



OUR SAVIOUR'S

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)
DECEMBER 15, 2024 • 10:00 A.M.



“The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, ‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is justified by all her children.” Luke 7:35

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Our Members, Guests and Visitors

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

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

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Prelude - Dr. Jaeyong Lee

You may use this time for silent meditation to prepare your heart for worship

Welcome to Our Saviour's

- 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.
- As no ordained pastor is present today, our worship will include distribution of those elements set apart earlier by Pastor Ede. In this sense, the Lord's Body and Blood offered today is an extension of the celebration of the Sacrament of the Alter at that time.

"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him." Psalm 96:9

Please stand

"LET ALL TOGETHER PRAISE OUR GOD" VSS 1, 3 & 4 (LBW #47)

Let all together praise our God
Before his glorious throne;
Today he opens heav'n again
To give us his own Son,
To give us his own Son.

Within an earth born form he hides
His all creating light
To serve us all he humbly cloaks

The splendor of his might,
The splendor of his might.

He undertakes a great exchange,
Puts on our human frame,
And in return gives us his realm,
His glory, and his name
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.

^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**

APOSTOLIC 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**

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P "See Insert" C **Amen**

Please be seated

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

^P Centuries before the birth of Jesus, the people of God longed and waited for the Messiah. This King to come would rule with justice, establish peace, restore life, and bring his people Joy. In conquering the powers of sin, death, and the devil Jesus has opened to us the gates of heaven and has given us the hope of resurrection. In joy we celebrate by lighting the third candle of the Advent wreath. We read in Luke:

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger. Luke 2:8-12

We will light the third candle as we sing the third verse of "Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel"

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 ~ ZEPHANIAH 3:14-20

^R "See Insert"

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

PSALMODY ~ PSALM 85

^R "See Insert"

SECOND READING ~ PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

^R "See Insert"

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

CHILDREN'S SONG ~ "AWAY IN A MANGER" VER. 3 (LBW #67)

Be near me, Lord Jesus;

I ask you to stay

Close by me forever and love me

I pray.

Bless all the dear children

in your tender care

And fit us for heaven

to live with you there.

Feeding Our Little Lambs

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. Luke the 7th Chapter. ^C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Luke 7:18-28 (29-35)

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

SERMON ~ BLAINE DAVIS

JESUS, FRIEND OF SINNERS

Please stand

Hymn Of The Day ~ "JOY TO THE WORLD" (LBW #39)

Joy to the world, The Lord is come! Let earth receive its 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.	No more let sin and sorrow grow, Nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make his blessings flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found, Far as, far as, the curse is found.
Joy to the earth, 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.	He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove The glories of his righteousness, And wonders of his love, And wonders of his love, And wonders, wonders, of his love.

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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 Doxology~ PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW (LBW #564)

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 – 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

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

At this time, we invite you to share the peace of the Lord with your neighbors

The Holy Meal

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 right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer up thanks and praise to you O Lord Holy Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For he assumed at his first coming the lowliness of human flesh, and so fulfilled the design you formed long ago, and opened for us the way to eternal salvation, that, when he comes again in glory and majesty and all is at last made manifest, we who watch for that day may inherit the great promise in which now we dare to hope. And so with the church on earth, and with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing of your glory, and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS ~ P. 89 LBW

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 Whenever we gather for the celebration of Holy Communion, we hear again the wonderful story of God's mighty acts, and of the love shown to us in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. With thanksgiving, we remember that 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 For as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death, until he comes.
- ^C **Christ has died. Christ is 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 We are given assurance of our Lord's presence through the gift of His Holy Spirit. Now, we receive this same bread of life and this same cup of blessing, that we may be strengthened through these gifts.
- ^P Let us pray: Almighty Father, whose dear Son instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. ^C **Amen**
- ^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

“INFANT HOLY, INFANT LOWLY” (LBW #44)

Infant holy, infant lowly,
For his bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing,
Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swiftly winging, angels singing,
Bells are ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the child is Lord of all!
Christ the child is Lord of all!

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping
Vigil till the morning new
Saw the glory, heard the story,
Tidings of a Gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
Praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the child was born for you!
Christ the child was born for you!

“BEFORE THE MARVEL OF THIS NIGHT” (WOV #636)

Before the marvel of this night,
adoring, fold your wings and bow,
then tear the sky apart with light,
and with your news the world endow.
Proclaim the birth of Christ and peace,
that fear and death and sorrow cease:
sing peace, sing peace, sing gift of peace,
sing peace, sing gift of peace!

Awake the sleeping world with song,
this is the day the Lord has made.
Assemble here, celestial throng,
in royal splendor come arrayed.

Give earth a glimpse of heav'nly bliss,
a teasing taste of what they miss:
Sing bliss, sing bliss, sing endless bliss,
sing bliss, sing endless bliss!

The love that we have always known,
our constant joy and endless light,
now to the loveless world be shown,
now break upon its deathly night.
Into one song compress the love
that rules our universe above:
Sing love, sing love, sing God is love,
sing love, sing God is love!

“ON JORDAN’S BANKS THE BAPTIST’S CRY” VSS 1-3 (LBW #36)

On Jordan’s banks the Baptist’s cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of kings!

Then cleansed be ev’ry life from sin;
Make straight the way for God within,
And let us all our hearts prepare
For Christ to come and enter there.

We hail you as our Savior, Lord,
Our refuge and our great reward;
Without your grace we waste away
Like flow’rs that wither and decay.

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**

POST-COMMUNION 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 Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through 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**

CLOSING HYMN ~ “LET ALL TOGETHER PRAISE OUR GOD” Vss 5-7 (LBW #47)

He is a servant, I a lord

How great a mystery!

How strong the tender

Christ child’s love!

No truer friend than he,

No truer friend than he.

He is the key, and he the door

To blessed Paradise;

The angel bars the way no more.

To God our praises rise,

To God our praises rise.

Your grace in lowliness revealed,

Lord Jesus, we adore,

And praise to God the Father yield

And Spirit evermore;

We praise you evermore.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Our Worship Servants This Morning:

Greeter:	Jennifer Videtto
Acolytes:	Penelope & Annabelle Davis
Ushers:	Kristin Blaise & Bill Videtto
Reader:	Amy Norris
Cantor:	Blaine Davis
Communion Assistants:	Linda Webster, Susan Buntz, Sally Dengerud
Projectionist:	Toby Fite

Upcoming Activities at OSLC (December 16-December 22)

Monday:	Men's Group	8:00 PM
Tuesday:	Quilters	9:00 AM
	Spin Class	6:00 PM
Wednesday:	Soup Supper	5:30 PM
	Advent Service	6:30 PM
Thursday:	Bible Study	10:00 AM
	CODA	6:00 PM
Saturday:	Altar Guild Team #4	
	Embroiderers	9:00 AM
Sunday:	Bible Study	9:15 AM
	Choir	9:15 AM
	Worship	10:00 AM
	Confirmation	4:00 PM

Attendance

Attendance Last Week	98
2024 Average Attendance	99

Stewardship

Last Week's Offerings:	\$	13,361
Total Offering for December	\$	15,200
2024 Total Offerings to Date:	\$	287,501



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday, December 18th

Soup Supper at 5:30

The Holden Evening Prayer Service 6:30

Please sign up to bring a soup, salad, or bread.

We also need help with set up & clean up. Sign up is in the Narthex.

Sunday, December 22nd – No Sunday School

PRAYER LIST

Our Members

Linda Eck, Chris Miller, Glory Gopinath, John Spintzyk, Sam Hough, Amber Tizcareno, AJ & Tammy Noecker, Susan Walker, Ron Nixon, Jeanine Franklin, Ruth Chauvaux, Carol Barner, Gloria Guilfoyle, Jim & Janet Anthony, Tom & Mary Criswell, Kathleen Grant, Phyllis Guysinger, Larry & Joanne Hill, Sarah Lyles, Diane Polley, Curt & Joyce Peterson, Ellie Sadek, Margo Williams

Family & Friends

Jennifer Anderson, Amy Little, Helen Wallace, David Rappe, Marissa Rose, Shawn Gilbertson, Marshall Hart, Rebecca Smith, Blake Madewell, Joanna Garrett, Richard Grinnell, Janet Freeman

If you have any updates or changes to the prayer list, please contact Blaine, Natalie, or Jerry Redman