

# 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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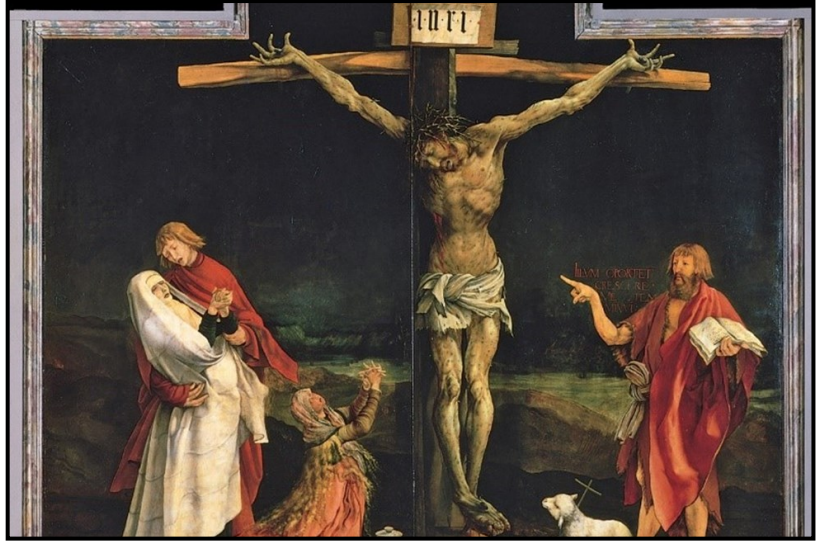
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The Isenheim Altarpiece 1512—1516

*(Chronologically flawed, theologically perfect!)*

“If you can believe that this voice of John is a harbinger of truth and follow the direction of his finger and behold the Lamb of God bearing your sin, you have won the victory. You have become a Christian, a master over sin and death and hell and all things. And so your conscience is gladdened, and you will love the gentle Lamb of God.”

(Martin Luther, 1522)

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B)

DECEMBER 17, 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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**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*

### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN ~ "ALL TOGETHER PRAISE OUR GOD" (LBW #47) Vs. 1&4**

Let all together praise our God	He undertakes a great exchange,
Before his gloriest throne;	Puts on our human frame,
Today he opens heav'n again	And in return gives us his realm,
To give us his own Son,	His glory, and his name
To give us his own Son.	His glory, and his name.

### **WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

- <sup>P</sup> 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. <sup>C</sup> **Amen**
- <sup>P</sup> 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 Lord Jesus Christ, give ear to our prayers, and lighten the darkness of our hearts by your gracious visitation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.    C **Amen**

*Please be seated*

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

<sup>P</sup> The third candle of Advent symbolizes Joy. As we continue to approach Christmas Day, our joy grows more and more. The third candle takes us back to the joyful anticipation of the shepherds who journeyed to see Jesus in Bethlehem, even before the wise men.

“But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.’” (*Luke 2:10-12*)

*Light the third candle*

*OH COME, OH COME, EMMANUEL (LBW, #34) Vs. 3*

Oh, come, strong Branch of Jesse, free  
your own from Satan’s tyranny;  
From depths of hell your people save  
and give them vict’ry o’er the grave.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

## The Service Of The Word

FIRST READING: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

<sup>R</sup> This is the Word of the Lord!    <sup>C</sup> **Thanks be to God!**

### PSALMODY

PSALM 126

<sup>R</sup> <sup>1</sup>When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

<sup>C</sup> <sup>2</sup>**Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;  
then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.”**

<sup>R</sup> <sup>3</sup>The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.

<sup>C</sup> <sup>4</sup>**Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the Negeb!**

<sup>R</sup> <sup>5</sup>Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!

<sup>C</sup> <sup>6</sup>**He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home  
with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.**

**SECOND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-24**

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

**FEEDING OUR LITTLE LAMBS**

*"AWAY IN A MANGER" (LBW, #67) VS. 3*

*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*

Follow the Direction of His Finger ~ **PASTOR MARTIN MOORE**

*Please stand*

**HYMN OF THE DAY ~ "PREPARE THE ROYAL HIGHWAY" (LBW, #26)**

Prepare the royal highway;  
The King of kings is near!  
Let ev'ry hill and valley  
A level road appear!  
Then greet the King of glory,  
Fore-told in sacred story:

Refrain:

*Hosanna to the Lord,  
For he fulfills God's Word!*

God's people, see him coming:  
Your own eternal king!  
Palm branches strew before him!  
Spread garments! Shout and sing!  
God's promise will not fail you!  
No more shall doubt assail you!

*Refrain*

Then fling the gates wide open  
To greet you promised king!  
Your kin, yet ev'ry nation  
Its tribute too may bring.  
All lands will bow before him;  
Their voices join your singing:

*Refrain*

His is no earthly kingdom;  
It comes from heav'n above.  
His rule is peace and freedom  
And justice, truth, and love.  
So let your praise be sounding  
For kindness so abounding:

*Refrain*

## 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*

## OFFERING

## OFFERTORY MUSIC

*Please stand*

**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—our vocations, our time, our possessions—all signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

# The Holy Meal

# THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

<sup>P</sup> The peace of the Lord be with you always.    <sup>C</sup> **And also with you.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ~ P. 88 LBW

<sup>P</sup> The Lord be with you. <sup>C</sup> And also with you.

<sup>P</sup> Lift up your hearts. <sup>C</sup> We lift them up to the Lord.

<sup>P</sup> Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. <sup>C</sup> **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.

<sup>P</sup> 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

<sup>P</sup> 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.*

<sup>P</sup> 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.*

<sup>P</sup> Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**<sup>c</sup> Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

<sup>P</sup> 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

*"INFANT HOLY, INFANT LOWLY" (LBW,#44)*

*"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*

*"BLESSED ASSURANCE" (WOV,#699)*

### COMMUNION BLESSING

<sup>P</sup> The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

<sup>C</sup> **Amen**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE ~ *"SONG OF SIMEON"*

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

<sup>P</sup> 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 to-  
ward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. <sup>C</sup> **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.   **☩ Amen**

**SENDING HYMN ~ “LET ALL TOGETHER PRAISE OUR GOD” (LBW,#47) Vs. 6&7**

**DISMISSAL**

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

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**CHURCH BULLETIN BOARD**



**Wednesday Evenings: December 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

- There will be no Sunday School on December 24th or 31st.
- 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 **evening** Christmas Eve service.
- We will have our Annual Congregational Meeting immediately after church service on January 21, 2024.

This Week at Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church		
Today:	THIRD 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.
Saturday:	Altar Guild Team #4	
Sunday:	Choir Practice	9:15 a.m.
	Worship Service - Advent 4	10:00 a.m.
	Appetizers	6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
	Christmas Eve Carols & Communion Candlelight Service	7:00 p.m.

### 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:	Jenny Videtto
Acolytes:	Charles & Caedmon Cumming
Ushers:	Ed & Connie Lucas
Cantor:	Blaine Davis
Reader:	Gary Altbrandt
Communion Assistants:	Alan & Sarah Cumming, & Susan Buntz
Projectionist:	Toby Fite

#### Stewardship

#### December 10, 2023

Monthly Budget	\$ 25,245	Attendance Last Week	111
Prior December Offerings	\$ 3,256	2023 Average Attendance	106
Offerings on December 10th	\$ 3,590		
Other Weekly Offerings	<u>\$ 2,792</u>		
Total Weekly Offerings	\$ 6,382		
Total December Offerings	\$ 9,638		
2023 Offering to Date	\$ 293,313		

