



## **Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Christmas Eve 2020**

*As part of our Christmas worship, we celebrate Holy Communion. We at Our Saviour's believe that Jesus Christ is truly present as we share the bread and wine of communion. We believe He is present to give us His body and blood for our renewal of life. If you are a baptized Christian, and desire to share in this sacrament with us, please feel most welcome to do so.*

*We also ask that children who wish to receive communion first be instructed in a class with the pastor.*



### **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<sup>th</sup> grade. We will offer a communion class to prepare 5<sup>th</sup> 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**

#### **4:30 P.M. Worship**

LMC: Bob Tardiff  
Ushers: Launa Tardiff and Ed Lattier  
Reader: Roger Stai  
Music Leader: Sherry Towns

#### **7:00 P.M. Worship**

Ushers: Jana Coke, Max Lewis  
& Kristin Blaise  
Reader: Karin Davis  
Music Leader: Sherry Towns  
Projectionist: Toby Fite

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**CHRISTMAS EVE ~ DECEMBER 24, 2020**  
**WELCOME!**

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**PRELUDE - JAEYONG LEE**

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL ~ CHRISTMAS SKIT**

*Please Stand*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN ~ JOY TO THE WORLD**

LBW 39

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.

No more let sin and sorrow grow  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make his blessings flow  
Far as the curse if found,  
Far as the curse if found  
Far as, far as the curse is found.

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.

**GREETING**

**P:** For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulders, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE & BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH  
OH, COME, OH, COME, EMMANUEL**

LBW 34, v.5 with Refrain

Oh, come, O Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heav'nly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: O God, you have made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Grant that as we have known on earth the mysteries of that Light, we may also come to the fullness of his joys in heaven; 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*

**FIRST READING: ISAIAH 7:10-14**

<sup>10</sup>Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz: <sup>11</sup>“Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” <sup>12</sup>But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test.” <sup>13</sup>And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup>Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: I JOHN 4:7-16**

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup>In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we have

loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. <sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **CHILDREN'S HYMN ~ AWAY IN A MANGER**

LBW 67

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet  
head;

The stars in the bright sky looked down  
where he lay

The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

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.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay  
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.

Bless all the dear children in your tender  
care.

And fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

*Please Stand*

#### **GOSPEL: MATTHEW 1:18-25**

P: The Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 1st Chapter.

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

<sup>18</sup>The birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and

you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”<sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: <sup>23</sup>“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).<sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife,<sup>25</sup> but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

P: The Christmas Gospel.

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

*Please Sit*

## **HYMN ~ O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM**

LBW 41

O little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary,  
And gathered all above  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of wond’ring love.  
O morning stars, together  
Proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing to God the king,  
And peace to all the earth!

How silently, how silently  
The wondrous gift is giv’n!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of his heav’n.  
No ear may hear his coming;  
But, in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive him,  
Still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in,  
Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell;  
Oh come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Immanuel!

## **SERMON ~ PASTOR WALLY SEIBEL**

*Please Stand*

## SERMON HYMN ~ SING TO THE KING

4:30 Service: Those bringing white Christmas presents are invited to bring them forward during the hymn.

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.

*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.

*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.*

## THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. For the increase of peace among all the nations of the world in the reign of Christ, let us pray to the Lord,

**C: Christ the Lord, bring peace on earth.**

P: For the spread of the good news of great joy that the Savior has come, let us pray to the Lord,

**C: Christ the Lord, bring peace on earth.**

P: For the poor and those who find no room made for them, let us pray to the Lord,

**C: Christ the Lord, bring peace on earth.**

P: For the renewal of the whole church in unity and joy, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Christ the Lord, bring peace on earth.**

P: For the light of Christmas to shine on all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Christ the Lord, bring peace on earth.**

P: Rejoicing in your birth and trusting in your mercy, we commend to you, O Lord, all for whom we pray.

**C: Amen.**

Please Stand

## HOLY COMMUNION

*All baptized Christians who believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament are welcome to receive Holy Communion. All adults and children not receiving communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, Lord, Holy Father, through Christ our Lord. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of the faithful to a new and radiant vision of your glory; that, beholding the God made visible, we may



be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending praise.

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power 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:** You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God, you are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world you gave your only Son, that whoever believes in Him may not perish but have eternal life. Having come into the world, He fulfilled for us your holy will and accomplished our salvation.

*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 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"*

Remembering then His birth, His death, His glorious resurrection, we share this bread and wine, and give you thanks. Send your Holy Spirit upon us, that we and all who share in the body and blood of your Son may be filled with Heavenly joy and peace. All honor and glory are yours, O God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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**

*Kneel at the altar rail as a group. Each group will be dismissed with a blessing. For those who prefer, the center circle of glasses contains grape juice. Please return your cup to the baskets on either side of the aisle. If you wish to receive communion at your pew, please tell the usher who will tell those serving communion.*

## COMMUNION HYMN ~ HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

LBW 60

Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn king;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled."  
Joyful, all you nations, rise;  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With angelic hosts proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

### Chorus:

*Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn king!"*

Christ, by highest heav'n adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold him come,

Offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!  
Hail, incarnate deity!  
Pleased as man with us to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel!

### *Chorus*

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
Ris'n with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
Born that we no more may die,  
Born to raise each child of earth,  
Born to give us second birth.

### *Chorus*

## COMMUNION HYMN ~ THE FIRST NOEL

LBW 56

The first Noel the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields  
As they lay;  
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

### *Refrain*

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!  
Born is the King of Israel*

They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the east beyond them far;  
And to the earth it gave great light,  
And so it continued both day and night.

### *Refrain*

And by the light of that same star  
Three Wise Men came from country far;  
To seek for a king was their intent,  
And to follow the star wherever it went.

### *Refrain*

This star drew near to the northwest,  
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest;  
And there it did both stop and stay  
Right over the place where Jesus lay.

### *Refrain*

Then entered in those Wise Men three,  
Full rev'rently upon their knee,  
And offered there in his presence  
Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.

### *Refrain*

## COMMUNION HYMN ~ ANCIENT WORDS

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.

*Chorus:*

*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.

*Chorus*

Ancient words ever true,  
Changing me and changing you.  
We have come with open hearts,  
O, let the ancient words impart.  
We have come with open hearts,  
O, let the ancient words impart...  
O, let the ancient words impart.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**P:** Let us pray. We give you thanks, Almighty God, that you 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.**

## THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

**4:30 Service:** *You are invited to turn on your LED candles at this time.*

**7:00 Service:** *The ushers go forward to light their candles from the pastor's candle. The ushers bring their candles to the first person in each pew. Please dip the unlit candle into the lit candle.*

In keeping with proper COVID protocols, we would ask that you do have your mask on while we are lighting the candles. If you do not want to light a candle, we understand and respect this – Just do not lift a candle toward the ushers as they come by.

## PRAYER

**P:** Let us pray. Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in

the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **HYMN ~ SILENT NIGHT ~**

LBW 65

Silent night, holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright.  
Round yon virgin, mother and child,  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild.  
Sleep in heav'nly peace!  
Sleep in heav'nly peace!  
Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar,

Heaven'ly hosts sing, Alleluia!  
Christ, the Savior, is born!  
Christ, the Savior, is born!  
Silent night, holy night!  
Son of God, love's pure light.  
Radiant beams from your holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace.  
Jesus, Lord, at your birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

*The candles are extinguished and the ushers turn the lights on.*

### **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.**

### **POSTLUDE**





## 2020 Poinsettia Donations

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Thank you for your generosity. Enjoy the beautiful flowers during the Season's services. You may take your poinsettias home with you after the 7 pm Christmas Eve service.



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### Worship Schedule

Sunday, December 27—Worship at 9:00 a.m. (Outside, if weather permits) & 10:30 a.m. (Inside)

Sunday, January 3—Worship at 9:00 a.m. (Outside, if weather permits) & at 10:30 a.m. (Inside)

