

Our Savior Lutheran Church

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Welcome Visitors!

This morning we celebrate the Lord's Supper, also known as Holy Communion. The word "communion" means "union with" and it is an appropriate name since in the Lord's Supper we celebrate the union which exists between:

- 1) Ourselves and Jesus Christ,
- 2) Each other through our unity of faith,
- 3) The bread and the body of Christ, and
- 4) The wine and the blood of Christ.

To receive this Sacrament in a worthy manner, it is necessary that a person believe:

- 1) That he is a sinner in need of God's forgiveness,
- 2) That forgiveness is given to us through the passion and death of Jesus Christ on the cross, and
- 3) That the true body and blood of Jesus Christ are present in the Sacrament.

If you truly believe this but have never received the Sacrament at this church, please speak to the pastor before coming to the altar.

Also, to help ensure that you commune in what Scripture calls a "worthy manner" (1 Corinthians 11:27), meaning in a manner consistent with Jesus' institution, and not to your harm, please prayerfully read through the "Christian Questions and Answers" for those who intend to go to the Sacrament, found on pages 329-330 in "Lutheran Service Book". This is the basis of our preparation of youth to receive the Lord's Supper, and it is always a most appropriate way for us to renew our knowledge of the Sacrament and to rekindle the devotion and piety of repentance and faith as we come to the Lord's Table.

White grape juice is available in the rose-colored cups, located in the center of each tray, for those who do not wish to consume alcohol.

Serving Today January 3, 2021

Vacancy Pastor: Rev. Rick Milas
Head Usher: Doug Morgeson
Elder: Doug Morgeson
Organist at 9a: Linda Kellerhals
Organist at 11a: Theta Lee
Sound Board: Kendra Morts
Acolyte: Sydney Kestler-Seyfert
Radio Monitor: Barb Teig and William Teig
Greeters: Marvin and Deb Wright
Altar Guild: Linda Buhrmester and Deb Wright

✠ Second Sunday after Christmas ✠

✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

Opening Hymn

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

LSB 384

1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten Ere the worlds be -
2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, When the vir - gin,
3 This is He whom seers in old time Chant - ed of with
4 O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore Him; An - gel hosts, His
Δ 5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Fa - ther, And, O Ho - ly
gan to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
full of grace, By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
one ac - cord, Whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
prais - es sing. Pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore Him
Ghost, to Thee Hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing
He the source, the end - ing He, Of the things that are, that
Bore the Sav - ior of our race, And the babe, the world's Re -
Prom - ised in their faith - ful word. Now He shines, the long - ex -
And ex - tol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be
And un - end - ing prais - es be, Hon - or, glo - ry, and do -
have been, And that fu - ture years shall see
deem - er, First re - vealed His sa - cred face
pect - ed; Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord
si - lent, Ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring
min - ion, And e - ter - nal vic - to - ry
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more. A - men.

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Kyrie

LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 3:4–15

⁴ The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I shall give you.” ⁶ And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. ⁷ And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. ⁹ Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?”

¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ And God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹² behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. ¹³ I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. ¹⁴ And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.”

¹⁵ And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

MEM

P ⁹⁷ Oh how I love your law!

It is my meditation all the day.

⁹⁸ Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies,
for it is ever with me.

⁹⁹ I have more understanding than all my teachers,
for your testimonies are my meditation.

¹⁰⁰ I understand more than the aged,
for I keep your precepts.

¹⁰¹ I hold back my feet from every evil way,
in order to keep your word.

¹⁰² I do not turn aside from your just decrees,
for you have taught me.

¹⁰³ How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

¹⁰⁴ Through your precepts I get understanding;
therefore I hate every false way.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning
is now, and will be forever. Amen

Epistle

Ephesians 1:3–14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:40–52

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁰The child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. ⁴¹Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then

they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress.” ⁴⁹And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father 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 men 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.

And I 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.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated



1 With-in the Fa-ther’s house The Son has found His home,
 2 The doc-tors of the Law Gaze on the won-drous child
 3 Yet not to them is giv’n The might-y truth to know,
 4 The se-cret of the Lord Es-capes each hu-man eye,



And to His tem-ple sud-den-ly The Lord of life has come.
 And mar-vel at His gra-cious words Of wis-dom un-de-filed.
 To lift the earth-ly veil that hides In-car-nate God be-low.
 And faith-ful pon-d’ring hearts a-wait The full e-piph-a-ny.

5 Lord, visit Thou our souls
 And teach us by Thy grace
 Each dim revealing of Thyself
 With loving awe to trace

△6 Till we behold Thy face
 And know as we are known
 Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
 Coequal Three in One.

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Sermon

“True Wisdom”

Luke 2:40-52

Sermon Hymn

360 All My Heart Again Rejoices”

LSB 360



1 All my heart a-gain re-joic-es As I hear Far and near
 2 Hear! The Con-quer-or has spo-ken: “Now the foe, Sin and woe,
 3 Should we fear our God’s dis-plea-sure, Who, to save, Free-ly gave
 4 See the Lamb, our sin once tak-ing To the cross, Suf-f’ring loss,



Sweet-est an-gel voic-es. “Christ is born!” their choirs are sing-ing
 Death and hell are bro-ken!” God is man, man to de-liv-er,
 His most pre-cious trea-sure? To re-deem us He has giv-en
 Full a-tone-ment mak-ing. For our life His own He ten-ders,



Till the air Ev-’ry-where Now with joy is ring-ing.
 And the Son Now is one With our blood for-ev-er.
 His own Son From the throne Of His might in heav-en.
 And His grace All our race Fit for glo-ry ren-ders.

5 Softly from His lowly manger
Jesus calls
One and all,
“You are safe from danger.
Children, from the sins that grieve you
You are freed;
All you need
I will surely give you.”

6 Come, then, banish all your sadness!
One and all,
Great and small,
Come with songs of gladness.
We shall live with Him forever
There on high
In that joy
Which will vanish never.

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✠ Installation of Congregational Officers ✠

Those to be installed are presented before the altar. The pastor addresses the congregation:

P Beloved in the Lord, Holy Scripture admonishes us that “all things should be done decently and in order.”

To that end, the constitution and bylaws of this congregation establish various offices to which men and women are elected and appointed to serve. In so doing, the Church follows the example of the Early Christian Church as described in Acts, chapter six:

The twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.”

The apostle Peter writes in his first epistle:

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever.

C **Amen.**

The pastor addresses the officers-elect:

P Glen Franke, has been elected to serve as Congregational President
Brenna Schroeder has been elected to serve another term as Congregational Secretary
Dean Lingley has been elected to serve another term to Board of Elders
Jan Lavicka has been elected to serve to Board of Education
Laurie Lingley has been elected to serve to Board of Education

P You have been chosen to fill specific offices and positions of responsibility at Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church. You are to work with the pastor, that our life together in Christ may be orderly and pleasing in His sight.

You are to see that the services of God’s house are held at the proper times, that the Word of God is purely preached and taught according to the Lutheran Confessions, that the Sacraments of Christ are administered

according to His institution, that provision is made for the Christian instruction of young and old, that the erring are admonished, and that discipline is maintained.

You are to see that the temporal affairs of the congregation are properly administered and that proper support is provided for the workers of this congregation. You are to assist in caring for the poor and the sick, in cultivating harmony among the members, in promoting the general welfare of the congregation, and in furthering the kingdom of Christ here and throughout the world.

While holiness of life and obedience to Christ are expected of all members of the congregation, it is especially important that you, as office-bearers in His Church, show yourselves, by word and example, to be faithful to Him in service and Christian devotion.

In the presence of God and of this congregation, I therefore ask you: Do you accept the office(s) entrusted to you, and do you promise faithfully to carry out your duties, trusting in the Lord and conforming yourself to His Word in accordance with the faith of the Evangelical Lutheran Church? If so, then answer: I do.

R *I do.*

The pastor addresses the congregation:

P Beloved in the Lord, you have heard the promises of faithfulness spoken by these men and women whom you have selected to serve as officers of Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church. Do you promise to support them in their work, to remember them in your prayers, and to work with them to the best of the abilities that God has given you, so that He may be glorified and His work be done in our midst? If so, then answer: We do.

C **We do.**

The pastor addresses the officers-elect:

P Brothers and sisters in Christ, I install you as officers of Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P The almighty and most merciful God enlighten and strengthen you in your offices that you may be good and faithful stewards to the glory of His name and the good of His people.

C **Amen.**

Please stand

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we give thanks that You have raised up these servants for work among Your people. We humbly implore You to grant them, by Your Holy Spirit, those gifts needed for the faithful carrying out of their tasks, most especially wisdom, strength, and willing hearts. Let Your blessing rest on this congregation. Strengthen the faith, quicken the love, and enkindle the zeal of its members, that Your name may be glorified and that here and in all places under heaven the kingdom of Your Son may be advanced. We remember with thanksgiving those who have faithfully served Your people and have now completed their time of service. We pray that in the end of days we, with all Your faithful people, may hear the voice of Christ saying: "Come, you who are blessed by My Father; inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world"; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Go in the name of the Lord. Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C **Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P** Heavenly Father, we give You thanks that Your Son, the eternal Word, became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. Extend His praise into all the world, that many more with us would come to hope in His steadfast love. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Heavenly Father, Your Son diligently heard the Word of God and grew in wisdom and stature, submissive to His earthly parents and always about Your business and in Your house. Keep the families of Your Church abiding in Your Word, eager to be found among Your Word and Sacraments and always treasuring Your divine wisdom and favor. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Heavenly Father, You have blessed us in Christ, Your beloved Son, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. Preserve Your Church by the preaching of the Gospel of salvation and the seal of the promised Holy Spirit in Baptism. Raise up among us faithful preachers to the praise of Christ's glory, until we acquire the inheritance promised us in Him. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Heavenly Father, You gave to Your servant Solomon unsurpassed wisdom to rule Your people Israel, chiefly the wisdom that begins in fearing You. Give to the leaders and elected officials of our nation wisdom for their task to discern between good and evil and to govern this people in peace and quietness. Be gracious to preserve our president and president-elect, our governor, and all legislators and judges. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Heavenly Father, give patience and endurance to all who are sick or in any need, and heal them according to Your will. Receive our thanksgiving for every blessing and kindness You have shown to Your people. Give comfort and hope to all who mourn. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Heavenly Father, Your Son has won redemption through His blood, granting the forgiveness of our trespasses. So now according to the riches of Your grace, receive those who come to Your blessed Sacrament this day. Grant worthy repentance and confident faith to all who commune, united in a sincere confession of the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Offering

All members of this congregation take this opportunity give back to the Lord in thankfulness for what He has done for us and in trust of His continued provisions for all that we need for this body and life. During this time, the collection basket is located at the back of the Sanctuary.

Visitors are welcome to give, but should not feel compelled to do so.

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them 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 truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In the beginning You created all things by Your Word; and in the fullness of time Your Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

Let Your Word made flesh dwell richly among us that, faithfully eating His body and drinking His blood, we may receive the fullness of Your grace and truth in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

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.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Please be seated

Distribution

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first
and then distribute them to those who come to receive*

Distribution Hymns

“O Sing of Christ”

LSB 362



1 O sing of Christ, whose birth made known The kind-ness of the Lord,
2 What Ad-am lost, none could re - claim, And Par-a - dise was barred
3 He came to that which was His own, But He was not re - ceived;
4 Lord Je - sus Christ, You deigned to dwell A - mong us here on earth



E - ter - nal Word made flesh and bone So we could be re - stored.
Un - til the sec - ond Ad - am came To mend what sin had marred.
Yet still through Him God's glo - ry shone, And some His name be - lieved.
As God with us, Em - man - u - el, To bring this ho - ly birth.



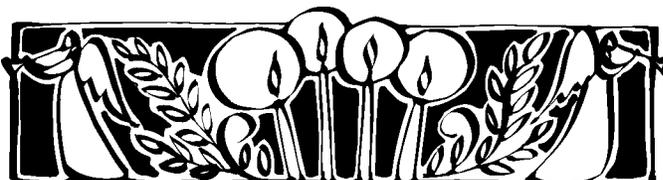
Up - on our frail hu - man - i - ty God's fin - ger chose to trace
For when the time was full and right God sent His on - ly Son;
To these He gave the right to be The heirs of heav'n a - bove,
Though rich, You will - ing - ly be - came One with our pov - er - ty,



The full-ness of His de - i - ty, The i - con of His grace.
He came to us as life and light And our re - demp-tion won.
Born not of hu - man an - ces - try But born of God in love.
That we might share Your wealth and name For all e - ter - ni - ty!

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Second
Sunday after
Christmas



“Once in Royal David’s City”

LSB 376



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en, Who is
 3 For He is our child - hood's pat - tern, Day by
 4 And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His
 5 Not in that poor, low - ly sta - ble With the



low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her
 God and Lord of all, And His shel - ter was a
 day like us He grew; He was lit - tle, weak, and
 own re - deem - ing love; For that child so dear and
 ox - en stand - ing by Shall we see Him, but in



ba - by In a man - ger for His bed: Mar - y
 sta - ble, And His cra - dle was a stall; With the
 help - less, Tears and smiles like us He knew; And He
 gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove; And He
 heav - en, Set at God's right hand on high. Then like



was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
 poor and mean and low - ly Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 feels for all our sad - ness, And He shares in all our glad - ness.
 leads His chil - dren on To the place where He is gone.
 stars His chil - dren, crowned, All in white, His praise will sound!

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Please stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

LSB 212

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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.

C Amen.

Hymn to Depart

“See amid the Winter’s Snow”

LSB 373

1 See a - mid the win - ter's snow, Born for us on earth be - low,
2 Lo, with - in a sta - ble lies He who built the star - ry skies,
3 Sa - cred In - fant, all di - vine, What a ten - der love was Thine,
4 Teach, O teach us, ho - ly Child, By Thy face so meek and mild,

See, the gen - tle Lamb ap - pears, Prom - ised from e - ter - nal years.
He who, throned in height sub - lime, Sits a - mid the cher - u - bim.
Thus to come from high - est bliss Down to such a world as this!
Teach us to re - sem - ble Thee In Thy sweet hu - mil - i - ty.

Refrain

Hail, O ev - er - bless - ed morn! Hail, re - demp - tion's hap - py dawn!

Sing through all Je - ru - sa - lem: “Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!”

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Serving Next Sunday

January 10, 2021

Vacancy Pastor: Rev. Adam Koontz

Head Usher: Matthew Lange

Elder: Dean Lingley

Organist at 9a: Linda Kellerhals

Organist at 11a: Theta Lee

Sound Board: Rich Rieches

Acolyte: Lauren Janssen

Radio Monitor: Chris Catron and Brian Neukomm

Greeters: Doug Benner

Altar Guild: Linda Buhrmester and Deb Wright

This Week at a Glance

Today: 9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev. Rick Milas (masks required)
10:15-10:45 am Adult Bible Class and Sunday school (masks recommended)
11:00 am Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev. Rick Milas (masks optional)
12:00 pm Remove the Christmas decorations

Wednesday: 4:30-6 pm Confirmation in the Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday: 9:00 am Worship led by Rev. Adam Koontz (masks required)
10:15-10:45 am Adult Bible Class and Sunday School (masks recommended)
11:00 am Worship Rev. Adam Koontz (masks optional)

Announcements

January 3, 2021

Focus on the Family

Your Focus on the Family is sponsored by Jim and Cheryl Knake.

Lutheran Witness Magazine

Copies of the Lutheran Witness magazine are located in the information rack in the Narthex. Feel free to take a copy and share with a friend.

Poinsettias

If you purchased a poinsettia, feel free to take it with you following our worship services.

January Worship Services

We will continue to hold 2 Divine Services throughout the month of January at 9a and 11a. Masks (covering both the nose and the mouth) will be required for the 9a service with social distancing guidelines followed and masks are optional during the 11a service with social distancing guidelines followed.

Christmas Decorations

Immediately following the 11a service, we will be taking down the church's Christmas decorations. Any and all are welcome to help in this task. Remember, many hands make light work. If you have any questions, please see Jan Lavicka, Brenna Schroeder or Sara Seyfert.

Confirmation Classes resume on Wednesday

Confirmation classes will resume on Wednesday, January 6, 2021, from 4:30-6p. If you have any questions, please contact Jan Lavicka.

Ladies Bible Study

Ladies Bible Study will be starting a new session starting Tuesday, January 26th. Bible study will be held at the home of Olivia Harms. This is a 9 week study of the book of Hebrews via video study by Jen Wilkin. All ladies are welcome, please RSVP to Olivia Harms (815.471.9072) by Thursday, January 14th to reserve your book.

Sanctity of Life Month

This month marks "Sanctity of Life Month" in many Christian congregations around the country. January is chosen because this is the month when the landmark Supreme Court decision, Roe vs. Wade, made abortion legal throughout the country. Since that decision was handed down, abortions have continued to rise at an alarming rate, to approximately 4,000 abortions a day in this country! Obviously, Scripture tells us that this is against God's will and so the Church, along with its members, work tirelessly to bring about change and to foster a respect for human life. While it may seem that we, as individuals, cannot effect much change, working together as the Church, we can. This happens in many ways, but definitely by supporting organizations that minister to fathers and mothers who find themselves considering an abortion. In our area, the Women's Care Clinic in Danville operates such a ministry. Not only do they minister to these soon-to-be parents and help them reach the decision to bring that baby to term, they then work tirelessly to support those parents as they seek to raise their child, by meeting some very physical needs.

In support of their ministry, we will be collecting diapers (size 4 and 5) and wipes this month that will be donated to the Women's Care Clinic. You may drop your donation in the play yard, located in the Narthex at any time during this month.

As we focus on the sanctity of human life this month, let us never forget that being pro-life goes far beyond just getting the baby to be born, but it means being pro-life throughout all of life, from the womb to the grave. Thus, you will find on the rack located in the Narthex numerous resources that will assist you in that important task.

Annual Reports

All committee annual reports are due to the church office by next Sunday, January 10, 2021. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Kendra. Thank you!

Voters' Meeting

Our quarterly Voters' Assembly meeting will be held immediately following the 9a Divine Service on Sunday, January 17, 2021. Please be present to help chart the course of this congregation as we seek to bring glory to God in all that we do. Remember, all communicant members, age 18 and above, are eligible to vote.

Scrip Orders - January 24

Order forms are available on the informational rack in the Narthex, on the order form you will note that the youth group will receive a certain percentage of the purchase amount of each gift card, ranging from 1% up to 20%. Order forms and payment are due to the Church Office by **Sunday, January 24, 2021**. Gift Cards will arrive and be distributed that same week. Please consider supporting the youth (and future leaders of the congregation) in this simple way!

Pastoral Vacancy

During our pastoral vacancy, pastoral care is available during this time for those who desire it. Pastor Tim Hahn (Trinity - Cissna Park and St. John - Ash Grove) has agreed to be on-call for all urgent pastoral needs. If an urgent need arises during this time, please contact one of the Elders (Jon Goldenstein, Dean Lingley, Doug Morgeson or Bob Storm) and they will contact the on-call Pastor.

Focus on the Family

If you and your family would like to sponsor one or more of the Focus on the Family monthly inserts, the signup sheet is located on the bulletin board in the Narthex. The cost is \$24, please indicate on your envelope or check "Focus on the Family". If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kendra.

Streaming with Our Savior

As a reminder, we will be streaming both services, 9am and 11am, each Sunday. Visit our website at oursaviormilford.com, click the Media tab, Live Audio Stream. If you have any questions, please contact Kendra at kendra@oursaviormilford.com.

Bulletin and Newsletter Deadlines

If you have an announcement for the weekly bulletin, newsletter, or prayer request, please send to the church office by this Wednesday at 10a to kendra@oursaviormilford.com.

Lutherans for Life Quote

“God is not just our God or the God of just our people or just our nation or our congregation or our denomination or our demographic category or our tribe or our ethnicity or our language. There is no justice if it’s just about just us. No, God is the God of all time and all space and all people. In Christ, all things hang together. Step into your new year with this fresh recognition that the Holy Spirit wants to fill every nook and cranny of your life until you overflow with God’s everlasting love for everybody.” *Pastor John Nunes on The Lutheran Hour – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Prayer List

January 3 – January 9

Those celebrating a birthday:

Justin Schroeder	Monday
Audrey Neukomm	Wednesday
Carrie Brazel	Friday
Chris Catron	Friday
Katilynn Lange	Saturday

Those celebrating an anniversary:

Josh and Sara Seyfert	Monday (7 years)
Alan and Suzie Smith	Tuesday (8 years)

Those who mourn:

Family and friends of Timothy McGill, Our Savior’s previous seminary student
Family and friends of James Hack, brother-in-law of Al and Linda Kellerhals

All those affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic

We especially remember in our prayers those suffering from the virus,
those mourning the death of loved ones at the hands of the
virus, and all those who are working to treat those affected by the virus.

Those suffering from cancer:

Norman Anderson – father of Karry Hines and grandfather of Emily and Jessica Hines
Lindsay Boyden - friend of Brenda Mowrey
Charlotte Brammer – sister of Hazel Carter and aunt to Patty Bruens
Connie Bruns – friend of Al and Linda Kellerhals
Jeff Cavitt –friend of many within the community
Payton Ens – acquaintance of Alan and Suzie Smith
Don Estes – husband of Dianne Estes
Tim Evans – brother-in-law of Bob Storm
Pat Gorski – step-mother of Olivia Harms
Cheryl Hastings – friend of Erica Anderson
Lisa High – friend of Becky Hiles
Adam Hubner – grandson of Donald and LaVerne Hubner
Kendra Howard – niece of Doug Benner

Bruce Johnston – friend of Patty Bruens
Richard (Dick) Knake – cousin of Carolyn Reed, Jim Knake and Cindy Maro
Brenda Knuth – mother of Craig Smith
Shawn Lane – Milford High School Volleyball Coach
Greg Luecke – friend of Randall and Gloria Schleef
Judy Miller – friend of Erica Anderson
Marsha Thompson – acquaintance of Beth Smith

Those requesting your general and ongoing prayers:

The OSLC Congregation - as we continue the Call process by which God will provide a new Pastor
Rev. Doug Minton and family – as they consider a call to Our Savior
Bill Adsit – uncle of Doug Benner, health concerns
Erica Anderson – OSLC member, health concerns
Lew Alwardt - friend of Larry and Nancy Tobeck, health concerns
Cora Armatrout –OSLC member, health concerns
Becky Bellman - friend of Cora Armatrout and Becky Hiles
Taylor Breyman – granddaughter of Dennis and Sheila Selk, recovering from ankle surgery
Hazel Carter –OSLC member, health concerns
Nick Costello - husband of Diane Costello, health concerns
Todd Davis - friend of Patty Bruens, heart issues
Janet Doyle – friend of Patty Bruens, health concerns
Bernear Franke – mother of Glen Franke, health concerns
Ione Harms – friend of Dave and Ethel Lucht, health concerns
Becky Hiles – daughter of Cora Armatrout, health issues
Dave Lucht – recovering from hospitalization
Joanne McFarland – sister of Cora Armatrout, recovering from a fall
Danny Manullang – brother-in-law to Doug Benner, upcoming surgery
Bertha Parsons – OSLC member, recovering from hip replacement surgery
Carol Ragel - friend of Cora Armatrout, suffering from health issues
Kristin Randall - friend of Patty Bruens, suffering from a heart condition
Kierci Schaumburg - step-daughter of Doug Benner, suffering from several health issues
Tyrone Schaumburg - cousin of Mike Hines, Parkinson's
Randall Schleef – OSLC member
Kay Snyder – sister of Cora Armatrout, recovering from an automobile accident
Larry Tobeck – OSLC member, health concerns
Diana Webster - friend of Cora Armatrout
Bailey York - friend of Joyce Williams, awaiting tests results for potential kidney transplant
Sharon York – friend of Joyce Williams

**Those serving in our Armed Forces and our local Law Enforcement,
especially those connected to the OSLC family:**

Nate Bushong – OSLC member, son of Cory and Mary Bushong, serving with the U.S. Army
Alex Janssen – son of Sara Janssen, serving with the U.S. Army
Jay Kindle – OSLC member, son of Dean and Laurie Lingley, serving with the U.S. Navy
Brandon Legan – member of our Comfort Dog Ministry Team, Iroquois County Sheriff's
Deputy and Milford Police Department
Corey Moore –OSLC member, son of Kevin and Kasey Moore, U.S. Marine Corp
Scott Muench – husband of Shannon Muench, Watseka Police Officer
Kaleb Waldbeser – friend of Bob & Donna Flesher, serving with the U.S. Marine Corp

Those serving in the Seminary:

Seminarian Luke, Elowsky, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO
Seminarian, Joshua Schiff, Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN

Those serving in the Mission Field:

Rev. Joel Fritsche, his wife, Clarion, and sons, Viktor, Sergei and Andrei, our “adopted” international missionary, currently serving in the Dominican Republic