with our Advent and Christmas activities. It was a busy month, but a wonderful month. We had incredible participation. Thank you to all!

No Sunday School Today

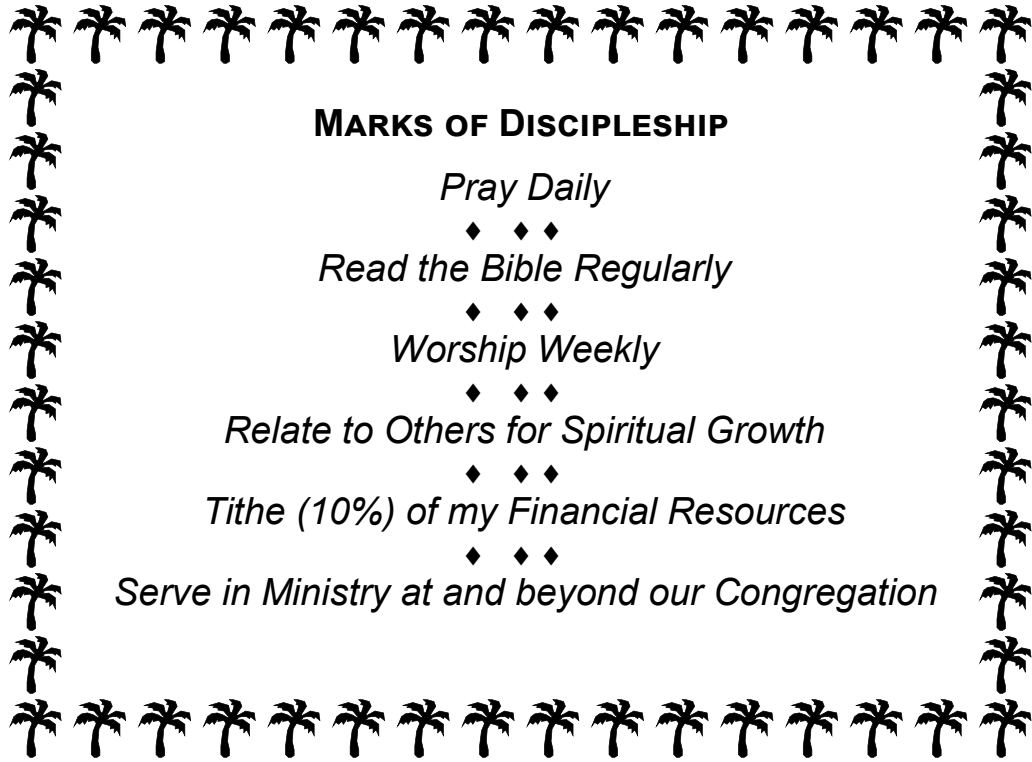
Our Sunday School is not meeting today. Classes for all ages resume next Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

Egyptian Coptic Worship – Saturday, Jan. 4

As you know, we have a group of Egyptian Coptic Christians who worship in our building one Saturday morning a month. They are a marvelous group of people and this has been a fun and special ministry.

In January the Coptics will worship on Saturday, Jan. 4 beginning at 8:30 a.m. Worship will be followed by a big potluck dinner. This is a special day for our Coptic friends as their bishop will be joining them.

Please feel most invited to join this service and dinner on this special day!



MARKS OF DISCIPLESHIP

Pray Daily



Read the Bible Regularly



Worship Weekly



Relate to Others for Spiritual Growth



Tithe (10%) of my Financial Resources



Serve in Ministry at and beyond our Congregation

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR (DECEMBER 29 THROUGH JANUARY 5, 2020)

THIS WEEK'S OFFICE HOURS: MON. 11:30– 1:30, TUES. - WED. 10:00—2:00

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

SUNDAY—December 29, 2019

Choir 9:15 a.m.
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

THURSDAY

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

MONDAY

No Activities Scheduled

FRIDAY

No Activities Scheduled

TUESDAY

New Year's Eve
No Activities Scheduled

SATURDAY

No Activities Scheduled

WEDNESDAY

New Year's Day
Church Offices Closed

SUNDAY—January 5, 2020

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.

STEWARDSHIP		DECEMBER 22 & 24, 2019 WORSHIP	
Monthly Budget	<u>\$ 23,000</u>	Worship Service 12-22	123
Prior December Offerings	\$ 17,175	Year to Date Average	<u>125</u>
Sunday, Dec. 22, 2019 Offering	2,162	Christmas Eve Service 7:00	169
Other Offering	<u>1,033</u>	Christmas Eve Service 11:00	<u>40</u>
Cumulative December Offering	<u>\$ 20,370</u>	Total Christmas Eve	<u>209</u>
Year to Date Offerings	<u>\$ 264,896</u>		