



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 A)

DECEMBER 14, 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 ~ "ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY" Vss 1, 2, & 4 (WOV #643)

Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby in a
manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ, her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven
who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall;

With the poor and meek and lowly,
lived on earth our Savior holy.

Not in that poor lowly stable,
with the oxen standing by,
We shall see him; but in heaven,
set at God's right hand on high;
There his children gather 'round,
bright like stars, with glory crowned.

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 – JOY

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.

The third candle of Advent is the Candle of Joy. When the angel Gabriel told Mary that a special child would be born to her, she was filled with joy. She sang a song that began with the words:

"My soul magnifies the Lord. My spirit rejoices in God my savior".

(Light two purple and the pink candle now)

A: Just as the birth of Jesus gave great joy to His mother, so His presence in the world gave joy to those who had none before. He healed them and gave them hope and peace when they believed in Him. We light the candle of joy to remind us that when Jesus is born in us we have joy and that through Him there will be everlasting joy on earth.

P: Let us pray:

C: **We thank You Lord for the Joy 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 every day to worship You, to hear Your word, and to do Your will by sharing Your Joy with each other. We ask this in the name of the One who was born in Bethlehem – Jesus. Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Sung to “Away in a Manger”)

A candle is burning, a candle of joy,
A candle to welcome brave Mary’s new boy.
Our hearts fill with wonder and eyes light and glow,
As joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.

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: Lord Jesus Christ, give ear to our prayers, and lighten the darkness of our hearts by your gracious visitation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen**

Please be seated

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

"SEE INSERT"

The Service Of The Word

FIRST READING ~ ISAIAH 35:1-10

"See Insert"

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

PSALMODY ~ PSALM 146 (CHANTED)

"See Insert"

SECOND READING ~ JAMES 5:7-11

"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 11th Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

MATTHEW 11:2-15

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

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S SONG ~ "AWAY IN A MANGER" VER. 2 (LBW #67)

The cattle are lowing, the poor baby wakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.

I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle 'till morning is nigh.

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*

HOLY BAPTISM

"SEE INSERT"

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:

"O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM" (LBW #41)

O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary,
and, gathered all above
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the king,
and peace to all the earth!

How silently, how silently
the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming;
but, in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him,
Still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in,
be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
oh, come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Immanuel!

"I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE"

Chorus:

I am the Bread of Life
All who eat this Bread will never die
I am God's love revealed
I am broken that you might be healed
All who eat of this heavenly Bread
All who drink this cup of the covenant

You will live forever
For I will raise you up *Chorus*

No one who comes to Me
shall ever hunger again
No one who believes shall ever thirst
All that the Father draws shall come to Me
And I will give them rest *Chorus*

"OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN" Vss 1-4 (LBW #42)

Of the Father's love begotten
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the source, the ending he,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see
Evermore and evermore.

Oh, that birth forever blessed,
When the virgin full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving,
Bore the Savior of our race;
And the babe, the world's redeemer,
First revealed his sacred face
Evermore and evermore.

This is he whom seers in old time
Chanted of with one accord,
Whom the voices of the prophets
Promised in their faithful word;
Now he shines, the long-expected;
Let creation praise its Lord
Evermore and evermore.

Let the heights of heav'n adore him;
Angel hosts, his praises sing;
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before him
And extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Ev'ry voice in concert ring
Evermore and evermore.

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 ~ "LET ALL TOGETHER PRAISE OUR GOD" Vss1, 3, & 4 (LBW #47) FACE THE CROSS ON THE WAY OUT

Let all together praise our God
Before his gloriest 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.

A: Go. Live as disciples of Christ Jesus!

C: Thanks be to God. And we will

DISMISSAL & POSTLUDE

SEE INSERT FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES		Saturday
DECEMBER 15-21		Sunday
Monday		Altar Guild
Men's Group	8:00 PM	Embroiderers 9-3
Tuesday		Choir 9:00 AM
Quilters	9:00 AM	NO Sunday School
Spin	6:00 PM	Bible Study 9:00 AM
Wednesday		Worship Service 10:00 AM
Soup Supper	5:30 PM	
Holden Evening Prayer	6:30 PM	
Thursday		
Bible Study	10:00 AM	
Prime Timers	11:30 AM	
CoDA	6:30 PM	

Our Worship Servants This Morning:

Greeter:	Tom & Joyce Lewis & Clara Watkins
Acolyte:	Charles and Caedmon Cumming
Ushers:	Cliff and Sally Dengerud
Assistant & Cantor:	Blaine Davis
Reader:	Peggy Jones
Communion Assistants:	Blaine Davis, Terry Ball, Jan Moch
AV Booth:	Colten Watkins and Jacob Levels

Attendance

Sunday, December 7, 2025: 119
Average Attendance 2025: 91

Stewardship

Last Week's Offerings: \$ 7,174
2025 Total Offerings to Date: \$ 275,433

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 Garrett

"Once in Royal David's City" WOV 643 Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1818-1895 Music: Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805-1876
"Away in a Manger" LBW 67 Text: American, 1885 Tune: American, 19th 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, 15th cent. Public domain
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" LBW 564 Text: Thomas Ken 1637-1711 Tune: Louis Bourgeois c. 1510-1561
"O Little Town of Bethlehem" LBW 41 Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893 Tune: Lewis H. Redner, 1831-1908
"I Am the Bread of Life" CCLI Song #17535 Author: John Michael Talbot Catalog: Troubadour For The Lord Music
"Of the Father's Love Begotten" LBW 42 Text: Marcus, Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348-413; tr. Composite Tune: plainsong, mode V, 13th cent.
"Let All Together Praise Our God" LBW 47 Text: Nikolaus, c. 1480-1561; tr. F. Samuel Janzow, b. 1913 Tune: Nikolaus Herman, c. 1480-1561
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