

HYMN OF THE DAY * *Fling Wide the Door*

RED #259

¹*Fling wide the door, unbar the gate; the King of glory comes in state; the Lord of lords and King of kings, the Savior of the world who brings his great salvation to the earth. So raise a shout of holy mirth and praise our God and Lord, Creator, Spirit, Word.*

²*He is the rock of our belief, the heart of mercy's gentle self. His kingly crown is holiness; his scepter is his loveliness; he brings our sorrows to an end. Now gladly praise our king and friend, and worship him with song for saving us from wrong.*

³*Oh, happy towns and blessed lands that live by their true king's commands. And blessed be the hearts he rules, the humble places where he dwells. He is the rightful Son of bliss who fills our lives and makes us his, creator of the world, our only strength for good.*

⁴*Come, Lord, our Savior, Jesus Christ; our hearts are open wide in trust. Oh, show us now your lovely grace, upon our sorrows shine your face, and let your Holy Spirit guide our journey in your grace so wide. We praise your holy name, from age to age the same!*

NICENE CREED *

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION*

See Celebrate

Meal

OFFERTORY VERSE *

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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 *

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GREAT THANKSGIVING & HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION *

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LORD'S PRAYER *

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LAMB OF GOD *

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COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

COMMUNION BLESSING *

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POST COMMUNION CANTICLE *

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *

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Sending

BLESSING * (Response: Amen, Amen, Amen)

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CLOSING HYMN * *He Came Down*

RED #253

¹*He came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love;
hallelujah for evermore.*

²*He came down that we may have light;
he came down that we may have light;
he came down that we may have light;
hallelujah for evermore.*

³*He came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have peace;
hallelujah for evermore.*

⁴*He came down that we may have joy;
he came down that we may have joy;
he came down that we may have joy;
hallelujah for evermore.*

DISMISSAL * (Response: Thanks be to God.)

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

Fay Nelms, Mary Louise Shuler, Linda Freed, 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, Zheyang & 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, 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), 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
12/15	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

WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOUR TODAY

- Please put your cell phones on quiet mode.

An altar vase today is presented to the Glory of God by Linda Schreier in honor of her granddaughter, Savannah Bechtel's, birthday.

The 2nd altar vase today is presented to the Glory of God by Phoebe Drake in thankfulness for her family.

ASSISTING TODAY

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

NEXT WEEK, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021

9:30 am Reader Herb Logan
 Ushers Nadine & Otis Martin
 Counters Donna Miller, Sarah Smith,
 Sandy Mortiz

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Today	9:30am	Worship
Monday, December 13	5:30pm	Racial Justice Forum @Peach Tree
Tuesday, December 14	6:30pm	Council
Wednesday, December 15	7:00pm	Mid-Week Advent Service @Good Shepherd
Thursday, December 16	7:00pm	Confirmation
Saturday, December 18	1:30pm 2:00pm	Meet for car pooling Christmas Caroling @Kindred Place and Manor @Oakridge
Sunday, December 19	9:30am 10:45am	Worship Sunday School

In your mailbox

Envelopes for **staff Christmas gifts** are now in your mailbox and **ARE DUE TODAY!** They are to be returned to Penny Zimmerman.

Thank you, Penny.

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

Free Artificial Christmas Tree

A member of Our Saviour has a 6' artificial tree they would like to give away. This tree is free to anyone who would like to have it. It has only been used once and comes with lights and decoration. If you are interested please call the church office or email Barb.

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.

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 and Manor @Oakridge. Anyone is welcomed to join us on **THIS 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!