



Welcome to Our Saviour

- Please put your cell phones on quiet mode.

Thank you to our worship assistants.

**Reader:**

Deb Flage

**Ushers:**

Zimmerman family

Pastor Joel, Mitchell, & Barb wish you a  
Merry & Blessed Christmas.

Join us Sunday, December 26, 2021  
at 9:30am am for Our Lessons and Carols Service.

The office will be closed for the holiday on  
Monday, December 27<sup>th</sup>.

### Our Saviour 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.

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Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
with Holy Communion

*December 24, 2021*

*7:00 pm*

*Throughout the service, where you find an asterisk (\*) you are invited to stand as you are able.*

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

God Comes to Us in the Gathering of the People

**GATHERING HYMN \*** *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

**RED #283**

**CHRISTMAS DIALOGUE \***

Pastor

The people who have walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**Congregation**

**Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness have seen a great light. We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.**

P To us a child is born.

C **And his name shall be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

P Throughout Advent, we have lit the candles of the Advent Wreath to mark the Sundays leading up to Christmas. Tonight we light the Christ candle to tell of Christ's birth.

**C We remember that God has come to us in the Christmas gift of His Son.**

P Lift up your voice and sing. Praise God for the Light of Christ has come.

*Lighting of the Christ Candle on the Advent Wreath*

**HYMN OF PRAISE \*** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

**RED # 270**

**OPENING PRAYER \***

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

God Comes to Us in the Hearing of the Word

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

**Isaiah 9:2-7**

**Psalm Hymn** *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

**RED #290**

**Titus 2:11-14**

**GOSPEL READING\***

**Luke 2:1-20**

**CHRISTMAS SERMON**

**HYMN \*** *Away in a Manger*

**RED #277**

**THE PRAYERS\***

*After each petition of the prayers:*

L Gracious God,

**C hear our prayer.**

**OFFERING HYMN\*** *The First Noel*

**RED #300**

(vs. 1 & 5)

God Comes to Us Through Holy Communion

**GREAT THANKSGIVING \***

P We declare we are Christmas people and as Jesus is born in the stable, we are born again to everlasting life.

**C We come to pay homage and give thanks. We come to worship Jesus.**

P In this family meal we celebrate the gift of God in Christ Jesus.

**C In sharing the bread and wine we find forgiveness of sin and God's resurrection presence.**

P God gives us this gift to share.

**C We come to eat and drink and be changed.**

P In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

**LORD'S PRAYER \***

**COMMUNION TOGETHER**

*Please join in singing during Communion.*

*Hymns: RED #269 (vs. 1 & 2), RED #279 (vs. 1 & 2), BLUE #646 (vs. 1 & 5)*

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER \***

*After communion, please place empty communion container in the plastic bag and securely seal it.*

God Comes to Us as the Light of the World

**CANDLELIGHT SERVICE\***

*Lighting of the candles.*

*The acolyte will light the candle of the first person in each pew, who in turn will light the candle of their neighbor, and so on. The person receiving the light should tip their candle—this will prevent wax from dripping.*

*Please attempt to keep melted candle wax from dripping onto church furnishings and books, as well as keep hardened candle wax from falling onto the floor or other surfaces.*

P Tonight, we celebrate the coming of Christ, the Light of the world.

**C The candles we hold bear witness to that Light.**

P The power of darkness is all around us.

**C May the Light of Christ shine in our hearts, so that we may be signs of God's love in Christ Jesus, and scatter the darkness.**

**HYMN \*** *Silent Night, Holy Night!*

**RED #281**

(1st verse sung in German, followed by subsequent verses)

*Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht! Alles schlaft,  
einsam wacht nur das traute, hoch heilige Paar.  
Holder Knabe im lокkigen Haar, schlaf in himmlischer  
Ruh, schlaf in himmlischer Ruh.*

*Silent night, holy night! All is calm,  
all is bright round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly  
peace, sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake  
at the sight; glories stream from heaven afar,  
heav'nly hosts sing, alleluia! Christ, the Savior, is  
born! Christ, the Savior, is born!*

*Silent night, holy night! Son of God,  
love's pure light radiant beams from your holy face,  
with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at your  
birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.*

**CLOSING PRAYER \***

### **God Comes to Us in Our Witness to the World**

**BENEDICTION \***

*Candles are extinguished.*

**CLOSING HYMN \*** *Joy to the World*

**RED #267**

**DISMISSAL \***

P Glory to God in the Highest!

**C Peace to God's people on earth!**

P As heralds of God's peace, go forth in joy to love and serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

## Prayer Requests



Christopher Albright (Fay Nelms' grandson), Hannah Dunkle (Fay Nelms' granddaughter), Chuck & Shelly Lissie, Marion Tosheff, Tom Snyder, Fay Nelms, Mary Louise Shuler, Linda Freed, MaryPat & Aaron MacMurtie (Hope Bowling's family members), Jacqueline Neil (Brad Neil's mother), Abby Keith (Marilyn Hocker's granddaughter), Merle Beachell,

Rahbiyah, Zheyuan & 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, 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.

