

Our Savior Lutheran Church



Peace

Service of the Word and Sacrament

Sunday, 07 December 2025

2nd Advent

Worship: 10.00am

THE GATHERING

*Welcome, Announcements, Prayer Requests
Advent Reading and Candle Lighting*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Give the King your justice, O God,
Give Your righteousness to the King's Son;
We rejoice that He may rule Your people righteously
and the poor with justice;
***Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous deeds!***
Blessed be His glorious Name for ever!
May all the Earth be filled with His glory! Amen and Amen!

HYMN

"The First Noel"

#097

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray...Holy and Merciful God, in this Season of Advent, You call us to prepare the way of the Lord, yet we confess that our own hearts are often unprepared. You summon us to repentance, yet we cling to familiar sins. You call us to watchfulness, yet we grow weary, distracted, and complacent. You speak peace in Christ, yet we nurture resentment, anger, and fear. You promise that the Judge of all the Earth will do what is right, yet we trust our own judgment more than Yours. We ask for your forgiveness, turn us again to the hope of the gospel by Your Spirit - that we may wait with patience, live with holiness, and walk in the light of Your coming Kingdom; we ask this through the Power and the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the One who has come and will come again. AM EN.

ABSOLUTION/ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the Good News! God forgives all the sins which we confess to Him - by the Name and through the Power - of Jesus; we may now greet with joy the coming to Earth of our Lord Jesus, Who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One Triune God, now and for ever. **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 - *Romans 15:4-13*

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction,

So that by steadfastness and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus,

So that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, just as Christ has welcomed you, for God's Glory.

I tell you that Christ has become a servant...on behalf of the Truth of God, so that He might confirm the promises given to the Patriarchs; The Gentiles [will] glorify God for His mercy.

As it is written by the Prophet Isaiah:

"I will confess You among the Gentiles and sing praises to Your Name";

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people";

"Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles! Let all the peoples praise Him!"

The Root of Jesse shall come;

The One Who rises to rule the Gentiles - in Him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all JOY and PEACE in believing, so that you may abound in HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit.

READING FROM THE PROPHETS -Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse and a Branch shall grow out of His roots. The *[Holy]* Spirit of the LORD shall rest on Him; the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding, the Spirit of Counsel and Might, the Spirit of Knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what His eyes see, or decide by what His ears hear; but with righteousness He shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the Earth; He shall strike the Earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around His waist and faithfulness the belt around His loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together: and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all My Holy Mountain; for the Earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea *[and]* on that day the Root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of Him, and His dwelling shall be glorious.

GOSPEL LESSON - Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the Prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the LORD, make His paths straight.’” Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins; but when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up Children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. “I baptize you with water for repentance, but One who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry His sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He will clear His threshing floor and will gather His wheat into the granary; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire.”

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

SERMON

“High Fashion And Forks”

Pastor Larry

CONFESSION OF FAITH

We confess our Faith in the God Who comes to save. We believe in God the Father, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, Who spoke through the Prophets and Who, in mercy, promised the coming of His Messiah. We believe in Jesus Christ, the Eternal Son of God, Who came once in humility to redeem the world, born of Mary, fully God and fully Human. He lived among us, proclaimed the Kingdom, died for our sins, and rose victorious over death. We believe He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and we await His coming with hope and expectation. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who calls us to repentance, awakens Faith through the living Word, gathers the Church, and prepares our hearts in this Advent season to welcome Christ with Faith, Courage, and Joy. We confess one Holy, Universal Christian Church, founded on the Apostles and Prophets, called to proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord until He comes again. AMEN.

OFFERING, DOXOLOGY, PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Born In Bethlehem”

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...

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!
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION, COMMUNION, PRAYER

HYMN *"Peace Like A River"* **#408**

BENEDICTION

SENDING

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

REMINDER:

For "Jesus Loves You Ministry":
All of December we will be collecting BALLCAPS AND HATS - anything CAMO

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
Council Member	Bob Burchard; Bubbles Burress Ellie Selk; Pat Spence; Fran Thibideau

SERVING TODAY

Reader	Dean Carson
Offering	
Communion	Andrea Yerger, Dot Smith

Weekly Activities

Wednesdays:	Drop In to visit Pastor 10am-2pm
Thursdays:	Bible Study at 10am {on <i>hiatus</i> util 2026}
Saturday, 13 December,	<i>PotLuck & Movie</i>
Sunday, 14 December	<i>Council Mtg., after Service</i>
Wednesday, 24 December	CandleLight Service, 6.30pm

Pastor Larry is ALWAYS available by appointment...
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