

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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First Sunday After Christmas - Year B

December 31, 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

GATHERING

PROCESSIONAL 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!*

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

Chorus

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

Chorus

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

Chorus

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 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. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of 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

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 (LBW PGS. 79-80)

*Glory to God in the highest, and peace
to his people on earth.*

You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty
God and Father: We worship you ,
we give you thanks, we praise you
for your glory.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone
are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the
Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory
of God the Father. Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

^P The Lord be with you. ^C **And also with you.**

^P 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. (Book of Common Prayer, 1549) ^C **Amen**

Please be seated

The Service Of The Word

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 61:10-62:3

^R¹⁰I 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. ¹¹For 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. ¹For 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. ²The 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. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal
diadem in the hand of your God.

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

PSALM 111

- R ¹Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
- C ²**Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.**
- R ³Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.
- C ⁴**He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful.**
- R ⁵He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.
- C ⁶**He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.**
- R ⁷The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy;
- C ⁸**they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**
- R ⁹He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!
- C ¹⁰**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!**

SECOND READING: GALATIANS 4:4-7

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

Feeding Our Little Lambs ~ "THIS IS THE DAY"

Please stand

GOSPEL CANTICLE ~ "THY WORD"

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
... and a light unto my path.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

^P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2nd Chapter.

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

LUKE 2:22-40

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

Please be seated

SERMON ~ REV. MARK BRAATEN

“Continuing The Story”

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.

Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heav’nly song?

Refrain

Refrain:

Gloria in excelsis Deo;

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?

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

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

^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

Please stand

THE OFFERTORY ~ “I OFFER MY LIFE”

All that I am, all that I have
I lay them down before You, O Lord;
All of my hopes, all of my plans,
my heart and my hands are lifted to You.

*lifting my praise to You
as a pleasing sacrifice,
Lord, I offer You my life.*

Chorus:

*Lord, I offer my life to You,
everything I've been through,
use it for Your glory,
Lord, I offer my days to You,*

What can we give that You have not given;
And what do we have that is not already
Yours?

All we possess are these lives we're living,
and that's what we give to You, Lord.

Chorus

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, through Christ our Lord. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory; that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

“SHOUT TO THE LORD”

My Jesus, my Savior,	Shout to the Lord! All the earth let us sing.
Lord there is none like You.	Power and majesty, Praise to the King!
All of my days I want to praise	Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
the wonders of your mighty love.	At the sound of Your name!
My comfort, my shelter,	I sing for joy at the work of your hands!
Tower of refuge and strength;	Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Let every breath, all that I am,	Nothing compares to the promise
never cease to worship You!	I have in you.

“AWAY IN A MANGER” (WOV #644)

“NOW WE JOIN IN CELEBRATION” (LBW #203)

Please stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

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 every 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

^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. 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 ~ "JOY TO THE WORLD" (LBW #39) VSS. 1,2,&4

Joy to the world, The Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room, And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n, and heav'n, and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

The glories of his righteousness, And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love, And wonders, wonders, of his love.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- First Primetimers Gathering of 2024! January 12th at 12:00 will be our annual Chili cookoff. If you can make a pot of chili - great. If not, please bring a side dish like a salad, bread, or dessert. After we eat, we will have a Jeopardy Challenge in small teams. Winning teams will earn prizes!! Join us for a great time and invite a friend.
- Our Annual Congregational meeting is scheduled for Jan. 21st immediately after service. Members and visitors are encouraged to stay.
- Offering Envelopes are out in the Narthex for you to pick up. If you don't use envelopes, please pick up your box and put it on Amanda's desk.

Poinsettias (Revised)

Given By:	In Memory of:	In Honor of:
Joni Leblanc	Frank Leblanc	
Carol Lattier	Edward Lattier, Jr.	Our life together
Ron & Turi Nixon		Jesus
Jim & Donna Skaar		Our Parents
Chris Miller		Miller Family
Limuel & Amy Norris	Rev. & Mrs. Oscar Norris and Robert Giltinan	
Bob & Launa Tardiff		
Ryan & Katrice Gibbs & Family	Terry Gibbs and Bud & Betty Rath	
Jim & Janet Anthony	Our Parents	Our Children, Grandchildren, and Great-Grandchildren
Dee Miles	Milo Marvin Miles	
Susan Walker	Brian William Walker	
Todd & Carmen Nazario	Todd's Mother & Father	Our Grandparents
Jan Moch	Granddaughter, Ava Faith Knight	Grandchildren
Colten, Heather, Clara, & Elias Watkins	Peggy Lee Westberry, Jerry Jerome Schmig, and Peggy Joyce Foshee	
A.J. & Tammy Noecker	Our Parents: Mel & Myrt Noecker and Cliff & Betty Harshman	
Bill & Jenny Videtto		Our 4 Grandsons
Theresa Ford	Marvin Ford	Family
Travis & Jana Snyder	Connie & Robert Wilkerson and Ronald W. Snyder	
Bill Thomas	Sheila Jurena	
Linda Webster	Cody Webster and Nick Spang	
Rachel Bothner		
John & Mary Ferguson	Our Parents	
John Minster	Joe Minster and Willemina Minster	

Our Worship Servants This Morning:

Greeter:	Sylvia Miller
Acolytes:	Charles & Caedmon Cumming
Ushers:	Jerry Redman & Terry Ball
Cantor:	Blaine Davis
Reader:	Chris Miller
Communion Assistants:	Alan & Sarah Cumming, & Carol Lattier
Projectionist:	Toby Fite

Upcoming Activities at OSLC (January 1st - 7th)

Monday:	New Year's Day	
Tuesday:	Spin Class	6:30 p.m.
Thursday:	Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
	CODA	6:00 p.m.
Saturday:	Altar Guild Team #1	
Sunday:	Choir Practice	9:15 a.m.
	Sunday School & Youth	9:15 a.m.
	Worship Service	10:00 a.m.

Stewardship

December 24, 2023

Monthly Budget	\$ 25,245	Attendance Last Week	216
Offerings on December 24th	\$ 8,515	2023 Average Attendance	109
Other Weekly Offerings	<u>\$ 1,415</u>		
Total Weekly Offerings	\$ 9,930		
Previous December Offerings	\$ 15,646		
Total December Offerings	\$ 25,576		
2023 Offerings to Date	\$ 309,251		