



# 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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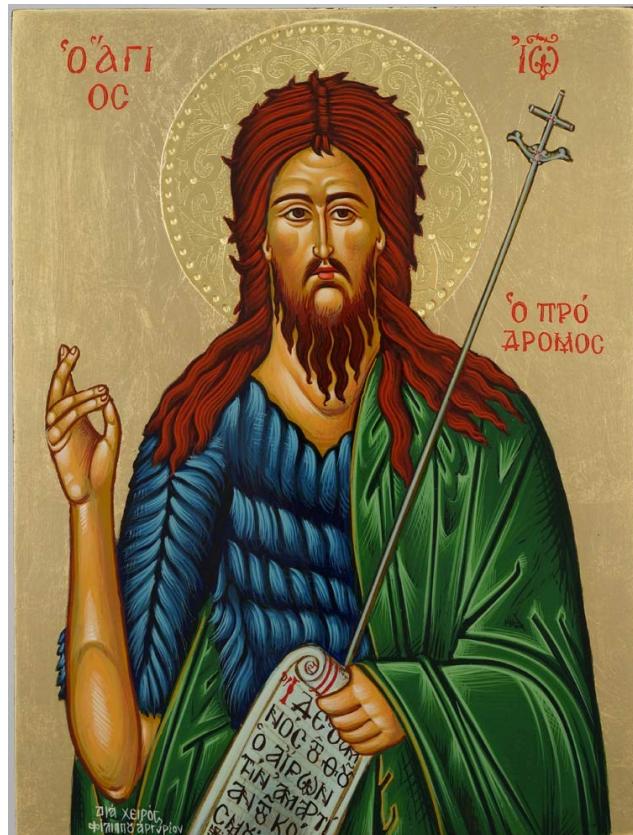
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**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A)**

**DECEMBER 7, 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 ~ “PREPARE THE ROYAL HIGHWAY” Vss 1, 2, & 4 (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*

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*

## 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 – PEACE

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 is forever.

A: On the four Sundays in Advent, we light an additional candle each week. We mark the four candles with these four words: Hope – PEACE – Joy – Love.

A: The light from the candles, will grow stronger each Sunday in Advent. The candle's light reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world.

A: Last Sunday we lit the candle of Hope. Today we light the candles of hope and the candle of PEACE.

*(Light the Candles now)*

A: 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. Sin, death and the evil ones will be removed, and He will reign with peace in the new kingdom forever and ever.

P: 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 and peace 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 candle of Peace,  
A candle to signal that conflict will cease:  
For Jesus is coming to show us the way;  
A message of Peace humbly laid in the hay.

### 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 our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of your only-begotten Son,  
that by his coming we may be enabled to serve you with pure minds; through your  
Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, now and forever. **C: Amen**

*Please be seated*

### The Service Of The Word

#### FIRST READING ~ ISAIAH 11:1-10

*"See Insert"*

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

#### PSALMODY ~ PSALM 72:1-7 (CHANTED)

*"See Insert"*

#### SECOND READING ~ ROMANS 15:4-13

*"See Insert"*

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

*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 3rd Chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

#### MATTHEW 3:1-12

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

*Please be seated*

#### 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

### 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:**

**"I WONDER AS I WANDER" (WOV #642)**

I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,  
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die  
For poor ord'n'ry people like you and I.  
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus, all in a cow's stall,  
Came wise men and farmers and shepherds and all,  
And high from the heavens a star's light did fall;  
The promise of the ages it then did recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing,  
A star in the sky or a bird on the wing,  
Or all of God's angels in heav'n to sing  
He surely could have had it,  
Cause He was the King.

I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,  
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die  
For poor ord'n'ry people like you and I.  
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.

**"LO, HOW A ROSE IS GROWING" (LBW #58)**

Lo, how a rose is growing,  
A bloom of finest grace;  
The prophets had foretold it:  
A branch of Jesse's race  
Would bear one perfect flow'r  
Here in the cold of winter  
And darkest midnight hour.

The rose of which I'm singing,  
Isaiah had foretold.  
He came to us through Mary  
Who sheltered him from cold.  
Through God's eternal will  
This child to us was given  
At midnight calm and still.

The shepherds heard the story  
The angels sang that night;  
How Christ was born of Mary;  
He was the Son of light.  
To Bethlehem they ran  
To find him in the manger  
As angel heralds sang.

This flow'r, so small and tender,  
With fragrance fills the air;  
His brightness ends the darkness  
That kept the earth in fear.  
True God and yet true man,  
He came to save his people  
From earth's dark night of sin.

## "WHAT CHILD IS THIS" (LBW #40)

What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
While shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste, to bring him laud,  
The babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies he in such mean estate  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.

Nails, spear shall pierce him through,  
The cross he borne for me, for you;  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,  
The babe, the son of Mary!  
So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh;  
Come peasant, king, to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
Let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high,  
The virgin sings her lullaby;  
Joy, joy for Christ is born,  
The babe, the son of Mary!

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 ~ "MY LIFE FLOWS ON IN ENDLESS SONG" Vss1,2,4 (WOV #781)**  
**FACE THE CROSS ON THE WAY OUT**

My life flows on in endless song;  
Above earth's lamentation.  
I catch the sweet though far-off hymn  
That hails a new creation.

*Refrain*

No storm can shake my inmost calm  
While to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,  
How can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife,  
I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul.  
How can I keep from singing? *Refrain*

The peace of Christ makes fresh my  
heart,  
A fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his!  
How can I keep from singing? *Refrain*

**DISMISSAL**

A: Go. Live as disciples of Christ Jesus!

**C: Thanks be to God. And we will!**

**POSTLUDE**

**Our Worship Servants This Morning:**

Greeter:	Helen Siebert and The Cumming Family
Acolyte:	Clara Watkins & Penelope Davis
Ushers:	Joe Coke and Alan Cumming
Assistant & Cantor:	Blaine Davis
Reader:	Mary Ferguson
Communion Assistants:	Blaine Davis, Kristin Blaise, & Dee Miles
AV Booth:	Carlie Dimitriadis and Preston Graham

**Attendance**

Sunday, November 30, 2025:	98
Average Attendance 2025:	90

**Stewardship**

Last Week's Offerings:	\$ 3,607
Total for the month of Nov.	\$ 23,623
2025 Total Offerings to Date:	\$ 268,259

**SEE INSERT FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES DECEMBER 8-14

Monday		Friday	
Men's Group	8:00 PM	Classical Conversations	9-3
Tuesday		Saturday	
Quilters	9:00 AM	Altar Guild	
Spin	6:00 PM		Sunday
Coin Club	6:15 PM	Inquirer's Class	8:45 AM
Wednesday		Choir	9:00 AM
Embroiderers	9:30-3:00	Bible Study	9:00 AM
Soup Supper	5:30 PM	Worship Service	10:00 AM
Vespers Service	6:30 PM	Welcome New Members	
Thursday		Church Council	11:30 AM
Bible Study	10:00 AM	Confirmation	4:00 PM
CoDA	6:30 PM		

## PRAYER LIST

Our Members: Joyce Jacob, 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: Phil & Gloria Renaker, 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 Garett

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

Away in a Manger" LBW 67 Text: American, 1885 Tune: American, 19<sup>th</sup> century public domain

"Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel" LBW 34 CCLI #31982 Text: Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum, Köhn, 1710; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt. Tune: French processional, 15<sup>th</sup> cent. Public domain

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

"I Wonder as I Wander" WOV 642 Text: Appalachian carol, collected by John Jacob Niles, 1892-1980 Music: Appalachian folk tune, adapt. John Jacob Niles, 1892-1980 ©1934 (renewed) by G. Schirmer, Inc. (A.S.C.A.P.)

"Lo, How a Rose is Growing" LBW #58 © Text: German, 15<sup>th</sup> cent.; tr. Gracia Grindal, b. 1943 Tune: Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng, Köhn, 1599

"What Child is This" LBW 40 Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898 Tune: English ballad, 16<sup>th</sup> cent.

"My Life Flows On in Endless Song" WOV 781 Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899 Music: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899, alt.

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