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

<u>Financial Administrator</u> Carol Lattier

Organist & Keyboardist Jaeyong Lee

> <u>Council President</u> 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. January 26, 2020 Worship Service 10:00 A.M.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

- Colossians 3:15 -



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 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^{th} grade. We offer a communion class to prepare 5^{th} 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 SERVERSLay Coordinator:Connie GibbsUshers:Connie & Terry GibbsAcolyte:Annabelle DavisReader:Sherry TownsCommunion Assistants:Blaine Davis, Max Lewis, and Jan MochProjectionist:Toby Fite

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY JANUARY 26, 2020 ~ 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

<u>Please Stand</u>

OPENING HYMN ~ I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT WOV 649

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God I want to look at Jesus. Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path. And show me the way to the Father. In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, We shall know the joy of Jesus. In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

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.

C: Amen.

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 ~ Sung

- 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.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, graciously look down on our weakness. Reach out to us with your majestic right hand, and satisfy us with his glory. We ask through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

<u>Please Sit</u>

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 9:1-4

¹But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. ³You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. ⁴For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

- R: The Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 27:1-9

¹The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then | shall I fear?* the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I | be afraid? ²When evildoers came upon me to eat | up my flesh,* it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stum- | bled and fell. ³Though an army should en- | camp against me,* yet my heart shall not | be afraid; ⁴And though war should rise | up against me,* vet will I put my | trust in him. ⁵One thing have I asked of the Lord; one | thing I seek;* that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days | of my life; ⁶To behold the fair beauty | of the Lord* and to seek him | in his temple. ⁷For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe | in his shelter;* he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high up- | on a rock. ⁸Even now he lifts | up my head* above my enemies | round about me. ⁹Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds | of great gladness;* I will sing and make music | to the Lord.

SECOND READING: I CORINTHIANS 1:10-18

¹⁰I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹²What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." ¹³Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. ¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

- R: The Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SONG ~ RISE AND SHINE

Rise and shine And give God the glory, glory Rise and shine And give God the glory, glory Rise and shine And give God the glory, glory Children of the Lord

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Please Stand

GOSPEL VERSE ~ THY WORD

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet And a light unto my path. Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet And a light unto my path. Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet And a light unto my path. ...And a light unto my path.

GOSPEL ~ MATTHEW 4:12-25

- P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 4th chapter.
- C: Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

- P: The Gospel of the Lord.
- C: Praise to you, O Christ.

<u>Please Sit</u>

SERMON ~ REV. MARK BRAATEN

<u>Please Stand</u>

SONG OF THE DAY ~ 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... Humbly with God.

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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PEACE

- P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C: And also with you.

<u>Please Sit</u>

OFFERING

<u>Please Stand</u>

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

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

P: The Lord be with you.

- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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: 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.'

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

P: Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of His resurrection, we await His coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of His resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

<u>Please Sit</u>

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 ~ SPIRIT, SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS WOV 684

Chorus:

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, Blow through the wilderness calling and free; Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, Stir me from placidness, wind, Wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters, You called to the deep, Then you coaxed up the mountains From the valleys of sleep; And over the eons You called to each thing: "Awake from your slumbers And rise on your wings." *Chorus*

You swept through the desert, You stung with the sand And you goaded your people With a law and a land; And when they were blinded With idols and lies, Then you spoke through your prophets To open their eyes. *Chorus*

You sang in a stable, You cried from a hill, Then you whispered in silence When the whole world was still; And down in the city you called once again, When you blew through your people On the rush of the wind. *Chorus*

COMMUNION SONG #2 ~ NOW WE OFFER (Te Ofrecemos)

WOV 761

Chorus:

Now we offer you, our Father, With the bread and with the wine All our joys and all our sorrows All our struggles and our time.

As the fields of wheat now growing Will become a holy sign, So shall we reveal you, Jesus, That in us you now may shine. *Chorus*

Like the grape put in the cellar, There to change into the wine, All the poor on earth who suffer Shed their sorrows in this sign. *Chorus*

In these gifts we see our oneness Throughout city and the field And we find a life of solace Where the scars of strife are healed. *Chorus*

All your people who are yearning For the freedom still ahead Offer fruits of your creation In the gifts of wine and bread. *Chorus*

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We sing glory to the Father And to Christ who lives above, And we praise the Holy Spirit For the gift to us of love. *Chorus*

COMMUNION SONG #3 ~ I OFFER MY LIFE TO YOU

All that I am, all that I have, I lay them down before You, O Lord. All my regrets, all my acclaim: The joy and the pain, I'm making them Yours.

Chorus: Lord, I offer my life to you. Everything I've been through use it for your glory. Lord I offer my days to you. Lifting my praise to you, as a pleasing sacrifice. Lord, I offer you my life.

Things in the past, things yet unseen: Wishes and dreams that are yet to come true, All of my hopes, all of my plans, My heart and my hands, are lifted to you. *Chorus*

Bridge: What can we give that you have not given? And what do we have that is not already yours? All we possess are these lives we're living. And that's what we give to You, Lord. *Chorus*

Lord, I offer You my life.

<u>Please Stand</u>

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.

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 ~ STAND UP, STAND UP FOR JESUS LBW 389

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, As soldiers of the cross, Lift high his royal banner; It must not suffer loss. From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army he shall lead, 'till ev'ry foe is vanquished And Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus; The trumpet call obey; Stand forth in mighty conflict In this his glorious day. Let all his faithful serve him Against unnumbered foes; Let courage rise with danger, And strength to strength oppose. Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Stand in his strength alone; The arm of flesh will fail you, You dare not trust your own. Put on the gospel armor; Each piece put on with prayer. Where duty calls or danger, Be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, The strife will not be long; This day the din of battle, The next the victor's song. The soldiers, overcoming, Their crown of life shall see, And with the King of glory Shall reign eternally.

DISMISSAL

- A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting

Our annual meeting of the congregation will be on Sunday, January 26 at 11:15 a.m. The meeting will be followed by a congregational potluck dinner. 2019 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!

High School Retreat at Lutherhill

High School youth, we are going to Lutherhill for a retreat again in 2020. The annual High School retreat will be Feb. 7 - 9. 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.

Congregation-Wide Garage Sale this Spring – March 7

We are planning to do another congregation-wide garage sale this spring, on Saturday March 7. We are sharing this news with you early so you can start setting aside items to donate for the sale. As you do your winter leaning and find items you would like to move on, please donate them to the church and we will again have a huge garage sale. These have been most successful and fun in the past.

All proceeds from the sale will be used for our fund which provides financial support for our senior members and other members in need. Come share in the garage sale and also help to minister to our members!

Living Out Matthew 25

For our stewardship focus this winter we are "living out" Jesus' parable in Matthew 25:14-30. Last week we gave out various amounts of money. We are asking you to use the money for a month, and then return it with your profits, just like in the parable. Our hope is that you be creative and have some fun with this.

If you weren't at worship last week and would like to participate, please talk with Pastor Mark. He has additional envelopes to be given out.

Stewardship

Stewardship is less about asking for money and more about asking people to follow Jesus. Stewardship is really another word for discipleship, as Christ is the center of all of this!

Adult Sunday School

Here is our upcoming schedule for our adult Sunday School class:

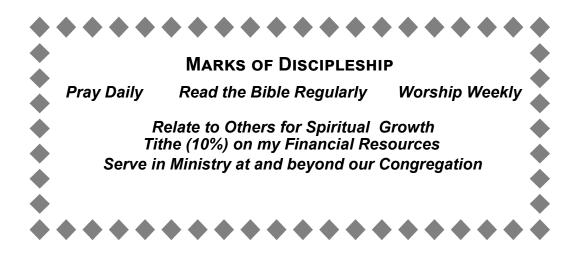
*Today - we finish up our study of the book of Revelation

*Next Sunday, Feb 2 – we begin a 4-week study of the book of Ruth.

*When we finish our study of Ruth, we will follow with some "topical" classes. Each week we will look at some different topics in the faith. Please share your suggestions for topics we could explore. Right now we have two – "Why do Lutherans Baptize Infants?" and "Where did the Bible come from – a look at how the Scriptures Developed".

New Folks Luncheon – Sunday, Feb. 16

We would like to have a luncheon for people who are new to our congregation on Sunday, Feb. 16, immediately after worship. We will get acquainted and introduce you to OSLC. If you are new to OSLC, please plan to attend!



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This Week's Calendar (January 26—February 2, 2020)

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

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

SUNDAY—Jan. 26, 2020 Sunday School Adult Bible Study Choir Practice Worship Service Youth Annual Meeting Pot Luck Dinner,	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	THURSDAY Bible Study ACA Meeting CODA FRIDAY No Activities Scheduled SATURDAY	10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 9:00 a.m.
After Annual Meeting		Council Retreat	9.00 a.m.
MONDAY		<u>SUNDAY—Feb. 2, 2020</u> Sunday School Adult Bible Study	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.
TUESDAY		Choir Practice	9:15 a.m.
Quilters Social Ministry	9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Worship Service Youth	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

No Activities Scheduled

STEWARDSHIP		JANUARY 19, 2020 WORSHIP	
Monthly Budget	Pending		
Prior January Offering	\$ 12,185	Worship Service	141
Offerings during the week Offerings on Sunday, January 12	858 <u>5,213</u>	Year to Date Average	130
Cumulative January Offerings	<u>\$ 18,256</u>		
Year to Date Offerings	<u>\$ 18,256</u>		