



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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)
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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 - 2:00

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.

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

Please stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"OH, COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL" (LBW #45)

Oh, come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant!

Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him born the king
of angels:

Chorus:

*Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!*

The highest, most holy,
Light of light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;

Son of the Father now in flesh appearing!

Chorus

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God in the highest:

Chorus

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:

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. 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: Just as the angels announced peace and goodwill at the birth of Jesus - at the end of time, Christ will come with the angels to usher in His eternal peace, in which He will reign forever and ever. We pray that His kingdom would come here and now, among us, by faith. In peace we light the fourth candle on the Advent wreath. We read in Luke, Chapter 2:

Suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!" Luke 2:13-14)

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

HYMN ~ OH, COME, OH, COME, EMMANUEL ~ Vs 4 (LBW #34)

Oh, come, blest Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by your advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.

The Service Of The Word

FIRST READING ~ 2 SAMUEL 7:1-11, 16

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

PSALMODY ~ PSALM 80:1-7

R "See Insert"

SECOND READING ~ HEBREWS 10:5-10

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

CHILDREN'S SONG ~ "AWAY IN A MANGER" Vs. 1 (LBW #67)

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.

Feeding Our Little Lambs

Please stand

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. Luke the 1st Chapter. ^C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Luke 1:26-38

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

SERMON ~ PASTOR MARK BRAATEN

WHAT IS SO SPECIAL ABOUT NAZARETH?

Please stand

Hymn Of The Day ~ "GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICE" (LBW #55)

Good Christian friends, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
Ox and ass before him bow,
And he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this!

He has opened heaven's door,
And we are blest for evermore.
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave;
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
To gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!!
Christ was born to save!

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 good, right, and salutary that we should at all times, and in all places, offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For you comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes again to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name 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 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 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 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:

“YOU SATISFY THE HUNGRY HEART” VSS. 1, 2, 4 (WOV #711)

Chorus:

You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat,

Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

As when the shepherd calls his sheep,

They know and heed his voice;

So when You call Your family, Lord,

We follow and rejoice.

Chorus

With joyful lips we sing to You,

Our praise and gratitude,

That You should count us worthy

Lord, To share this heavenly food.

Chorus

The mystery of Your presence Lord,

No mortal tongue can tell;

Whom all the world cannot contain

Comes in our hearts to dwell.

Chorus

"HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE YOUR NAME" (LBW #535)

Holy God, we praise your name;
Lord of all, we bow before you.
All on earth your scepter claim,
All in heav'n above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain,
Everlasting is your reign.

Hark! the glad celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
"Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

Lo, the apostolic train
Join your sacred name to hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain,
And the white-robed martyrs follow;
And from morn to set of sun
Through the church the song goes on.

Holy Father, holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name you,
Though in essence only one;
Undivided God we claim you
And, adoring, bend the knee
While we own the mystery.

"THE ANGEL GABRIEL FROM HEAVEN CAME" (WOV #632)

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
with wings as drifted snow,
with eyes as flame:
"All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary,
most highly favored lady," Gloria!

"For know a blessed Mother thou shalt be,
all generations laud and honor thee;
thy son shall be Emmanuel,
by seers foretold,
most highly favored lady." Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head;
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said,
"My soul shall laud and magnify God's
holy name."
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
in Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn,
and Christian folk throughout the world
will ever say:
"Most highly favored lady." Gloria!

Please stand

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 ~ *“GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN” (LBW #70)*

<i>Chorus:</i>	The shepherds feared and trembled
<i>Go tell it on the mountain,</i>	When, lo, above the earth
<i>Over the hills and ev'rywhere;</i>	Rang out the angel chorus
<i>Go tell it on the mountain</i>	That hailed our Savior's birth.
<i>That Jesus Christ is born!</i>	<i>Chorus</i>

While shepherds kept their watching	Down in a lonely manger
O'er silent flocks by night,	The humble Christ was born;
Behold, throughout the heavens	And God sent us salvation
There shone a holy light.	That blessed Christmas morn.
<i>Chorus</i>	<i>Chorus</i>

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Our Worship Servants This Morning:

Greeter: Gloria Bielfeldt
Acolytes: Charles & Caedmon Cumming
Ushers: Max Lewis & Preston Graham
Reader: Travis Snyder
Cantor: Blaine Davis
Communion Assistants: Blaine Davis, Jana Snyder, Becky Chambers
Projectionist: Toby Fite

Upcoming Activities at OSLC (December 23-December 29)

Monday: Men’s Group 8:00 PM
Tuesday: Quilters 9:00 AM
 Christmas Eve Service 7:00 PM
Wednesday: Christmas Day
Thursday: Bible Study 10:00 AM
 CODA 6:00 PM
Saturday: Altar Guild Team
Sunday: Bible Study 9:15 AM
 Choir 9:15 AM
 Worship 10:00 AM
 Confirmation 4:00 PM

Attendance

Attendance Last Week 74
2024 Average Attendance 99

Stewardship

Last Week’s Offerings: \$ 3,250
Total Offering for December \$ 18,450
2024 Total Offerings to Date: \$ 290,791



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday, December 24th

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7:00 PM

Sunday, December 29th

No Sunday School



Year End Giving

As part of your year-end tax planning, take advantage of the charitable tax deduction for gifts made before December 31st and consider the variety of gift options available to you. Your gift to Our Saviour's Lutheran Church can make a great difference as we plan for and move into God's mission in 2025. As always, work closely with your tax and legal advisors to determine how any particular strategy will affect your overall tax situation. If you choose to make a cash donation, please prepare your check and mail it so that your envelope is postmarked or received by the Church Office by December 31 to qualify as a gift in the year 2024. Contributions received in the offertory plate on January 1st must be treated as 2025 gifts.

PRAYER LIST

Our Members

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

Family & Friends

Lois Snyder, Janet Freeman, Amy Little, Helen Wallace, Marissa Rose, Shawn Gilbertson, Marshall Hart, Rebecca Smith, Blake Madewell, Joanna Garrett, Richard Grinnell

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