

Our Savior Lutheran Church



Christ is Born!

Service of the Word and Sacrament

28 December 2025

1st Sunday After Christmas

Worship: 10.00am

THE GATHERING

Welcome, Announcements, Prayer Requests

CALL TO WORSHIP

I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD, the praiseworthy acts of the LORD, because of all that the LORD has done for us:

[Also] the great favor to the House of Israel that He has shown them according to His mercy, according to...His steadfast love.

He said, "Surely they are My people, children who will not act deceitfully,"

And He became their Savior in all their distress.

It was no messenger or angel but His presence that saved them;

In His love and pity it was He who redeemed them;

He lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

HYMN

"What Child Is This?"

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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. AMEN.

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 -Psalm 148

God's splendor is over Earth and Heaven

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the Heavens;

Praise Him in the heights!

Praise Him, all His angels - praise Him, all His host!

Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all you shining stars!

Praise Him, you highest Heavens, and you waters above the Heavens!

Let them praise the Name of the LORD,

For He commanded and they were created!

He established them forever and ever;

He fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Praise the LORD from the Earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

Fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling His command!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the Earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the Earth!

Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let them praise the Name of the LORD, for His name alone is exalted;

His glory is above Earth and Heaven.

He has raised up a horn for His people, praise for all His Faithful,

For the people of Israel who are close to Him. Praise the LORD!

READING FROM THE EPISTLES - Hebrews 2:10-18

It was fitting that God, for Whom and through Whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings; for the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father; for this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to My brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you"; and again, "I will put my trust in Him"; and again, "Here am I and the children whom God has given Me." Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared the same things, so that through Death He might destroy the one who has the power of Death, that is, the Devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of Death; for it is clear that He did not come to help angels but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore, He had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because He Himself was tested by what He suffered, He is able to help those who are being tested.

GOSPEL LESSON - *Matthew 2:13-23*

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the Child and His mother, and flee to Egypt and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the Child, to destroy Him." Then Joseph got up, took the Child and His mother by night, and went to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the Prophet, *"Out of Egypt I have called My Son."* When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the Magi, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the Magi. Then what had been spoken through the Prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: *"A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."* When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the Child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the Child and His mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the Prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazarene."

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

SERMON

"Unexpected Travels..."

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

"Long-Expected Jesus"

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...

