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Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 19, 2021
Worship 9:30 am

PRELUDE
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION * BLUE pp. 10-11
SHARING OF THE PEACE * *(Please remain in your pew.)*
OPENING HYMN * *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* RED #254
*¹ Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.*

*² Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king;
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.*

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 4)

*⁴O come, O Branch of Jesse, free your own from Satan's
Tyranny; from depths of hell your people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave.*

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 #7 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 * *My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness* RED #251

*¹My soul proclaims your greatness, Lord; I sing my Savior's praise!
You looked upon my lowliness, and I am full of grace.
Now every land and every age this blessing shall proclaim-
great wonders you have done for me, and holy is your name.*

*²To all who live in holy fear your mercy ever flows.
With mighty arm you dash the proud, their scheming hearts expose.
The ruthless you have cast aside, the lowly throned instead;
the hungry filled with all good things, the rich sent off unfed.*

*³To Israel, your servant blest, your help is ever sure;
the promise to our parents made their children will secure.
Sing glory to the Holy One, give honor to the Word,
and praise the Power of the Most High, one God, by all adored.*

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

Meal

OFFERTORY VERSE *	BLUE p. 35
DOXOLOGY *	
<i>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.</i>	
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 * (<i>Response: Amen, Amen, Amen</i>)	BLUE p. 41
CLOSING HYMN * <i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	RED #279

¹*O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.*

²*For Christ is born of Mary, and, gathered all above
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!*

³*How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming; but, in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.*

⁴*O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
oh come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!*

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

Tom Snyder, 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, Zheyen & Omid (friends of the Flemings), Sharon Veet (Dawne Veet'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, 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.

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
12/22	Running to Hope	Pastor Joel	Luke 1:39-45	80:1-7 Advent 4C	ELW 723 Canticle of the Turning

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.

WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOUR TODAY

- Please put your cell phones on quiet mode.

The altar vases today are presented to the Glory of God by Donna Miller in memory of Pat & Noel Funk.

The bulletins today are sponsored by Donna Miller in memory of Pat & Noel Funk.

ASSISTING TODAY

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

CHRISTMAS EVE

7:00 pm Reader Deb Flage
 Ushers Zimmerman family
10:00 pm Reader reader needed
 Ushers Donna Miller

NEXT WEEK, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021

9:30 am Reader Dave Wolf, Hope Bowling
 John Zimmerman
 Ushers Deb Flage, Phoebe Drake
 Counters Herb Logan, Nadine & Otis Martin

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Today	9:30am	Worship
	10:45am	Adult Sunday School
Wednesday, December 22	7:00pm	Mid-Week Advent Service @Good Shepherd
Thursday, December 23	7:00pm	Confirmation
Friday, December 24		office closed
	7:00pm	Family Christmas Eve service
	10:00pm	Traditional Christmas Eve service
Sunday, December 26	9:30pm	Service of Lessons & Carols

Important Items In Your Mailbox Today

- 1)** Your 2022 contribution envelopes are now in your mailbox. **Some people may have new numbers for 2022.** Please do not use your new envelopes until the 1st Sunday in January and please remember to **discard any unused 2021 envelopes.** This is important so that your contributions are recorded correctly.
- 2)** Also in your mailbox is the church staff's annual holiday letter to you.
- 3)** And most importantly for those of you who don't have email, you will find our Proposed Constitution and Bylaws Amendments changes and a report from our Constitution & Bylaws Committee. Please look over this in advance of our Congregational meeting next month.

Attention All Committee Chairs

In advance of our congregational meeting on January 23rd, please start preparing your annual reports. All reports are due into the office no later than Wednesday, January 12th. Thank you.

Thank You

Council would like to thank Nedda Pollock for donating the decorative lamp post which is outside of the church entry. Thank you Nedda for this beautiful addition to our church this holiday season.

Thank You To the Congregation

The Social Ministry Committee would like to thank our members for their generous support of gifts to The Salvation Army collection. We are very grateful that our members always respond to help others in need.

Nadine Martin and I delivered them to the Salvation Army and they were very appreciative for our support.

Thank you,
Social Ministry Committee
Donna Miller, Chairperson

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.

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, chair

Property - Phoebe Drake, chair

Thank you!