

# 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. Stephen (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.*

January 3, 2021

Worship Service

8:30 A.M. & 10:00 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<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: Donna Skaar  
Music Leader: Sherry Towns

#### 10:30 A.M. Worship

Usher: Ryan Gibbs  
Reader: Rachel Gibbs  
Music Leader: Sherry Towns  
Projectionist: Toby Fite

# THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

## JANUARY 3, 2021 ~ WELCOME

It is a joy to worship together.

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please Stand*

### OPENING 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.

### CONFESSION OF SIN

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. In the name of Jesus Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### **GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

### **KYRIE ~ SUNG**

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.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE ~ THIS IS THE FEAST

LBW P. 81

This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was  
slain, whose blood set us free to be  
people of God.

Power and riches and wisdom and  
strength and honor and blessing  
and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God and join in  
the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor and glory and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever.

Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has begun  
his reign.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son, we might be made to abound in good works. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Please Sit*

### FIRST READING: I KINGS 3:4-15

<sup>4</sup>The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. <sup>5</sup>At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." <sup>6</sup>And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. <sup>7</sup>And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup>And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. <sup>9</sup>Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?" <sup>10</sup>It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup>And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for

yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup>behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. <sup>13</sup>I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. <sup>14</sup>And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.” <sup>15</sup>And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 119:97-104

<sup>97</sup>Oh, how I | love your law!

all the day long it is in my mind.

<sup>98</sup>**Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies,  
and it is always with me.**

<sup>99</sup>I have more understanding than all my teachers,  
for your decrees are my study.

<sup>100</sup>**I am wiser than the elders,  
because I observe your commandments.**

<sup>101</sup>I restrain my feet from every evil way,  
that I may keep your word.

<sup>102</sup>**I do not shrink from your judgments,  
because you yourself have taught me.**

<sup>103</sup>How sweet are your words to my taste!  
they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

<sup>104</sup>**Through your commandments I gain understanding;  
therefore I hate every lying way.**

### SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 1:3-14

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed

us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup>which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup>so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup>who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **CHILDREN'S SONG ~ IF YOU'RE HAPPY AND YOU KNOW IT**

If you're happy and you know it  
Clap your hands [clap, clap]  
If you're happy and you know it  
Clap your hands [clap, clap]

If you're happy and you know it  
Then your life will surely show it  
If you're happy and you know it  
Clap your hands [clap, clap]

### **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 ~ LUKE 2:49-52**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2nd chapter.

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

<sup>40</sup>The child {Jesus} grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. <sup>41</sup>Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. <sup>42</sup>And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. <sup>43</sup>And

when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, <sup>44</sup>but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, <sup>45</sup>and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. <sup>46</sup>After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup>And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup>And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." <sup>49</sup>And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup>And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. <sup>51</sup>And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup>And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

*After the reading:*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **SONG BEFORE THE SERMON ~ HOW SWEET THE NAME OF JESUS SOUNDS**

LBW 345, v. 1 & 2

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
In a believer's ear!  
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,  
And drives away all fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole  
And calms the heart's unrest;  
'Tis manna to the hungry soul  
And to the weary, rest.

*Please Sit*

## **SERMON ~ REV. STEPHEN (WALLY) SEIBEL**

*Please Stand*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY ~ HOW SWEET THE NAME OF JESUS SOUNDS**

LBW 345, v. 3 & 5

Dear name! The rock on which I build,  
My shield and hiding place;  
My never-failing treasury,  
Fill with boundless stores of grace.

O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,  
My Prophet, Priest, and King,  
My Lord, my life, my way, my end,  
Accept the praise I bring.



## 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

Congregation sings refrain of "Lord, listen to your children praying." WOV 775

**Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

Pastor prays while Jaeyong plays refrain in background

**Congregation repeats refrain**

Pastor prays while Jaeyong plays refrain in background

**Congregation repeats refrain**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

LBW P. 89

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 . . . *(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: 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.'

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C: Christ has died.**

**Christ has risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

P: Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of His resurrection, we await His coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of His resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

*Please Sit*

## **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 ~ ABOVE ALL**

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.

#### **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.

(Continued on following page)

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.

### **COMMUNION SONG #3 ~ IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME** (IF NECESSARY)

In remembrance of Me,  
Eat this bread.  
In remembrance of Me,  
Drink this wine.  
In remembrance of Me,  
Pray for the time  
When God's own will is done.

In remembrance of Me,  
Heal the sick.  
In remembrance of Me,  
Feed the poor.  
In remembrance of Me,  
Open the door  
And let your brother in,  
Let him in.

Take, eat and be comforted;  
Drink and remember too,  
That this is My body and  
precious blood  
Shed for you,  
Shed for you.

In remembrance of Me,  
Search for truth.  
In remembrance of Me  
Always love.  
In remembrance of Me,  
Don't look above,  
But in your heart  
Look for God

Do this in remembrance of Me.

Please Stand

### **POST 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”**

*( Sung to the tune of “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” )*

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.

Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth;

We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise;

Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

## **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:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## **CLOSING SONG ~ THIS IS MY FATHER’S WORLD**

LBW 554

This is my Father’s world,  
and to my list’ning ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father’s world;  
I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father’s world;  
the birds their carols raise;  
the morning light, the lily white,  
declare their maker’s praise.

This is my Father’s world;  
he shines in all that’s fair.  
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;  
he speaks to me ev’rywhere.

This is my Father’s world;  
oh, let me not forget  
that, though the wrong seems  
oft so strong,

God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father’s world;  
why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is king, let the heavens ring;  
God reigns, let the earth be glad!

## **DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

**DR. JAEYONG LEE**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Items for Annual Meeting - Submitted 2 Weeks in Advance**

Just a reminder; we changed our bylaws a few years ago to say that all items to be discussed at the annual meeting need to be submitted to the congregational president at least 2 weeks before the meeting. This allows adequate time for all items on the agenda to be presented to the congregation before the meeting. If you have any proposals or ideas for the annual meeting, please do submit them to Bill Videtto. Thank you for your input!

### **Come Have Coffee with Pastor Wally**

Contact is important and difficult in time of Covid. In order to meet the people of Our Saviour's, Pastor Wally is:

- Inviting all who are comfortable with a Coffee Get together to meet Wednesday's at the pavilion 1:30 – 3 at the Pavilion. Bring your own coffee (or other drink), snacks if you like...and if possible a chair. By meeting outside, and socially distancing, we are trying to keep safe;
- Going to be starting to call people on the phone; and
- just rejoined Facebook. Please connect ("friend") him. He is listed as "Stephen Seibel".

### **Special Thanks**

OSLC has such loving and caring people. Someone sees a need and someone steps up to fill that need. This happens often around here!

Special thanks to all the people who have been working on the Storage building. This will be used by the NALC as a distribution point for emergency relief. The hard work is greatly appreciated!! We are able to serve not just our community but beyond our community by helping in this ministry. May this ministry continue to grow.

### **Annual Congregational Meeting**

The 2021 Annual congregational meeting will be held on January 24th in the sanctuary immediately following the second service - approximately 11:40 AM. The agenda will include the election of committee members for: Council, and for Nominating and Audit committees. The meeting will also include a short review of 2020 finances, the 2021 budget and a couple of amendments to the NALC Synod constitution. Please try to attend.

### **Sunday School and Confirmation Classes Start Again**

We will begin our Sunday School and Confirmation Classes again on January 10, 2021.

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR (JANUARY 3—JANUARY 10, 2021)

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—Jan. 3, 2021

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

### THURSDAY

ACA Meeting      6:00 p.m.  
CODA      6:00 p.m.

### FRIDAY

No Activities Scheduled

### MONDAY

No Activities Scheduled

### SATURDAY

No Activities Scheduled

### TUESDAY

Quilters      9:00 a.m.

### SUNDAY—Jan. 10, 2021

Worship Service, Outside      8:30 a.m.  
Children's Sunday School      9:15 a.m.  
Worship Service, Inside      10:00 a.m.

### WEDNESDAY

Afternoon Coffee with      1:30—3:00  
Pastor Wally

STEWARDSHIP		DECEMBER 27, 2020 WORSHIP	
Monthly Budget	<u>\$ 23,058</u>	Worship Average as of March 15, 2020	100
Prior December Offerings	11,656	Attendance December 27	124
Offerings during the week	3,648	9:00 a.m. Service—	50
Offerings on Sunday, Dec. 27	<u>480</u>	10:30 a.m. Service—	29
Cumulative December Offerings	<u>15,784</u>	Worship Average Since Returning on May 31, 2020	79
Year to Date Offerings	<u>\$ 245,924</u>		