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First Sunday of Advent  
 Sunday, November 28, 2021  
 Worship 9:30 am

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering

- CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION \* BLUE pp. 10-11
- SHARING OF THE PEACE \* *(Please remain in your pew.)*
- OPENING HYMN \* *Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying* RED #436
- <sup>1</sup> *Wake, awake, for night is flying, the watchmen on the heights are crying; awake, Jerusalem, at last. Midnight hears the welcome voices, and at the thrilling cry rejoices: "Come forth, you maidens! Night is past. The bridegroom comes! Awake; your lamps with gladness take!" Alleluia! Rise and prepare the feast to share; go, meet the bridegroom, who draws near.*
- <sup>2</sup> *Zion hears the watchmen singing, and all her heart with joy is springing. She wakes, she rises from her gloom. Her dear friend comes down, all-glorious, the strong in grace, in truth victorious: her star is risen; her light is come. Now come, O Blessed One, Lord Jesus, God's own Son. Sing hosanna! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all, and follow to the banquet hall.*
- <sup>3</sup> *Gloria! Let heaven adore you! Let saints and angels sing before you, with harp and cymbal's clearest tone. Gates of pearl, twelve portals gleaming, lead us to*

*bliss beyond all dreaming, with angel choirs around your throne. No eye has caught the light, no ear the thundering might of such glory. There we will go: what joy we'll know! There sweet delight will ever flow.*

- APOSTOLIC GREETING \* BLUE p. 28
- KYRIE \* BLUE p. 28
- HYMN OF PRAISE \* BLUE pp. 29-30  
*Glory to God ...*
- PRAYER OF THE DAY \* See Celebrate
- LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH \*
- CANDLE LIGHTING HYMN \* *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* RED #257  
*(stanza 1)*
- <sup>1</sup> *O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.*

Word

- FIRST READING *(Response: Thanks be to God)* See Celebrate
- PSALM *(Chanted responsively by whole verse.)* See Celebrate  
*Psalm Tone #5* RED p. 337



- SECOND READING *(Response: Thanks be to God)* See Celebrate
- GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(BLUE p. 31) & GOSPEL \** See Celebrate  
*(Responses: Glory to you, O Lord. / Praise to you, O Christ.)*
- SERMON
- HYMN OF THE DAY \* *Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!* RED #246
- <sup>1</sup> *Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding! "Christ is near," we hear it say. "Cast away the works of darkness, all you children of the day!"*
- <sup>2</sup> *Wakened by the solemn warning, from earth's bondage let us rise; Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling, shines upon the morning skies.*
- <sup>3</sup> *See the Lamb so long expected, come with pardon down from heaven. Let us haste, with tears of sorrow, one and all, to be forgiven;*
- <sup>4</sup> *So, when next he comes in glory and the world is wrapped in fear, he will shield us with his mercy and with words of love draw near.*  
 (continues on insert)

<sup>5</sup> Honor, glory, might, and blessing to the Father and the Son  
with the everlasting Spirit while unending ages run!

NICENE CREED \* BLUE pp. 32-33  
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION\* See Celebrate

### Meal

OFFERTORY VERSE \* BLUE p. 35  
DOXOLOGY \*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER \* BLUE p. 35  
GREAT THANKSGIVING & HOLY, HOLY, HOLY \* BLUE p. 36  
WORDS OF INSTITUTION \* BLUE p. 37  
LORD'S PRAYER \* BLUE p. 39  
LAMB OF GOD \* BLUE p. 39

COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL  
*All baptized believers are welcome, including visitors, to the Table  
of the Lord! Wine (red) or grape juice (clear) is available.*

COMMUNION BLESSING \* BLUE p. 40  
POST COMMUNION CANTICLE \* BLUE p. 40  
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION \* BLUE p. 41

### Sending

BLESSING \* (Response: Amen, Amen, Amen) BLUE p. 41  
CLOSING HYMN \* *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning* SEE INSERT  
DISMISSAL \* (Response: Thanks be to God.)

## FAMILY PROMISE NEWS

As you know, Our Saviour and Good Shepherd Lutheran Churches partner together to serve the families of Family Promise. Since the start of Covid thru present, volunteers from Our Saviour and Good Shepherd have been providing only meals for the families when scheduled to do so. The volunteers also delivered the meals to the Family Promise day center. There has been no contact with the families. The families have been sleeping at the day center (not the churches) since the onset of Covid.

It is Family Promise's hope that starting in January, 2022, the families can come back into the churches on a rotational basis similar to how it was handled prior to Covid. This would mean that again Our Saviour would be the location for the evening meal and sleeping. Volunteers from both Our Saviour and Good Shepherd would assist with the meals, sleepovers, and van transport for the assigned week.

The Staff at Family Promise, Georgia Rehm from Good Shepherd, and I - along with the expertise and guidance from our own Covid Task Force - are currently working on protocols/guidelines that will be in place at Our Saviour when we are hosting families so that this can be done successfully while keeping both our guests and volunteers safe. Some safety protocols will be the same for all churches, but there may be specific things within each congregation that may be specific to that setting.

**Our scheduled week for hosting is the week of January 16 - 22.** In preparation for our host week, we would like to invite **all** volunteers (**this includes volunteers who prepare meals, provide overnight coverage, and drive the van**) to participate in a meeting with the leadership from Family Promise. This meeting will be held at Our Saviour on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. We will try to Zoom the meeting for those who may be unable to attend in person, but would like to participate. I will provide the Zoom link in the near future. This will be a time to voice any concerns/ideas you may have about returning to the Family Promise rotational model.

Thank you!  
Nadine Martin

*Help us keep an updated prayer list. If you have placed an individual on our prayer list, please remember to notify the office when that individual can be removed. Thank you.*

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Abby Keith (Marilyn Hocker's granddaughter), Merle Beachell, Rahbiyah, Zheyang & Omid (friends of the Flemings), Sharon Veet (Dawne's mother-in-law), Bernie Kunz, Ed Seneca, Tara Beachtel, Todd MacMurtrie (Hope Bowling's nephew), Lisa Tosheff (Marion's daughter-in-law), Russ Kolacek (Tom & Wendy Snyder's son-in-law), Tiffany Crosby, Jeff Noaker (friend of the Flemings), Kathy Dare, Rebecca (friend of Kathy Dare), Kelly Farner (friend of Kathy Dare), Marion Tosheff, Annabelle Paul, Leroy MacMurtie (Hope Bowling's father), Andrew (friend of Pastor Joel), Lisa (Dawne Veets' family member), Robyn, Evelyn, and their family (friends of the Zimmermans), Robin Ellerman (Wendy Snyder's sister), Ed Digon (Malane's husband), Cheryl Digon (Ed & Malane Digon's daughter-in-law), Julianna Stoner (friend of Eva Kunz), Bob Sheetz (Bill's brother), Makwan Sayed (friend of the Flemings), Veronika Lenker (friend of the Flemings), Corine Harold (friend of Kathy Dare), Joe Newman (friend of Kathy Dare), Betty Giovaninello (friend of Linda Schreier), Sondra Andrews (Bob & Jean Lisse's daughter), Barbara Hammell (Betty's daughter), Vernel Brown (friend of the Flemings), Bishop Dunlop.

Pray for missionaries, especially Tonya Starner in Mongolia.

Pray for our military, especially Ian Bowling, Robert McCann, Jason Nunez, Maxwell Reilly, Noel Sanchez & George Schreffler, III.

Pray for our shut-ins, especially Shirley Kaltreider, Irene Nanov, Miriam Reinard, Ellavene Rutter, Ed Seneca, Alta Shadel, Tom & Wendy Snyder.

Prayers of Remembrance for George Sheleman and condolences to his family & friends.

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

Our Saviour Lutheran Church, a caring congregation dedicated to the word of Christ welcomes all people to worship and grow with us as we share His love and salvation with our neighbors, our children and ourselves.

**ADVENT 2021-** Each Wednesday evening @7pm  
 Good Shepherd & Our Saviour & Epiphany Lutheran Churches  
 Hosted by Good Shepherd & held in the nave  
 3700 Rutherford St  
 Holden Evening Prayer  
 Nicholas Werner, pianist

Also available livestreamed on YouTube at Good Shepherd Paxtang  
 Based on Advent Resources from Lutheran World Relief

Date	Theme	Liturgist	Lesson	Psalm Refrain & Pointing	Hymn
12/1	Waiting in Hope	Pastor Baker	Luke 21:25-36	25:1-10 Advent 1C	ELW 435 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending
12/8	Singing in Hope	Pastor Joel	Luke 3:1-6	Luke 1:68- 79 Advent 2C	ELW 249 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry
12/15	Sharing in Hope	Pastor Baker	Luke 3:7-18	Isaiah 12:2-6 Advent 3C	ELW 242 Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn
12/22	Running to Hope	Pastor Joel	Luke 1:39-45	80:1-7 Advent 4C	ELW 723 Canticle of the Turning

### Epiphany's Sweet Treats

Would you like someone to help with your holiday baking? Do you need a "sweet" gift for someone? Epiphany Lutheran has your answers to those questions. They are now holding their annual "Sweet Treats" fundraiser. Order forms have been sent via your email. There are also extra sets of order forms on a table in our Narthex. Check it out to see what all they are selling! All orders are to be placed with Epiphany directly and are due by December 5th (**NEXT SUNDAY**). Thank you.

### WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOUR TODAY

- Please put your cell phones on quiet mode.

The altar vases today are presented to the Glory of God in loving memory of Robert & Elizabeth Heberle McCarthy by Barbie & Kerri McCarthy.

### ASSISTING TODAY

**9:30 am** Reader Alice Lubrecht  
 Ushers Donna Miller, Dawne Veet  
 Counters Donna Miller,  
 Sarah Smith, Sandy Moritz

### NEXT WEEK, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2021

**9:30 am** Reader Deb Flage  
 Ushers Zimmerman family  
 Counters Jim Lubrecht,  
 John Zimmerman

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Today	9:30am	Worship
Monday, November 29		<b>vacation day for Barb</b>
Wednesday, December 1	7:00pm	Mid-Week Advent Service @Good Shepherd
Sunday, December 5	9:30am	Worship

### **Social Ministry's Christmas Project**

As a Christmas project we will be getting 15 gift tags for children's gifts from the Salvation Army. They will be placed in the Narthex as soon as they are available. There is a short time for the returns which will be December 2<sup>nd</sup> (**THIS WEEK!**) by 12 noon. If you do not want to take a gift tag you may purchase other items such as:

any toys from infants to teenagers,  
sweatshirts or sweat pants from infants to teenagers.

If you have any questions, please see Donna Miller or Jeanette Logan. Thank you for helping to make the Holidays brighter for those in need.

### **In your mailbox**

Envelopes for staff Christmas gifts are now in your mailbox. They must be returned to Penny Zimmerman no later than Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you, Penny.

### **Important Update on Flower Sponsoring**

At our Altar Guild meeting this past week we discussed a notice we received from Royer's. The letter stated that due to the events of the past 18 months having had a profound impact on the floral industry, Royer's will be increasing significantly the cost of our weekly flowers (3 times our current cost). Due to all of these increased costs we have decided that **starting Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**, we will no longer use fresh, cut flowers on our altar each week. Instead we will use lovely silk flower arrangements. **Please note we will still continue** to use fresh, potted, live flowers (poinsettias, lilies, etc.) for the festivals of Christmas & Easter. If you have any questions about this change please speak to any Altar Guild member. This change only applies to flower sponsors. **We will be continuing our sponsorships of Sunday bulletins.** Those sign-up sheets will continue to be on the bulletin board in the hall way. Thank you for your understanding as we make this change.

### **Help Is Still Needed!**

We are in need of **additional readers, ushers and especially counters!** If you would like to help us with either of these duties, **on a rotating basis**, please call the church office (717-545-9992) or email Barb (ossec@comcast.net). Thank you.

### **Manna Food Pantry**

Our "2nd Sunday" food collection is still ongoing. During this time of the

pandemic food pantries are still seeing a greater demand of their services. If you would like to make a donation you may bring your items into the church & place them on the table in the Narthex at any time. There is a list of suggested items now on the table. If you are not comfortable with coming into the church building we would be happy to offer "curbside drop-off" during regular office hours. Just let us know & we will be happy to come out & get your donation from you. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please mark your envelopes "Manna Food Pantry" and place it with your regular giving envelope. Thank you.

### **Would You Like To Join a Church Committee?**

Now that summer is over we are getting our committees back up & running again. We are in need of members who are willing to share their time & talents on various committees to work to continue the life of our congregation. Please take some time to think on this and if you are willing to serve please contact the various committee chairs. Our current committees and their chairs are:

Social Ministry - Donna Miller, chair

Stewardship - see Pastor

Worship & Music - Hope Bowling, chair

Christian Ed/Sunday School - Marcia Schreffler, chair

Mutual Ministry - Deb Flage, chair

Altar Guild - Joan Bateman, chair

Welcome - Linda Schreier, chair

Fundraising:

GermanFest - Deb Flage, chair

Egg Making - Nadine Martin & Donna Miller, co-chairs

Child Protection Policy - Jessica Copeland

Property - Phoebe Drake, chair

Thank you!

### **Christmas Musical Gifts Wanted!**

We're looking for anyone that wants to offer their musical gift to the congregation for Christmas. If you are interested in playing or singing or drumming or any music please see them after church or email them.

Mitchell (mcsensenig@gmail.com)

Dawne (gidgetsings@yahoo.com)