



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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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A)

NOVEMBER 30, 2025 • 10:00 A.M.



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Our Members, Guests and Visitor

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 Lutheran Church

- 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 Guest Connect Card on the back of your pew and place it in the offering plate.
- If you have any [prayer requests](#), needs, or concerns, please complete the [blue card](#) on the back of your pew and place it in the offering plate.
- 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 (in body or in spirit)

Face the Cross as it Enters

PROCESSIONAL HYMN ~ "PEOPLE, LOOK EAST" (WOV #626)

People, look east. The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
One more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
That in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the rose, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
One more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the star, is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Him who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
With the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

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: We gather in this sanctuary, and we worship, 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 declare to you the Good News, "Your sins are forgiven," 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.

THE CANDLES OF ADVENT – HOPE

P: Today is the first Sunday of Advent. Advent is from the Latin word "Adventus" which means "Coming". In this season of the church year we prepare for the coming of Christ. One of the ways we prepare for His coming is by making an Advent wreath and lighting its candles. The wreath and candles remind us of the gifts Christ brings to the world.

A: The Advent wreath includes many symbols to help us think about Christ and His gifts. The wreath itself is in the shape of a circle. A circle has no beginning and no end.

This reminds us that there is no beginning and no end to God and that God's love and caring are forever.

P: The light from the candle, which grows stronger each Sunday in Advent.

Reminds us that Jesus Is the light of the world.

Today, we light the candle of HOPE.

The people of Israel hoped in God's promises and were not disappointed.

Again, and again, God delivered Israel from its enemies. We too have the same experience of salvation. That is why we believe in God's promise to send Jesus to us once again to judge the world and establish His kingdom forever upon the earth.

(Light the Candle now)

A: Hope is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle, we celebrate the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

A: Let us pray: We thank You Lord for the Hope You give us. We ask that as we wait for all Your promises to come true, and for Christ to come again, that You would remain present with us. Help us today, and everyday to worship You, to hear Your Word, and to do Your will by sharing Your hope with each other. We ask this in the name of the One who was born in Bethlehem – Jesus.

C: Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *(Sung to "Away in a Manger")*

A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright

A candle of Hope in December's dark night

While angels sing blessings from heaven's starry sky

Our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh

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 “GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST” (LBW p. 80-81)

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

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty
God and Father:

We worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

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

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

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,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen

Prayer of the Day

A: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

A: Stir up your power, O Lord, and come, that by your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by your mighty deliverance; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen**

Please be seated

The Service Of The Word

FIRST READING ~ ISAIAH 2:1-5

“See Insert”

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY ~ PSALM 122 (CHANTED)

“See Insert”

SECOND READING ~ ROMANS 13:8-14

“See Insert”

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S SONG ~ “AWAY IN A MANGER” VER. 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.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Please stand

GOSPEL CANTICLE ~ “ALLELUIA, LORD” LBW P. 83

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia

THE HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 24th Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

MATTHEW 24:36-44

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

Please be seated

SERMON ~ PASTOR JEFFERY L. CARPENTER

PLEASE STAND

Hymn Of The Day ~ “OH, COME, OH, COME, EMMANUEL (LBW #34)

Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

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.

Refrain

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.

Refrain

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.

Refrain

Oh, come, O Key of David, come,
and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery. *Refrain*

The Nicene Creed

A: Let us declare our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

**C: 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 GOD'S PEOPLE

A: Let us pray for God's people,

After each portion of the prayers:

A: Lord, in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

P: Into your hands, we commend all for whom we pray. We will trust in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

You are invited to share the peace of God with those around you.

OFFERING & OFFERTORY MUSIC

P: We continue our worship with our tithe and offering.

Please stand

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

A: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C: We present to You these offerings, signs of our stewardship of what You have given us to manage. We know that through these offerings and the sharing of our talents and abilities, the ministries of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church are made possible and powerful. We pray for those among us who will use these offerings, that the decisions they make will be wise, will build up Your Kingdom, and will please You. So having placed them before You, we pray Your blessing on them in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Please remain standing

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 thanks and praise to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever living God. 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

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 in 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 in 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:

"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

"LORD, LET MY HEART BE GOOD SOIL" (WOV #713)

Lord, let my heart be good soil,
Open to the seed of your Word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil,
Where love can grow and peace is
understood.
When my heart is hard, break the
stone away.

When my heart is cold, warm it with the
day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your
way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart be good soil.

"BE UNTO YOUR NAME"

We are a moment, You are forever,
Lord of the ages, God before time;
We are a vapor, You are eternal,
Love everlasting, Reigning on high.

Chorus:

Holy, holy Lord God Almighty,
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain;
Highest praises, Honor and Glory
Be unto Your name,
Be unto Your name.

We are the broken,
You are the Healer,
Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save;
You are the love song
we'll sing forever,
Bowing before you,
blessing Your Name.
Chorus x 2

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

A: 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 ~ “LO! HE COMES WITH CLOUDS DESCENDING” Vss1,2,4 (LBW #27)

FACE THE CROSS ON THE WAY OUT

Lo he comes in clouds descending, Once for favored sinner slain; Thousand, thousand saints attending Swell the triumph of his train: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia Christ the Lord returns to reign.	Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing, Shall their true Messiah see. Yea, amen let all adore thee, High on thine eternal throne! Savior, take the pow'r and glory; Claim the kingdom as thine own. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia Thou shalt reign, and thou alone!
Ev'ry eye shall now behold him, Robed in glorious majesty; Those who set at nought and sold Him, Pierced and nailed him to the tree.	

DISMISSAL & POSTLUDE

A: Go. Live as disciples of Christ Jesus!

C: Every day and every way, we will follow Jesus!

Our Worship Servants This Morning:

Greeter:	Glory Gopinath
Acolyte:	Max and Fayth Bothner
Ushers:	Terry Ball and Jerry Redman
Assistant & Cantor:	Blaine Davis
Reader:	Alan Cumming
Communion Assistants:	Blaine Davis, Sarah Cumming, Heather Watkins
AV Booth:	Jason Bothner and Amy Norris

Attendance

Sunday, November 23, 2025: 114

Stewardship

Last Week's Offerings: \$ 3,900

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES DECEMBER 1-7**Monday**

Quilts of Valor 9-3
Men's Group 8:00 PM

Tuesday

Quilters 9:00 AM
Spin 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Soup Supper 5:30 PM
Vespers Service 6:30 PM

Thursday

Bible Study 10:00 AM
CoDA 6:30

Friday

Classical Conversations 9-3

Saturday

Altar Guild

Sunday

Inquirer's Class 8:45 AM
Choir 9:00 AM
Bible Study 9:00 AM
Worship Service 10:00 AM
Confirmation 4:00 PM

Announcements:

Inquirer's Class Sundays 8:45 AM
Potluck following Worship

PRAYER LIST

Our Members: Brent Muecke, Glory Gopinath, Limuel Norris, Linda Eck, Jim & Janet Anthony, Bill Thomas, Ed Lucas, Mary Ferguson, Sam Hough, Amber Tizcareno, Jeanine Franklin, Carol Barner, Gloria Guilfoyle, Tom & Mary Criswell, Kathleen Grant, Phyllis Guysinger, Margo Williams, Joanne Hill, Sarah Lyles, Diane Polley, Curt & Joyce Peterson

Family & Friends: Colleen Werner, Jacob Carpenter, Evie Long, Steve Hall, Paul & Grace Long, Jennifer Hendrick, Erin Gilland, Mark Malloy, Nick Lopez, Helen Wallace, Marissa Rose, Shawn Gilbertson, Marshall Hart, Joanna Garrett, Richard Grinnell

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"Away in a Manger" LBW 67 Text: American, 1885 Tune: American, 19th century

"Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel" LBW 34 Text: Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum, Köhn, 1710; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt. Tune: French processional, 15th cent.

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" LBW 564 Text: Thomas Ken 1637-1711 Tune: Louis Bourgeois c. 1510-1561

"Prepare the Royal Highway" LBW 26 Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772-1847; tr. Hymnal version, 1978 Tune: Swedish folk tune, 14th cent.

"Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil" WOV 713 Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950 Music: Handt Hanson, b. 1950 © 1985 Prince of Peace Publishing/Changing Church Inc.

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