

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

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*Bringing Christ to the
people and the
people to Christ.*

We are a community of faith,
formed in the grace and
joy of Jesus Christ.

We are a people involved in
God's sure and unfolding
promise to mend His
creation through the life,
death and resurrection of
His Son, and in the power
of the Holy Spirit.

We are a church under the
cross of Christ, shaped by
the ancient rhythms of
Christian worship,
fellowship, and
service to others.

Come share the joy!

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Therefore stay awake – for you do not know when the
master of the house will come, in the evening, or at
midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning –
lest he comes suddenly and find you asleep.

–Mark 13:35-36

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B)

DECEMBER 3, 2023 • 10:00 AM



Our Members, Guests and Visitors

We are all on a journey of faith; God does not expect us to make the journey alone.

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Our Office Hours are Monday through Thursday, 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

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Prelude - Dr. Jaeyong Lee

Welcome and Family News

- Welcome! Whether you are a longtime member or visiting for the first time, you are a gift from God to us. Guests, please fill out the yellow card on the back of your pew and place it in the offering plate later in the service.
- All who are baptized and desire to share in the Body and Blood of our Lord are welcome to receive Communion.

*“You have made us for yourself, O Lord,
and our hearts are restless until they rest in You.”*

-St. Augustine of Hippo (Confessions)

*“The Lord is coming, always coming.
When you have ears to hear and eyes to see,
you will recognize him at any moment of your life.
Life is Advent; life is recognizing the coming of the Lord.”*

– Henri Nouwen

Please stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN ~ “ALL EARTH IS HOPEFUL” (WOV, #629)

All earth is hopeful, the Savior comes at last!
Furrows lie open for God’s creative task;
this, the labor of people, who struggle to see
how God’s truth and justice set ev’rybody free.

People of Israel, you heard the prophet tell:
“A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel”;
she conceived him, “God with us,” our brother, whose birth
restores hope and courage to children of this earth.

Mountains and valleys will have to be prepared;
new highways opened, new protocols declared.
Almost here! God is nearing, in beauty and grace!
All clear ev’ry gateway, in haste, come out in haste!

We first saw Jesus a baby in a crib.
This same Lord Jesus today has come to live
in our world; he is present, in neighbors we see
our Jesus is with us, and ever sets us free.

WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

As the Pastor says the Invocation, the Sign of the Cross ✠ may be made in remembrance of our baptisms.

P In this season of waiting and watching for the return of Christ, we are gathered together to worship in the name of the Father, Son, ✠ and Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P A voice cries in the wilderness, “Prepare the way of the Lord. Make straight in the desert a pathway for our God.” Let us come humbly before our Lord, asking for forgiveness and mercy for our sins, known and unknown. (Isaiah 40:3)

Silence for self-reflection and examination.

P God of grace,

C **We confess that we have not been attentive to the urgent call to prepare for the coming of your Son. We have neglected to serve our neighbors, near and far. We have relied too much on our own strength rather than relying on your power, grace, and comfort in our lives. Grant us forgiveness and restore us to a right relationship through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

P The God who desires his people to depend upon him, offers us comfort in the knowledge that the grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God will stand forever. (Isaiah 40:8) In the name of Jesus Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins. Live joyfully in the grace and mercy of our Lord. C **Amen**

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ for whom we wait, the love of the Father who will never let us go, and the peace of the Holy Spirit 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 God of righteousness, you are ever-faithful to your promises to your people. Strengthen our hearts and transform our lives so that we might always be prepared for the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. C **Amen**

Please be seated

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

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:

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 1:1-2)

Light the first candle

OH COME, OH COME, EMMANUEL (LBW 34, vs. 1)

Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

The Service Of The Word

FIRST READING: Isaiah 64:1-9

R This is the Word of the Lord!

C **Thanks be to God!**

PSALMODY

PSALM 25:1-10 (LBW, p. 226)

- R** To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- C** **Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**
- R** Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.
- C** **Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.**
- R** Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.
- C** **Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**
- R** Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- C** **He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly.**
- R** All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.
- C** **For your name's sake, O Lord, forgive my sin, for it is great.**

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9

R This is the Word of the Lord!

C **Thanks be to God!**

FEEDING OUR LITTLE LAMBS

"AWAY IN A MANGER" (LBW 67, vs. 1)

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
The stars in the sky...looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Please stand

GOSPEL CANTICLE ~ "THE LORD IS IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE"

The Lord is in His holy temple:
Let all the earth keep silence before Him;
Keep silence, keep silence,
Keep silence before Him.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 13th Chapter.

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

St. Mark 13:24-37

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated

HOMILY FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ PASTOR MARTIN MOORE

Christ Comes in History, Mystery, and Majesty!

Please stand

HYMN OF THE DAY ~ "KEPT IN QUIET WONDER"

TO THE TUNE OF "NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD"

Now in the latter days, after that tribulation,
The sun will be made dark; the heavens will be shaken.

Then he will come in power, the glorious Son of Man,
And gather his elect who took the gospel stand.

We all can read the signs, foretell when tempests take place.
We shelter 'fore the storm but take for granted his grace.
He'll tarry not too long, rousing with the thunder.
Awake and rise in him, kept in quiet wonder.

The silent siren stirs the faithful here this morning
To stay awake and heed the warrant of this warning:
No one can know the time and we don't know the hour;
But he will come at last — the Son of God in power.

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 OF THE CHURCH

^P Confident in God's steadfast love through Jesus Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayers:

^P Lord, in your mercy, ^C **Hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

^P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. ^C **Amen**

Please be seated

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

^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.*

^P 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.*

^P Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

^C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

^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**

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, grant us peace.

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION

"LORD, LET MY HEART BE GOOD SOIL" (WOV, #713)

"I, THE LORD OF SEA AND SKY" (WOV, #752)

"Come, Let Us Eat" (LBW, #214)

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" (PGS. 93-94 LBW)

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**

BENEDICTION ~P.95 LBW

^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**

SENDING HYMN ~ *"LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING"* (LBW, #259)

DISMISSAL

^P Go in peace! Prepare the way of the Lord! ^C **Thanks be to God.**

CHURCH BULLETIN BOARD

Please Note: No Sunday School on December 17, 24 & 31



Our Children's Christmas Party is this Saturday, December 9th from 11:00 to 2:00. The kids will enjoy crafts, decorating the Christmas Tree, Lunch (provided), and Caroling. The event is open for preschoolers up to eighth grade. For more information call Carmen Nazario at 972-533-9935 or Jana Coke at 903-521-6666.



PrimeTimers will be having our Christmas Party and cookie and gift exchange on Friday, December 8th at 12:00. Bring a potluck item and a gift under \$10, as well as two plates of cookies; one plate to eat and one to exchange with others.



Thank You to all who contributed to the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Ministry!
 These special gifts will be on their way to delight 105 precious children, and bring the gospel to many unreached parts of the world. Thank you for your caring and generous hearts. Love, Chris Miller and Priscilla Warren



Wednesday Evenings: December 6, 13, and 20

Soup Supper 5:30 pm in the Parish Hall

Holden Village Prayer Service 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary



Sunday, December 24

Advent 4 10:00 am in the Sanctuary

Christmas Eve Fellowship 6:00 pm – 6:45 pm in the Narthex

(Bring enough simple appetizers for your family and a bit to share)

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary

This Week at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Today:	FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT	
Tuesday:	Quilters	9:00 a.m.
	Spin Class	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday:	Soup Supper	5:30 p.m.
	Holden Prayer Service	6:30 p.m.
Thursday:	Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
	CODA	6:00 p.m.
Friday:	Prime Timers Luncheon	12:00 p.m.
Saturday:	Altar Guild Team #2	
	Christmas Party	11:00 a.m.
Sunday:	Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
	Choir Practice	9:15 a.m.
	Worship Service	10:00 a.m.

Stewardship

November 26, 2023

Monthly Budget	\$ 25,245	Attendance Last Week	111
Prior November Offerings	\$ 16,874	2023 Average Attendance	106
Offerings on November 26th	\$ 4,348		
Other Weekly Offerings	<u>\$ 875</u>		
Total Weekly Offerings	\$ 5,223		
Total November Offerings	\$ 22,096		
2023 Offering to Date	\$282,875		

Our Worship Servants This Morning:

"God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts.
Use them well to serve one another." -1 Peter 4:10

Greeter:	Helen Siebert
Acolyte:	Max Bothner
Ushers:	Ryan Gibbs & Jerry Redman
Cantor:	Blaine Davis
Reader:	Mary Ferguson
Communion Assistants:	Linda Webster, Carmen Nazario, & Sally Dengerud
Projectionist:	Toby Fite