

Our Savior Lutheran Church



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Service of the Word and Sacrament

Sunday, 30 November 2025

1st Advent

Worship: 10.00am

THE GATHERING

Welcome, Announcements, Prayer Requests

CALL TO WORSHIP

You know what time it is

It is now the moment for you to wake from sleep.

Salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers;

The night is far gone, the day is near.

Let us lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light

Let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness,

Not in debauchery and licentiousness, nor in quarreling and jealousy.

***We will then put on the Lord Jesus Christ,
and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.***

HYMN

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

#074

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray...Gracious and merciful God, in this season of Advent, as we await the arrival of Your Son, we come before You with humble hearts, confessing the ways we have strayed from Your path. We confess that we have not always kept watch with eager anticipation but have been distracted by the noise and busyness of the world. We let our hearts grow cold and forget the warmth of Your love and the HOPE of Your coming. We fail to love our neighbors as ourselves, allowing division, bitterness, and pride to rule our relationships. We ignore the needs of the poor and the vulnerable. Prepare our hearts for the birth of Christ, so that we live

with the Hope, Joy, Peace, and Love that His coming brings. Forgive us for all these things and help us follow Your path of peace, justice, and mercy; we pray all this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION/ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the Good News: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light in the Person of Jesus Christ, in Whom the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all who confess in His Name. Indeed, in Christ we are may be forgiven. Thanks be to God! **AMEN**

Gloria patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost! As it was in the Beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end! Amen. Amen

Holy Scripture

RESPONSIVE READING - Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;

[It is where] the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,

the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the Lord.

There are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the House of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.

For my brethren and companions' sake, I pray for your prosperity. Because of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek to do you good."

READING FROM THE PROPHETS - Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that He may teach us His ways and that we may walk in His paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the Word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. Oh, House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

GOSPEL LESSON - Matthew 24:36-44

Jesus said to the Disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of Heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father; for as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the Flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your

Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into; therefore, you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

SERMON “Unexpected Hours, Days, Years To Be” Pastor Larry

CONFESSION OF FAITH

We believe God, in His eternal purpose, chose and appointed His only begotten Son as Mediator between God and man - Prophet, Priest, and King, Head and Savior of His Church, Heir of all things, and Judge of the world. We believe that, in the fullness of time, the Son of God took upon Himself our nature, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, so that two natures - divine and human - were joined in One Person, True God, True man, our Lord Jesus Christ. We believe Christ freely offered Himself as the only sacrifice for sin, satisfying the justice of God and reconciling us to Him. We believe He rose again, ascended into Heaven, and intercedes for us, continuing His saving work. We believe this same Jesus who came once in humility will come again in glory, to judge the living and the dead, to gather His people, and to bring His Everlasting Kingdom. During this Season of Advent, we therefore confess our HOPE: Christ has come, Christ reigns, and Christ will come again. AMEN.

OFFERING, DOXOLOGY, PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” Pastor Larry

The Eucharist

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give Him thanks and praise...
So let us raise to Him in great joy and love singing:

*Joy to the world - the Lord has come!
Let Earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare Him room;
And Heaven and Nature Sing!
And Heaven and Nature sing!
And Heaven, and Heaven, and Nature sing!*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION, COMMUNION

LORD'S PRAYER

...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. AMEN.

HYMN *“Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne”* #137

BENEDICTION

SENDING

Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH

*Let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on Earth, Peace that was meant to be;
With God as our Father, brothers all are we;
Let me walk with my brothers in perfect harmony!*

*Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now;
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally
Let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with me!*

CHURCH COUNCIL
[meets every 2nd Sunday]

President	Dot Smith
Vice President	Jeanne Keyser
Treasurer	Dean Carson
Secretary	Andrea Yerger
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SERVING TODAY

Reader	Dean Carson
Offering	Bob Bouchard
Communion	Andrea Yerger, Dot Smith

Weekly Activities

Wednesdays:	<i>Drop In</i> to visit Pastor 10am-2pm
Thursdays:	<i>Bible Study at 10am</i>
Saturday, 06 December:	Women’s Lunch, TBD
24 December:	Christmas Eve Candle Light

Pastor Larry is ALWAYS available by appointment...

941-763-9975 Pastor Larry Cell

REMINDER:

For “Jesus Loves You Ministry”:
All December we will be collecting “Ball Caps” and *anything* CAMO