

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 13, 2020

Worship Service

9:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

My soul rejoices
in my God.





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: Becky Chambers
Music Leader: Sherry Towns

10:30 A.M. Worship

Usher: Carissa Ellis
Reader: Amy Norris
Music Leader: Sherry Towns
Projectionist: Toby Fite

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 13, 2020 ~ WELCOME

It is a joy to worship together.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

OPENING HYMN ~ ALL EARTH IS HOPEFUL

WOV 629, v. 1-3

All earth is hopeful, the Savior comes at last!	Restores hope and courage to children of this earth.
Furrows lie open for God's creative task; This, the labor of people, who struggle to see	Mountains and valleys will have to be prepared;
How God's truth and justice set ev'rybody free.	New highways opened, new protocols declared.
People of Israel, you heard the prophet tell: "A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel"; She conceived him, "God with us," our brother, whose birth	Almost here! God is nearing, in beauty and grace! All clear ev'ry gateway, in haste, come out in haste!

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. Lord Jesus Christ, give ear to our prayers, and lighten the darkness of our hearts by your gracious visitation; for you live and reign with the Father 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 joy, we light the third candle on the Advent wreath. We read in Luke, Chapter 2: *The shepherds went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. (Luke 2:16-17).*

Light three candles.

OH COME, OH COME, EMMANUEL

LBW 34, v. 3

Oh, come, strong Branch of Jesse,
free Your own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell your people save

And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 61:1-4, 8-11

¹"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; ²to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; ³to grant to those who mourn in Zion — to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified.

⁴They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

⁸"For I the Lord love justice; I hate robbery and wrong; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. ⁹Their offspring shall be known among the nations, and their descendants in the midst of the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are an offspring the Lord has blessed. ¹⁰I will

greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.”

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 126

¹When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

²**Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

³Then they said among the nations,
“The Lord has done great things for them.”

⁴**The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.**

⁵Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses of the Negev.

⁶**Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.**

⁷Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

SECOND READING: I THESSALONIANS 5:16-24

¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰Do not despise prophecies, ²¹but test everything; hold fast what is good. ²²Abstain from every form of evil.

²³Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SONG ~ AWAY IN A MANGER

LBW 67, v. 3

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay Bless all the dear children in your tender care
Close by me forever and love me I pray. And fit us for heaven to live with you here.

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 ~ JOHN 1:6-8, 19-28

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

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

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

¹⁹And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" ²⁰He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." ²¹And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." ²²So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" ²³He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said." ²⁴(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) ²⁵They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" ²⁶John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, ²⁷even he

who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.”²⁸ These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

After the reading:

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SONG BEFORE SERMON ~ OF THE FATHER’S LOVE BEGOTTEN

LBW 42, v. 1-2

Of the Father’s love begotten
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the source, the ending he.
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore.

Oh, that birth forever blessed,
When the virgin full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving,
Bore the Savior of our race,
And the babe, the world’s redeemer,
First revealed his sacred face,
Evermore and evermore.

Please Sit

SERMON ~ PASTOR WALLY SEIBEL

Please Stand

SONG OF THE DAY ~ OF THE FATHER’S LOVE BEGOTTEN

LBW 42, v. 3-4

This is he whom seers in old time
Chanted of with one accord,
Whom the voices of the prophets
Promised in their faithful word;
Now he shines, the long expected;
Let creation praise its Lord
Evermore and evermore.

Let the heights of heav’n adore him,
Angel hosts, his praises sing;
Pow’rs, dominions, bow before him
And extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Ev’ry voice in concert ring
Evermore and evermore.
A-men.

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

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 ~ JESUS MESSIAH

He became sin, who knew no sin,
That we might become His righteousness.
He humbled Himself and carried the cross;
Love so amazing, love so amazing!

The whole earth trembled,
and the veil was torn;
Love so amazing, love so amazing!

Chorus

Chorus:
Jesus Messiah, Name above all names!
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel,
The Rescue for sinners,
The Ransom from heaven,
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all!

Bridge:
All our hope is in You.
All our hope is in You.
All the glory to You, God,
The Light of the world.

Chorus

His body the bread, His blood the wine,
Broken and poured out all for love,

Jesus Messiah, Lord of all,
The Lord of all,
The Lord of all!

COMMUNION SONG #2 ~ THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT THAT NAME

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus!
There's just something about that name!
Master! Savior! Jesus!
Like a fragrance after the rain.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus!
Let all heaven and earth proclaim,
Kings and kingdoms may all pass away,
But there's something about that name.

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 every 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: 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 ~ ~ SHOUT TO THE LORD

My Jesus, my Savior,
Lord there is none like You.
All of my days I want to praise
the wonders of your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter,
Tower of refuge and strength;
Let every breath, all that I am,
never cease to worship You!

Shout to the Lord! All the earth let us sing.
Power and majesty, Praise to the King!
Mountains bow down and the seas will
roar at the sound of Your name!

I sing for joy at the work of your hands!
Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise
I have in you.

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

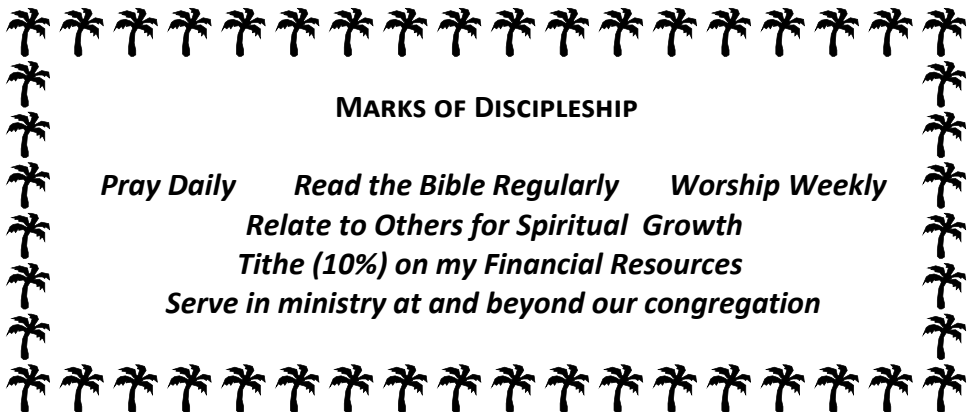
C: **Thanks be to God.**

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 conclude this Wednesday, December 16. Even if you have not been able to attend the previous services, please join us for this last Wednesday of Advent. The services is lead by Pastor Wally and features 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. Weather permitting. If the weather is bad, the 4:30 service will be moved indoors. We will also have an inside service at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Normal safety protocols of masks and social distancing are requested.

Christmas Eve White Gift Service

We are doing something different this year, called a "White Gift Service." While the origin of the service is unknown, the tradition is to bring a gift for a new born baby, wrapped in white. The white is for the purity of our new born king.

At the 4:30 service, please carry the gift with you for giving at the outside service. For those not attending the 4:30 service, there will be a table set up in the narthex as a place to set your gifts. The gifts serve as a reminder that Christmas is a time for giving.

OSLC Pastoral Call Committee Update

The OSLC Pastoral Call Committee kicked off their quest toward recruiting a new permanent pastor via a Zoom meeting with the NALC officer in charge of Pastoral calls, Pastor David Wendel, Tuesday evening, Dec. 8. Roger Stai was welcomed as a new member to the committee. The other members of the committee are: Carmen Nazario, Bill Hebb, Kimberly Butler, Alan Cumming and Blaine Davis.

Important Sunday School News!!

- Sunday, December 20—We will be practicing during the Sunday School class time for this year’s Christmas Sunday School presentation. I hope all children can attend and be a part of the presentation on Christmas Eve.
- Thursday, December 24—We will only do a “cameo appearance at the outside 4:30 service, but it is a chance for little ones to dress in period clothes and be a part of the Christmas festivities.
- December 27 and January 3—We will NOT have Sunday School on these Sundays. Sunday School will resume on January 3.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR (DECEMBER 13—DECEMBER 20, 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 13

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 20

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
Total November Offering	<u>\$ 19,735</u>	Attendance December 6	
Offering, December 6	\$ 2,815	9:00 a.m. Service—	30
Other Offering	<u>1,692</u>	10:30 a.m. Service—	39
Total December Offering	<u>\$ 4,507</u>	Worship Average Since	82
2020 Congregational Offering to date	<u>\$ 234,647</u>	Returning on May 31, 2020	