



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 AFTER CHRISTMAS (YEAR A)

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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 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.
- As no ordained pastor is present today, our worship will include distribution of those elements set apart earlier by Rev. Jeffery Carpenter. 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.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN ~ "GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN" (LBW #70)

Chorus:

Go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and ev'rywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!

The shepherds feared and trembled
When, lo, above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth.

Chorus

While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light.

Chorus

Down in a lonely manger
The humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn.

Chorus

INVOCATION

BD: We gather to worship on this Holy Night in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

As the Pastor says the Invocation, the Sign of the Cross ✠ may be made in remembrance of our Baptisms.

BD: 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**

BD: 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.

BD: 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

BD: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for His sake God forgives you all of your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

APOSTOLIC GREETING

BD: 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

CW: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C Lord, have mercy.**

CW: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

CW: 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.**

CW: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

CW: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen**

HYMN OF PRAISE "GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST" (LBW P. 79)

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

CW: The Lord be with you. **C And also with you.**

CW: Almighty God, You have given us Your only-begotten Son to take our nature and be born of the Virgin Mary. Grant that we, having been redeemed and made Your children by grace, may daily be renewed by Your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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 63:7-14

L: The first reading is from the Prophet Isaiah, the 63rd chapter.

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

PSALMODY ~ PSALM 111 (CHANTED)

"See Insert"

SECOND READING ~ GALATIANS 4:4-7

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

CHILDREN'S SONG ~ "THIS IS THE DAY"

This is the day,

This is the day

That the Lord has made

That the Lord has made.

We will rejoice,

We will rejoice

And be glad in it,

And be glad in it.

This is the day

That the Lord has made.

We will rejoice

And be glad in it.

This is the day,

This is the day

That the Lord has made.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Please stand

GOSPEL CANTICLE ~ "ALLELUIA, LORD" ~ (P. 83 LBW)

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

BD: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 2nd Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 2:13-23

BD: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

Please be seated

SERMON ~ BLAINE DAVIS

Please stand

HYMN OF THE DAY ~ "COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS" (LBW #30)

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art,
dear desire of ev'ry nation,
joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child, and yet a king;
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.

The Nicene Creed

CW: 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,
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;**

**who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.**

He suffered and was buried.

**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church,
We acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and we look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

CW: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. For the increase of peace among all the nations of the world in the reign of Christ, let us pray to the Lord,

C: Christ the Lord, bring peace on earth.

CW: For the spread of the Good News of great joy that the Savior has come, let us pray to the Lord,

C: Christ the Lord, bring peace on earth.

CW: For the poor and those who find no room made for them, let us pray to the Lord,

C: Christ the Lord, bring peace on earth.

CW: For the renewal of the whole church in unity and joy, let us pray to the Lord,

C: Christ the Lord, bring peace on earth.

CW: For the light of Christmas to shine on all, let us pray to the Lord,

C: Christ the Lord, bring peace on earth.

BD: Rejoicing in your birth and trusting in your mercy, we commend to you, O Lord, all for whom we pray.

C: Amen

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

BD: 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
Please be seated*

OFFERING & OFFERTORY MUSIC

Please stand and remain standing for Communion

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

CW: 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

C: Amen

THE HOLY MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ~ P. 88 LBW

BD: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

BD: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

BD: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

BD: It is indeed good, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory; that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so with the Church on earth, and with the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

CANTICLE (TUNE: “HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING”)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord. God of hosts, by all adored!

Heaven and earth cannot contain All the glory of Your name

Hail, hosanna, God most high!

Blest is He who now draws nigh

In the name of God the King! Hallelujah's glad we sing.

Hail hosanna! Praises due Be forever, Lord, to You!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BD: 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 in the remembrance of me.*

BD: 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.*

BD: 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.

BD: 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

BD: 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.

BD: 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.

BD: 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**

BD: 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:

"ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY" (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.

And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;
For that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heav'n above;
And he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

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.

"ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH" (LBW #71)

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo;
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be

Which inspire your heav'nly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo;
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn king.
Gloria in excelsis Deo;
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

"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

BD: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: "NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD" (LBW #534)

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

CW: Let us pray.

C: We give you thanks, Almighty God, that you refreshed us through the healing power of the gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us through this gift in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

BENEDICTION ~ LBW P. 95

BD: May you be filled with the wonder of Mary CW: The obedience of Joseph
BD: The Joy of the angels CW: The eagerness of the shepherds
BD: The determination of the magi CW: The peace of the Christ Child.
BD: And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you always.

C: Amen

CLOSING HYMN ~ “JOY TO THE WORLD” VSS 1, 2, & 4 (LBW #39)

Joy to the world, The Lord is come!	Repeat the sounding joy,
Let earth receive its King;	Repeat the sounding joy,
Let every heart prepare him room,	Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.
And heav’n and nature sing,	He rules the world with truth and grace,
And heav’n and nature sing,	And makes the nations prove
And heav’n, and heav’n, and nature sing.	The glories of his righteousness,
Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!	And wonders of his love,
Let all their songs employ,	And wonders of his love,
While fields and floods,	And wonders, wonders, of his love.
rocks, hills, and plains	

DISMISSAL

CW: Go, live as disciples of Christ Jesus.

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

POSTLUDE

Our Worship Servants This Morning:

Greeter:	Gloria Bielfeldt and Jenny Videtto
Acolyte:	Clara Watkins and Penelope Davis
Ushers:	Max Lewis and Preston Graham
Assistant & Cantor:	Blaine Davis and Colten Watkins
Reader:	Karin Davis
Communion Assistants:	Blaine Davis, Colten Watkins, Alan Cumming
AV Booth:	Jason Bothner and Becky Chambers

Attendance

Sunday, December 21:	104
2025 Average:	91

Stewardship

Last Week’s Offerings:	\$	4,425
Total for the month of Dec.	\$	19,889
2025 Total Offerings to Date:	\$	288,148

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES DECEMBER 29-JANUARY 4

Monday	Toby's Visitation & Memorial Service	10:00 AM/11:00 AM
	Men's Group	8:00 PM
Tuesday	Quilters	9:00 AM
	Spin	6:00 PM
Thursday	New Year's Day Office Closed	
	CoDA	6:00 PM
Saturday	Altar Guild	
Sunday	No Sunday School	
	Choir	9:00 AM
	Bible Study	9:00 AM
	Worship Service	10:00 AM

PRAYER LIST

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

Family & Friends: Jordan Graves, 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

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"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" LBW 30 Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788 Tune: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835

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

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" LBW 60 Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt. Tune: Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847

"Once in Royal David's City" WOV 643 Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1818-1895 Music: Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805-1876

"Angels We Have Heard on High" LBW 71 Text: French carol; tr. "Crown of Jesus," 1862 Tune: French carol

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

"Now Thank We All Our God" LBW 534 Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586-1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-1878 Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598-1662

"Joy to the World" LBW 39 Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748 Tune: George F. Handel, 1685-1759, adapt.

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