

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!

Our Pastor

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Second Sunday of Advent - Year B

December 10, 2023 • 10:00 A.M.



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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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.

Please stand (in body or in spirit)

GATHERING

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"ANGELS, FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY" (LBW #50) Vs 1,2,4

Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
once you sang creation's story;
now proclaim Messiah's birth:
come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.

Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,

yonder shines the infant light.
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.

All creation, join in praising
God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising
To the eternal Three in One.
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.

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 Gracious God, the Alpha and Omega, our beginning and our end, may your Spirit kindle in us a heart so willing to follow your Son that your reign of righteousness and peace is made visible through our lives. We ask this through Jesus Christ, 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

P: At His birth in Bethlehem, there was no room found for Jesus. The Ruler of the Universe was wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid to sleep in a manger. Remembering that we love only because He first loved us, we pray that God would prepare for Himself a place in our hearts. In love, we light the second candle on the Advent wreath. We read in Micah:

You, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. (Micah 5:2)

Light the second candle.

HYMN ~ OH COME, OH COME, EMMANUEL ~ (LBW #34) Vs. 2

Oh, come, oh, come, great Lord of might,
Who to your tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times once gave the law
In cloud, and majesty, and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.

The Service Of The Word

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

^R This is the Word of the Lord! ^C **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 85

^R¹ Lord, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

^C² **You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin. Selah**

^R³ You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger.

- C⁴ Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us!**
- R⁵ Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations?**
- C⁶ Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?**
- R⁷ Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.**
- C⁸ Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.**
- R⁹ Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.**
- C¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.**
- R¹¹ Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky.**
- C¹² Yes, the Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.**
- R¹³ Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.**

SECOND READING: 2 PETER 3:8-14

R This is the Word of the Lord! **C** **Thanks be to God!**

Feeding Our Little Lambs ~ "Away In A Manger" Vs.2

The cattle are lowing, the poor baby wakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle 'till morning is nigh.

Please stand (in body or in spirit)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ~ "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 1st Chapter.

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

MARK 1:1-8

^P The Gospel of the Lord. ^C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Please be seated

SERMON ~ PASTOR MARTIN MOORE

Comfort My People, Comfort Them

Please stand (in body or in spirit)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“HARK THE GLAD SOUND” (LBW #35)

Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes, The Savior promised long; Let every heart prepare a throne And every voice a song.	He comes the broken heart to bind, The bleeding soul to cure, And with the treasures of his grace To enrich the humble poor.
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He comes the pris'ners to release, In Satan's bondage held. The gates of brass before him burst, The iron fetters yield.	Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, Your welcome shall proclaim, And heav'n's eternal arches ring With your beloved name.
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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

^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 the congregation responds... **Hear our prayer.***

^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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Please stand (in body or in spirit)

THE OFFERTORY ~ "THE DOXOLOGY" (LBW #565)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, ✕ Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

POST OFFERTORY PRAYER

^P Let us pray. Merciful Father,

^C **We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Please remain standing

THE HOLY MEAL

PASSING OF THE PEACE

^P The peace of the Lord be with you always. ^C **And also with you.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ~ P. 88 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.**

^P It is indeed good, right, and salutary that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, whom John the baptizer heralded as the anointed One, the very Lamb of God, calling sinners to repent, to escape the judgment of his coming.

^P Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all of the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name; evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

^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.**

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 & Communion Hymns

“THE ANGEL GABRIEL FROM HEAVEN CAME” (WOV #632)

“I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE”

Chorus:

I am the Bread of Life

All who eat this Bread will never die

I am God's love revealed

I am broken that you might be healed

All who eat of this heavenly Bread

All who drink this cup of the covenant

You will live forever

For I will raise you up

Chorus

No one who comes to Me shall ever
hunger again

No one who believes shall ever thirst

All that the Father draws shall come to Me

And I will give them rest

Chorus

“OF THE FATHER’S LOVE BEGOTTEN” (LBW #42) Vss. 1-4

Please stand (in body or in spirit)

COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C Amen**

CANTICLE ~ “NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD” (LVW #534) Vs. 3

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heav’n adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

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**

SENDING

BENEDICTION ~ P. 94 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 ~ “ON JORDAN’S BANKS THE BAPTIST’S CRY” (LBW #36) Vss. 1&4

DISMISSAL

P The Lord be with you! Go and serve in Jesus’ name. **C Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- No Sunday School on December 17th, 24th, & 31st.
- We send out our News Letter on Tuesday mornings and our Prayer List on Wednesday afternoons. If you are not receiving these, please let Amanda know, so she can add you to the list.
- It is time to purchase poinsettias to decorate our nave. This year a poinsettia costs \$10. You can purchase one in memory of or in honor of someone. Please fill out a form and place it with cash or check into the offering plate. You will be able to take your poinsettia home after the Christmas Eve service.



Wednesday Evenings: December 13th and 20th

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

Our Worship Servants This Morning:

Greeters:	Tom & Joyce Lewis
Acolytes:	Penelope & Annabelle Davis
Ushers:	Robert & Nicholas Henriksen
Cantor:	Blaine Davis
Reader:	Carmen Nazario
Communion Assistants:	Blaine & Karin Davis, & Courtney Henriksen
Projectionist:	Toby Fite

Upcoming Activities at OSLC (December 11th-17th)

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.
	Social Ministry	11:30 a.m.
	CODA	6:00 p.m.
Saturday:	Altar Guild Team #3	
	Embroiderer's Christmas Party	9:00 a.m.
Sunday:	Choir Practice	9:15 a.m.
	Worship Service	10:00 a.m.

Stewardship

December 3, 2023

Monthly Budget	\$ 25,245	Attendance Last Week	101
Total November Offerings	\$ 22,897	2023 Average Attendance	106
Offerings on December 3rd	\$ 3,256		
2023 Offerings to Date	\$286,931		

