

# 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

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 27, 2020

Worship Service

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

Blessed  
is the one  
who comes  
in the  
name



of the Lord.  
Luke 13.35



**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**

**9:00 A.M. Worship**

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

**10:30 A.M. Worship**

Usher: Pending  
Reader: Pending  
Music Leader: Sherry Towns  
Projectionist: Toby Fite

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**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**  
**December 27, 2020 ~ WELCOME!**

It is a joy to worship together.

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**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please Stand*

**OPENING HYMN ~ GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICE!**

LBW 55

Good Christian friends, rejoice  
With heart and soul and voice;  
Give ye heed to what we say:  
Jesus Christ is born today.  
Ox and ass before him bow,  
And he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today!  
Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice  
With heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye hear of endless bliss:  
Jesus Christ was born for this!

He has opened heaven's door,  
And we are blest forevermore.  
Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice  
With heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye need not fear the grave;  
Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all  
To gain his everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save!  
Christ was born to save!

**WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: The true light has come into the world in the Word made flesh. Let us bring our sin in-  
to the light of God, that we may be healed.

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)*

P: God of our salvation,

**C: we have failed to respond to your life-giving Spirit in our relationships with you, with one another, and with your creation. Have mercy for the sake of Jesus, your gift to us. Forgive us by grace, renew us in love, and lead us with joy so that we may bear your peace to all the earth.**

P: Blessed be God who chose you in Christ! God forgives all your trespasses; in Christ you are children of the Most High, you are marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit, that you may live to the glory of God.

**C: Amen.**

### **THE GREETING**

P: To us is born a Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Alleluia!**

P: The grace, mercy, and peace of God be with you always.

**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: Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature and be born of the Virgin Mary. Grant that we, having been redeemed and made your children by grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE ~ JOY TO THE WORLD

LBW 39, v. 1, 2 & 4

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!	Repeat the sounding joy,
Let earth receive its King;	Repeat the sounding joy,
Let ev'ry hear prepare him room	Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
And heav'n and nature sing,	He rules the world with truth and grace
And heav'n and nature sign,	And makes the nations prove
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing!	The glories of his righteousness
Joy the to the earth, the Savior reigns!	And wonders of his love
Let all their songs employ,	And wonders of his love
While fields and floods, rock, hills and plains	And wonders, wonders of his love.

*Please Sit*

### FIRST READING: ISAIAH 61:10-62:3

<sup>10</sup>I 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. <sup>11</sup>For 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.

<sup>1</sup>For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. <sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. <sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 111

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

<sup>2</sup>**Great are the deeds of the Lord!  
they are studied by all who delight in them.**

<sup>3</sup>His work is full of majesty and splendor,

and his righteousness endures forever.

**<sup>4</sup>He makes his marvelous works to be remembered;  
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup>He gives food to those who fear him;  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

**<sup>6</sup>He has shown his people the power of his works  
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

<sup>7</sup>The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice;  
all his commandments are sure.

**<sup>8</sup>They stand fast forever and ever,  
because they are done in truth and equity.**

<sup>9</sup>He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant forever;  
holy and awesome | is his Name.

**<sup>10</sup>The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures forever.**

#### **SECOND READING: GALATIANS 4:4-7**

<sup>4</sup>When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup>And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

#### **CHILDREN'S SONG ~ I'VE GOT THE JOY, JOY, JOY, JOY**

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart

Where?

Down in my heart!

Where?

Down in my heart!

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart

Down in my heart to stay!

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

Please Stand

### GOSPEL VERSE ~ ALLELUIA, LORD

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

### GOSPEL: LUKE 2:22-40

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the Second Chapter.

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

<sup>22</sup> And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") <sup>24</sup> and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." <sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup> And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. <sup>27</sup> And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, <sup>28</sup> he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

<sup>29</sup> "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,  
according to your word;

<sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation

<sup>31</sup> that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and for glory to your people Israel."

<sup>33</sup> And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup> And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed <sup>35</sup> (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

<sup>36</sup> And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, <sup>37</sup> and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup> And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the

redemption of Jerusalem.

<sup>39</sup> And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup> And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

*After the reading:*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **SONG BEFORE SERMON ~ IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR**

LBW 54, v. 1, 2, & 4

It came upon the midnight clear,  
that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth  
to touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, good will to all,  
from heav'n's all-gracious king."  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
to hear the angels sing.  
  
Still through the cloven skies they come  
with peaceful wings unfurled,  
and still their heav'nly music floats  
o'er all the weary world.

Above its sad and lowly plains  
they bend on hov'ring wing,  
and ever o'er its babel sounds  
the blessed angels sing.

For lo! The days are hast'ning on,  
by prophets seen of old,  
when with the ever-circling years  
shall come the time foretold,  
when peace shall over all the earth  
its ancient splendors fling,  
and all the world give back the song  
which now the angels sing.

Please Sit

### **SERMON ~ PASTOR WALLY SEIBEL**

Please Stand

### **HYMN OF THE DAY ~ ANGELS, WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH**

LBW 71

Angels we have heard on high,  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply,  
Echoing their joyous strains.

Chorus:

*Gloria in excelsis Deo;  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.*



Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heav'nly song?

*Chorus*

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn king.

*Chorus*

### **INSTALLATION OF CALL COMMITTEE**

Pastor: The following people have been elected by the congregation to positions of leadership. We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these sisters and brothers will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation:

*Carmen Nazario – Council liaison, Roger Stai, Kimberly Butler, Alan Cumming, Bill Hebb and Blaine Davis.*

Pastor: *A reading from First Corinthians:* There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. *(1 Corinthians 12:4-7)*

You have been appointed to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation. You are charged with the work of being the Call Committee of Our Saviour's Lutheran church, working in preparing us and working with the NALC to find a settled pastor for our congregation.

You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith bear witness to God, who gathers us into one, together with the whole church.

You are to be faithful in your specific area of serving, that the Spirit who empowers you may be glorified.

You are to be examples of faith active in love, fostering peace, harmony, and mutual understanding in this congregation.

On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected?

**Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.**

*The congregation stands. Those being installed face the assembly. The presiding minister addresses the congregation.*

Pastor: People of God, I ask you: Will you support these, your appointed leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

**Congregation: We will, and we ask God to help us.**

*Those being installed face the presiding minister, who addresses them.*

Pastor: I now declare you installed as the call committee of this congregation. Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be faithful servants of Christ.

**C: Amen.**

### **THE 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: Gathered in the joy of promises fulfilled, let us bring our needs and our thanksgivings to God.

*After each petition of the prayer, the leader will say "Lord in your mercy"  
The congregation will respond, "**hear our prayer.**"*

P: Hear all our prayers, gracious God, and receive them in the name of the Word made flesh, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*Please Stand*

## 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 . . . *(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: 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

P. 91 LBW

**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

*For those who prefer, the center circle of glasses contain grape juice.*

*Please return your cup in the basket on the aisle.*

## COMMUNION SONG #1 ~ AMAZING GRACE, MY CHAINS ARE GONE

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now I'm found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed.

My chains are gone, I've been set free!  
My God, my Savior, has ransomed me.  
And like a flood, His mercy rains  
Unending love amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me;  
His word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

My chains are gone, I've been set free!  
My God, my Savior, has ransomed me.  
And like a flood, His mercy rains  
Unending love amazing grace.

My chains are gone, I've been set free!  
My God, my Savior, has ransomed me.  
And like a flood, His mercy rains  
Unending love amazing grace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow;  
The sun forbear to shine.  
But God, who called me here below,  
Will be forever mine,  
Will be forever mine,  
You are forever mine.

## **COMMUNION SONG #2 ~ 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.

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 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**

A: Let us pray: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### **THE 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.**

## CLOSING HYMN ~ GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

LBW 70

*Chorus:*

*Go tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born!*

While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold, throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light.

*Chorus*

The shepherds feared and trembled  
When, lo, above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus  
That hailed our Savior's birth.

*Chorus*

Down in a lonely manger  
The humble Christ was born;  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn.

*Chorus*

### DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Thanks to Bill Videtto and Chris Burris**

Thank you to Bill Videtto and Chris Burris for your work on our streaming services. Due to their work, our streaming is working well again! This means that those who are not able to physically come to worship either on Sunday or Christmas Eve will be able to sing praise, and worship as part of our community! We realize that on line worship is not the same as being in person, but we are glad that you are able to join us in worship!!

### **Offering Envelopes**

The offering envelopes for 2021 are in the back of the church (in the Narthex). Please be sure to go by and pick up your box.

### **Thank You!**

Thank you to all who helped with our Advent and Christmas activities and Christmas Eve worship services! We also want to thank those who helped with any of the projects OSLC takes on related to Christmas giving! We have been busy during November and December, but have had great months! We had incredible participation. Thank you to all!

### **No Sunday School Today**

Our Sunday School is not meeting today. Classes for our children resume on Sunday, January 10 at 9:45 a.m.

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR (DECEMBER 27 THROUGH JANUARY 3, 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 27, 2019**

Worship Service, Outside if  
 Weather Permits 9:00 a.m.  
 Worship Service, Inside 10:30 a.m.  
 Note: No Sunday School

**MONDAY**

No Activities Scheduled

**TUESDAY**

Quilters 9:00 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY**

No Activities Scheduled

**THURSDAY**

New Year's Eve  
 No Activities Scheduled

**FRIDAY**

New Year's Day  
 No Activities Scheduled

**SATURDAY**

No Activities Scheduled

**SUNDAY—January 3, 2020**

Worship Service, Outside  
 If weather permits 9:00 a.m.  
 Worship Service, Inside 10:30 a.m.  
 Note: No Sunday School

STEWARDSHIP		WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE	
Monthly Budget	<u>\$ 23,058</u>	Worship Average as of March 15, 2020	130
Prior December Offerings	\$ 8,718	Attendance December 20	<u>57</u>
Sunday, Dec. 20, 2020 Offering	1,823	9:00 a.m. Service—	25
Other Offering	<u>1,115</u>	10:30 a.m. Service—	32
Cumulative December Offering	<u>\$ 11,656</u>	Worship Average Since Returning on May 31, 2020	80
Year to Date Offerings	<u>\$ 241,796</u>		