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

<u>Our Pastor</u> Rev. Wally Seibel

Parish Administrator Debbie Miller

<u>Financial Administrator</u> Carol Lattier

Organist & Keyboardist

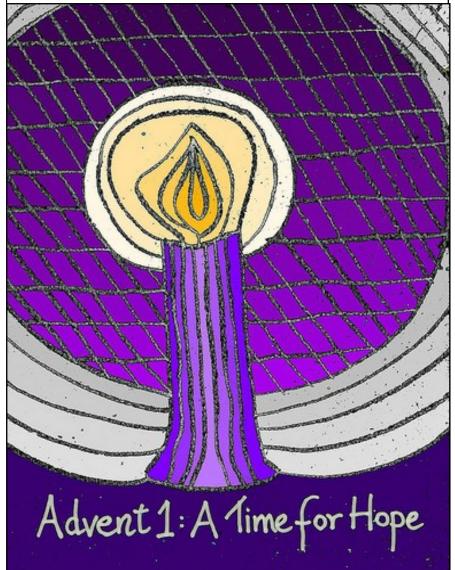
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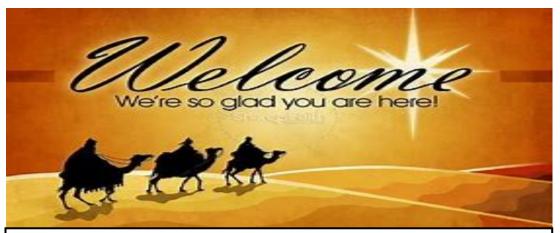
Council President

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. November 29, 2020 Worship Service 9:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.





TO OUR GUESTS AND VISITORS Thank you for joining with us! We're glad you are here.

* Because of COVID-19, we are not providing child care during today's service. Please have your family sit together.

* We practice open communion. If you are baptized and desire to share in the body and blood of our Lord, please join us. Our communion today is different than usual so that we can be in compliance with proper "social distancing."

* We begin communing children in the 5^{th} grade. We will offer a communion class to prepare 5^{th} graders to receive this sacrament once we are able to offer in person classes again.

* Let us know if we can be of assistance to you! If so, please let one of our ushers know.

WORSHIP SERVERS						
<u>10:30 A.M. Worship</u>						
Usher: Amy Norris & Kristin Blaise						
Reader: Kristin Blaise						
Music Leader: Sherry Towns						
Projectionist: Toby Fite						

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT NOVEMBER 29, 2020 ~ WELCOME

It is a joy to worship together.

Prelude

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Please Stand</u>

OPENING HYMN ~ COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS LBW 30

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.

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.

<u>Please Sit</u>

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 64:1-9

¹Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence — ²as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! ³When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. ⁴From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. ⁵You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? ⁶We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. ⁷There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. ⁸But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹Be not so terribly angry, O Lord, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 80:1-7

¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

²In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.
³Restore us, O God of hosts;

show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

⁴O Lord God of hosts,

how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?

⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears;

you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

⁶You have made us the derision of our neighbors,

and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts;

show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge — ⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you — ⁷so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

LBW P. 83 Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL ~ MARK 13:24-37

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 13th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴{Jesus said,} "In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.²⁸From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³²But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵Therefore stay awake — for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning - ³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

After the reading:

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

SONG BEFORE SERMON ~ SURELY THE PRESENCE/CHRIST BESIDE ME

- Surely the presence of the Lord Is in this place; I can feel His mighty power And His grace. I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face; Surely the presence of the Lord Is in this place. Repeat verse
- Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me King of my heart;

- Christ within me, Christ below me, Christ above me Never to part
- Surely the presence of the Lord Is in this place; I can feel His mighty power And His grace. I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face; Surely the presence of the Lord Is in this place.

<u>Please Sit</u>

SERMON ~ PASTOR WALLY SEIBEL

<u>Please Stand</u>

SONG OF THE DAY ~ 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. (Continued on Following Page) We have come with open hearts, O, let the ancient words impart...

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 descend ed 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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P. 89 LBW

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

- P: Lift up your hearts.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: We lift them up to the Lord.
- C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary . . . We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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.

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.

DISTRIBUTION

(COMMUNION SONGS ARE FOR 10:30 SERVICE ONLY)

COMMUNION SONG #1 ~ IN CHRIST ALONE

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 #2 ~ DONA NOBIS

Dona nobis pacem, pacem. Dona nobis pacem. Dona nobix pacem. Dona nobis popacem, Dona nobis pacem. Dona nobis pacem.

<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 ~ GLORY TO GOD

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 ~ \sim Lord, I Lift Your Name On High

Lord I lift Your name on high Lord I love to sing Your praises I'm so glad You're in my life I'm so glad You came to save us. You came from heaven to earth To show the way From the earth to the cross My debt to pay From the cross to the grave From the grave to the sky Lord I lift Your name on high.

Lord I lift Your name on high Lord I love to sing Your praises I'm so glad You're in my life I'm so glad You came to save us. You came from heaven to earth To show the way From the earth to the cross My debt to pay From the cross to the grave From the grave to the sky Lord I lift Your name on high.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE ~ **DR. JAEYONG LEE**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent is Here!

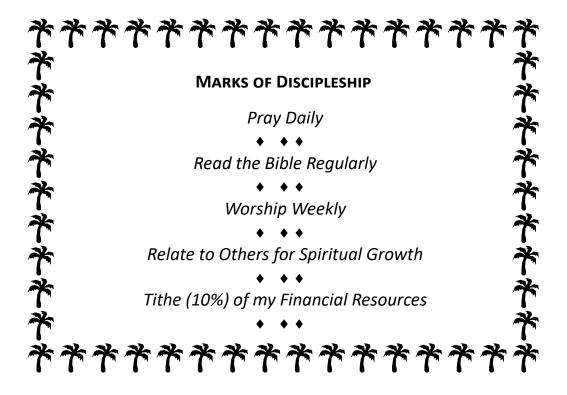
Advent, the wonderful season of preparation for Christmas, begins today. Advent services will start on Wednesday, December at 7:00 PM and run for three consecutive Wednesday evenings. The services will be lead by Pastor Wally and will feature the Holden Village ensemble orchestrated by Blaine and Karen Davis and accompanied by Jaeyong. Normal safety protocols of masks and social distancing are requested.

Offering Envelopes

The offering envelopes for 2020 will be put out in the church entryway during December 9. Be sure to pick up your box when you see them in the Narthex.

Christmas Eve Services

We will have Christmas Eve Services which will be conducted by Pastor Wally on December 24. Come join us for a wonderful time of celebrating the meaning Christmas and God's love for us. We will have an outside service at 4:30 p.m. around the Pavilion and an inside service at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Normal safety protocols of masks and social distancing are requested.



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR (NOVEMBER 29—DECEMBER 6, 2020)

This Week's Office Hours: Varies due to COVID-19. IF YOU HAVE A NEED, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE @ **903-561-1865** AND IF NO ONE ANSWERS, LEAVE A MESSAGE AND YOUR CALL WILL BE RETURNED.

SUNDAY—November 29 Worship Service, Outside Worship Service, Inside	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	THURSDAY Bible Study CODA	10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.
MONDAY No Activities Scheduled		FRIDAY No Activities Scheduled	
<u>TUESDAY</u> Quilters ACA Meeting	9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	SATURDAY No Activities Scheduled	
<u>WEDNESDAY</u> Advent Service	7:00 p.m.	<u>SUNDAY—December 6</u> Worship Service, Outside Sunday School Worship Service, Inside	9:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

STEWARDSHIP			WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE		
Monthly Budget	\$	23,058	Worship Average as of March 15, 2020	130	
Prior November Offering Offering, November 22 Other Offering	\$	13,917 1,318 <u>1,315</u>	Attendance November 22 9:00 a.m. Service— 27 10:15 a.m. Service— 40	67	
Total November Offering 2020 Congregational Offering	<u>\$</u> \$	<u>16,550</u> 226,956	Worship Average Since Returning on May 31, 2020	83	