



Welcome to
Our Savior Lutheran Church

Where God's Love is Experienced and His Word is Proclaimed

First Sunday After Christmas

December 31, 2023

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- 8:30 am Traditional Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School & Adult Discipleship Study
- 11:00 am Praise & Worship Service

11:00 Worship Service

Welcome and Announcements

God's Blessings to all of you and a warm welcome to our guests and members here at Our Savior Lutheran. We are happy to have you with us as we worship together our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Guests are invited to fill out a "Welcome" connection card which can be found at the end of the pews. Should any of you be looking for a church home, we would love for you to consider Our Savior Lutheran Church. You will be loved and encouraged by the wonderful people here and the ministries that are offered. **Thank you for worshiping with us.**



Holy Communion

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Our Savior Lutheran Church in the profession and confidence that our Lord's Body and Blood is present in the bread and wine to eat and drink for the forgiveness of our sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another.

Our Lord invites to His Table, those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and forgive and love others as God forgives and loves us. Holy Scripture teaches that those who receive the Lord's Supper in an unworthy manner eat and drink it to their great harm (*1 Corinthians 11:27-30*). Therefore, so that you may rightly receive the blessings that Christ won for you on the cross, we ask that you prayerfully consider the following questions before coming to the Lord's Table:

1. *Do you believe that you are receiving the actual Body and Blood of Christ in the bread and wine that are distributed?*
2. *Do you believe that you are a sinner in need of the Lord's forgiveness?*
3. *Do you believe that you are receiving the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of your sins?*
4. *Do you intend, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to live as a forgiven sinner, resist sinful desires, and walk in the newness of life?*
5. *Do you believe, as the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod believes, that all the prophetic and apostolic scriptures are the inspired Word of God and that the doctrine drawn from them and confessed in the Small Catechism is faithful and true to the Word of God?*

If you answered "Yes" to all these questions, then we invite you to receive the Lord's Supper this morning. *If you have any doubts, or are unsure, then we respectfully ask that you refrain from receiving the Lord's Supper.*

Please Stand

Opening Song "O Come All Ye Faithful"

Invocation

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.

Opening Sentences

Psalm 89:1, 52; 71:19, 23

- P** I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;
C with my mouth I will make known Your faithfulness to all generations.
- P** Your righteousness, O God, reaches the high heavens.
C You who have done great things, O God, who is like You?
- P** My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to You;
C my soul also, which You have redeemed.
- P** Blessed be the LORD forever!
C Amen and Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** People redeemed by the Lord, let us now make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

We pause for a moment of reflection and personal examination.

C Merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We repent of having sinned in thought, word, and deed. So often we have left undone those things which we ought to have done and have done the things which we ought not to have done. We sincerely repent of our sins and humbly ask for the grace and forgiveness that we know to be ours in Jesus, our Savior. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit, lead us, heavenly Father, to change what is sinful in our lives so that each day we grow in righteousness and godly living to the glory of Your holy name.

P God has promised pardon, life, and salvation because of the atoning sacrifice of His beloved Son, who has replaced slavery to sin with a priceless inheritance of freedom and joy. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, we commit to Your grace and forgiveness the year now being completed and commend to Your kindness and love the year about to begin.

Throughout the coming weeks and months make the presence of Your Holy Spirit known in our lives, drawing us ever closer to Jesus and uniting all generations of Your faithful people in bonds of love and care, as we continue to grow in our baptismal grace and await the joy of eternal life in Your glorious presence. This we ask for the sake of Jesus, our Savior.

C Amen.

Song of Praise

“Prepare Our Hearts”

Please be seated.

First Reading

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the Lord;
my soul shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;

he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to sprout up before all the nations.

62 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,
and her salvation as a burning torch.

² The nations shall see your righteousness,
and all the kings your glory,
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.

³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Galatians 4:4-7

⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-second chapter
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²² And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.”

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶ And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷ And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸ he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

²⁹ “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,
according to your word;
³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation
³¹ that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel.”

³³ And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴ And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵ (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

³⁶ And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷ and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshipping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ And coming up at that

very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹ And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

Please Sit

Song of the Day ***“Angels from the Realms of Glory”***

Sermon TBA

Offering + Noisy Offering to benefit First Care- Helping those less fortunate

Last week 12-24-23 was \$2,896.00 am/\$1,689.00 pm

Weekly budget needs: \$3,800

10 am Service Attendance: 81

Candlelight service Attendance: 116

Stand

Prayer of the Church

After each portion of the prayers:

P Lord, in Your Mercy,

C Hear our prayer

U.S Military, First Responders, and their families.

Please keep Carl Turner and family in your prayers at the passing of Cynthia Turner. We also keep the family and friends of Lou Holtman in our prayers. May God bring them comfort during this time of grief.

Members of our Congregation

Leon Browder	Mike & Phyllis Conrad	Olga Howdeshell	Sharon Ray
Jessie Burchfield	Greg Costello	James "Red" Lackie	Carol Schedler
Howard & Devona Caples	Carolyn Ellis	Frank Meigs	Charles Taylor
Will Coleman	Frank & Cathy Fink	Philip Murphy	Carl Turner
		Linda Patteson	Mark Valdez

Our Family & Friends

Cathi Barrington, <i>Friend of Jane Fosler</i>	Mindy Meyer, <i>Sister of Terry Bledsoe</i>
Jackie Brennan, <i>Mother of Jeanette Talik</i>	Terry Morris, <i>Son-in-Law of Olga Howdeshell</i>
Elizabeth Davis, <i>Sister of Theresa Carruthers</i>	Linda Owens
Doug, <i>Brother of Linda Patteson</i>	Jeannette Pagano, <i>Mother of Samantha Yamber</i>
Donna Emery	Ed Peitsch, <i>Grandfather of Amanda Easterday</i>
Diana Estrader, <i>Coworker of Devona Caples</i>	Deidre Reilly, <i>Friend of Julie Dill & Olga Howdeshell</i>
Lucy Fox, <i>Member of the Browder & Fugo Families</i>	Ronnie Spradlin, <i>Husband of niece of Olga Howdeshell</i>
Anne Gelein, <i>Sister of Susan Buser</i>	Frank Talik, <i>Father of Rick Talik</i>
Tristen, <i>Relative of Ms. Penn</i>	Mark & John York, <i>Friends of Jeff Mitchell</i>
Samantha Leescher, <i>Granddaughter of Lonnie Hahn</i>	

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22

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 Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, O God, for You have delivered us from the power of sin, death and the devil and have called us to be with You in Your kingdom, which is forever. We bless You for having invited us to this feast as Your beloved children of promise in Christ. Grant that we with true thanksgiving receive the bread and wine, that is, the true body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, as a guarantee of the salvation that He purchased for us through His innocent suffering and death. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us that we may live as Your faithful servants as we await Your final advent in Glory.

Receive our prayers and thanksgivings and grant us Your abiding peace. To You alone, O Father, be praise and honor, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord *Matt. 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Cor. 11:23–25*

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.”

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

The Lord’s Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

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.
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Please Sit

Holy Communion Song “Welcome to Our World”

Distribution of Holy Communion

Please read our statement on the inside front cover regarding Holy Communion before coming forward to the altar. Thank you for respecting our position in this matter of pastoral care.

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In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

Please Stand

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray

O Almighty God, ruler of all things, we bless You for having joined us to Christ through this blessed Meal. Grant that the Holy Spirit graciously intercedes for us and direct our ways that we do the good works intended for us to do, and faithfully waiting for Your return in glory, joyfully continue our earthly blessings for all eternity. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26

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.

OSL Pledge

P Because God first loved us, we exist to

1 John 4:19

C Love God, One Another, and All People.

Closing Song

“Blessed Be Your Name”

Serving today:

Chaplain David Witte

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Elder: Bill Waller

Lector: Bill Waller

Pianist: Amanda Easterday

Guitarist: Paul Easterday

Drummer: Steve Buser

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NOTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JAN 3

Evangelism Meeting

6 pm

We will be discussing future events and getting a timeline together to make our plans come to fruition in 2024! Meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

JAN 17

Council Meeting

12:15 pm

We discuss all the goings on in the church! Feel free to listen in. Council minutes are always available to read in the folders below the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. *Please be noseey!*

The church decorations will be taken down Saturday January 6, 2024