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Second Sunday of Advent
 Sunday, December 5, 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 * *Prepare the Royal Highway* RED #264

¹*Prepare the royal highway; the King of kings is near!
 Let every hill and valley a level road appear!
 Then greet the King of glory, foretold in sacred story:
 Refrain:
 Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's Word!*

²*God's people, see him coming: your own eternal king!
 Palm branches strew before him! Spread garments! Shout and sing!
 God's promise will not fail you! No more shall doubt assail you!
 Refrain:*

³*Then fling the gates wide open to greet your promised king!
 Your king, yet every nation its tribute too may bring.
 All lands will bow before him; their voices join your singing:
 Refrain:*

⁴*His is no earthly kingdom; it comes from heaven above.
 His rule is peace and freedom and justice, truth, and love.
 So let your praise be sounding for kindness to abounding:
 Refrain:*

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)

²*O come, O Wisdom from on high, embracing all things
 far and nigh: in strength and beauty come and stay;
 teach us your will and guide our way.*

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 #6

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 * *Comfort, Comfort Now My People* RED #256

¹*"Comfort, comfort now my people; tell of peace!" So says our God.
 Comfort those who sit in darkness mourning under sorrow's load.
 To God's people now proclaim that God's pardon waits for them!
 Tell them that their war is over, God will reign in peace forever.*

²*For the herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near,
 calling us to true repentance, since the reign of God is here.
 Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way.
 Valleys, rise to greet the Savior; hills bow down in humble favor.*

³*Straight shall be what long was crooked, and the rougher places plain.
 Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits God's holy reign.
 For the glory of the Lord now on earth is shed abroad,
 and all flesh shall see the token that God's word is never broken.*

HOLY BAPTISM RED p. 127
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
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 * *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah* RED #240
¹*Light one candle to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.
He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills the promise.*

²*Light two candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.
He shall feed the flock like a shepherd, gently lead them homeward.*

³*Light three candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.
Lift your heads and lift high the gateway for the King of glory.*

⁴*Light four candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.
He is coming, tell the glad tidings. Let your light be shining!*

DISMISSAL * (Response: Thanks be to God.)

Our congratulations to Jared, Jessica, and Jansen Copeland and to their family & friends. Jared & Jessica's son, Jaylen Alexander, will be baptized into Christ this morning.

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 Zoom the meeting for those who may be unable to attend in person, but would like to participate. (**IF** you have not received the Zoom link please contact Nadine or the Church office.) 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

Deb Wolf, MaryPat & Aaron MacMurtie (Hope Bowling's family members), Jacqueline Neil (Brad Neil's mother), Abby Keith (Marilyn Hocker's granddaughter), Merle Beachell, Rahbiyah, Zheyen & Omid (friends of the Flemings), Sharon Veet (Dawne Veet's mother-in-law), Bernie Kunz, Ed Seneca, Tara Bechtel, 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), 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 Robin Ellerman and condolences to Wendy Snyder and her family.

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
12/8	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 **(TODAY!!)**. 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 memory of her mother, Mary Mae Sholly, by Marilyn Hocker.

ASSISTING TODAY

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

NEXT WEEK, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021

9:30 am Reader John Zimmerman
 Ushers Alice & Jim Lubrecht
 Counters Jim Lubrecht, Barb Johnson

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Today	9:30am	Worship
	10:45am	Sunday School
Monday, December 6	6:30pm	COVID Task Force meets via Zoom
Tuesday, December 7	6:00pm	Family Promise Volunteers meet via Zoom
Wednesday, December 8	1:30pm	Bible Study at Manor @Oakridge
	7:00pm	Mid-Week Advent Service @Good Shepherd
Thursday, December 9	7:00pm	Confirmation
Friday, December 10		vacation day for Barb
Saturday, December 11	2:30pm	Live Nativity @Lower Paxton Christkindlmarkt
Sunday, December 12	9:30am	Worship

In your mailbox

Envelopes for **staff Christmas gifts** are now in your mailbox. They must be returned to Penny Zimmerman no later than **NEXT SUNDAY!**, December 12th. Thank you, Penny.

Also in your mailbox is our **December edition of our newsletter** for those who do not have e-mail.

Lower Paxton Christkindlmarkt's Live Nativity

On December 11, 2021, the Lower Paxton Christkindlmarkt will bring 80+ craft vendors, food, **a living nativity**, live music and dance and traditional German culture to the Village of Linglestown. This festival will be a great place for Christmas gifts, entertainment, and community celebration.

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 & will be happy to come out & get your donation from you. If you would like to make a monetary donations, please mark your envelopes "Manna Food Pantry" and place it with your regular giving envelope. 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)



Mark Your Calendars, Save the Date and Come Sing With Us!

The Social Ministry Committee is sponsoring an afternoon of Christmas caroling at Kindred Place. Anyone is welcomed to join us on Saturday, December 18th. We will meet at the church at 1:30pm and carpool.

Please join us as we get into the holiday spirit and spread some joy to the residents of the Kindred Place!

Important Update on Flower Sponsoring

At our last Altar Guild meeting 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 2nd**, 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.

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!