

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. Wally Seibel

Parish Administrator

Debbie Miller

Financial Administrator

Carol Lattier

Organist & Keyboardist

Jaeyong Lee

Council President

Bill Videtto

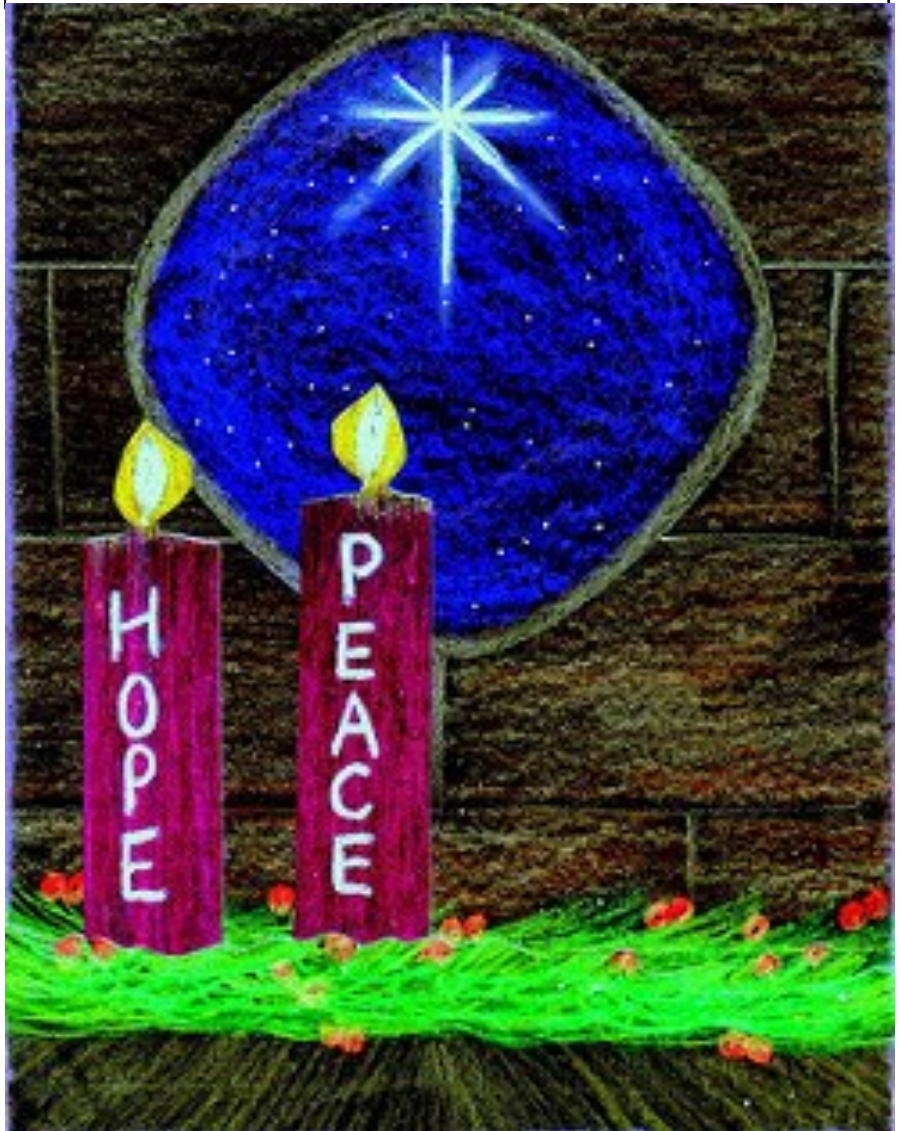
Member Goals

*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 6, 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 5th grade. We will offer a communion class to prepare 5th 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

9:00 A.M. Worship

LMC: Bob Tardiff
Ushers: Launa Tardiff and Ed Lattier
Reader: Donna Skaar
Music Leader: Sherry Towns

10:30 A.M. Worship

Usher: Kristin Blaise
Reader: Jana Coke
Music Leader: Sherry Towns
Acolyte: Annabelle Davis
Projectionist: Toby Fite

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 6, 2020 ~ WELCOME

It is a joy to worship together.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

OPENING HYMN ~ ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY

LBW 50

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of your only-begotten Son, that by his coming we may be enabled to serve you with pure minds; 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

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 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 40:1-11

¹Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. ²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. ³A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." ⁶A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. ⁷The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows on it; surely the people are grass. ⁸The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. ⁹Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice

with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" ¹⁰Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 85

¹You have been gracious to your land, O Lord,
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

²**You have forgiven the iniquity of your people
and blotted out all their sins.**

³You have withdrawn all your fury
and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.

⁴**Restore us then, O God our Savior;
let your anger depart from us.**

⁵Will you be displeased with us forever?
will you prolong your anger from age to age?

⁶**Will you not give us life again,
that your people may rejoice in you?**

⁷Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

⁸**I will listen to what the Lord God is saying,
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts
to him.**

⁹Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰**Mercy and truth have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

¹¹Truth shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

¹²**The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.**

¹³Righteousness shall go before him,
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

SECOND READING: 2 PETER 3:8-14

⁸Do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. ¹¹Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! ¹³But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. ¹⁴Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

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

LBW P. 83

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

GOSPEL ~ MARK 1:1-8

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ²As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, ³the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths

straight,”⁴ John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.⁵ And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.⁶ Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey.⁷ And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.⁸ I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

After the reading:

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SONG BEFORE SERMON ~ COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

LBW 30, v.1

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.

Please Sit

SERMON ~ PASTOR WALLY SEIBEL

Please Stand

SONG OF THE DAY ~ COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

LBW 30, v.2

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.

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: 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

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| 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 . . . 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 ~ EAT THIS BREAD

WOV 709

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Trust in me and you will not thirst.

COMMUNION SONG #2 ~ BECAUSE HE LIVES

God sent His Son, They called Him Jesus;
He came to love, heal and forgive.
He bled and died to buy my pardon;
An empty grave is there to prove my
Savior lives.

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.
Because He lives, all fear is gone.
Because I know, he holds the future,
And life is worth the living
Just because He lives.

How sweet to hold our newborn baby,
And feel the pride and joy he gives;
But greater still the calm assurance;
This child can face uncertain days
Because Christ lives.

Because He lives I can face tomorrow.
Because He lives, all fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living
Just because He lives.

And then one day, I'll cross that river;
I'll fight life's final war with pain.
And then, as death gives way to vict'ry,
I'll see the lights of glory and
I'll know He reigns.

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.
Because He lives, all fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living
Just because He lives.

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

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 ~ ~ SING TO THE KING

Sing to the King who is coming to reign
Glory to Jesus the Lamb that was slain.
Life and salvation His empire shall bring,
And joy to the nations,
When Jesus is King.

Chorus:

*Come let us sing a song,
A song declaring that we belong to Jesus;
He's all we need.
Lift up a heart of praise.
Sing now with voices raised to Jesus;
Sing to the King.*

For His returning we watch and we pray;
We will be ready the dawn of that day.
We'll join in singing with all the redeemed,
'Cause Satan is vanquished
And Jesus is King.

Chorus:

*Come let us sing a song,
A song declaring that we belong to Jesus;
He's all we need.
Lift up a heart of praise.
Sing now with voices raised to Jesus;
Sing to the King.*

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE ~ DR. JAEYONG LEE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

H.B. McMahan

This past Tuesday, December 1, H.B. McMahan entered into the company of the church triumphant. As his family grieves their loss, we ask that you keep them in your prayers. At the request of H.B., there will be no memorial service.

Advent is Here!

Advent, the wonderful season of preparation for Christmas, began last Sunday. Advent services started on Wednesday, December 2 at 7:00 p.m. and will continue on December 9 and December 16 beginning at 7:00 p.m. These services are being 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—Note Correction on Date Available

The offering envelopes for 2020 will be put out in the church narthex on December 13. Be sure to pick up your box when you see them in the narthex.

Christmas Eve Services

We will have Christmas Eve Services on December 24. Come join us for a wonderful time of celebrating the meaning Christmas and God's love for us. Weather permitting, the 4:30 service will be outside around the Pavilion. If the weather is bad, the 4:30 service will be moved indoors. Our 7:00 service will be inside in the sanctuary. Normal safety protocols of masks and social distancing are requested.

OSLC Pastoral Call Committee Named

The following people were elected this past week by the OSLC council to serve on the pastoral call committee: Bill Hebb, Kimberly Butler, Blaine Davis, Sarah Wruck, Alan Cumming and Carmen Nazario. The Call committee works with NALC officials and Pastor Wally to facilitate the selection of candidates for our next Permanent Pastor to the congregation.



MARKS OF DISCIPLESHIP

Pray Daily



Read the Bible Regularly



Worship Weekly



Relate to Others for Spiritual Growth



Tithe (10%) of my Financial Resources



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR (DECEMBER 6—DECEMBER 13, 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—December 6

Worship Service, Outside 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Worship Service, Inside 10:30 a.m.

THURSDAY

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

MONDAY

No Activities Scheduled

FRIDAY

No Activities Scheduled

TUESDAY

Quilters 9:00 a.m.
 ACA Meeting 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY

No Activities Scheduled

WEDNESDAY

Advent Service 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY—December 6

Worship Service, Outside 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Worship Service, Inside 10:30 a.m.

STEWARDSHIP		WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE	
Monthly Budget	\$ 23,058	Worship Average as of March 15, 2020	130
Prior November Offering	\$ 16,550	Attendance November 29 9:00 a.m. Service— 25 10:15 a.m. Service— 46	71
Offering, November 29	1,330		
Other Offering	<u>-0-</u>		
Total November Offering	<u>\$ 17,880</u>	Worship Average Since Returning on May 31, 2020	82
2020 Congregational Offering	<u>\$ 228,286</u>		