

Welcome to Our Saviour

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Thank you to our worship assistants.

10:00 pm

Reader: Hope Bowling

Ushers: Donna Miller

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

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

The office will be closed for the holiday on
Monday, December 27th

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
10:00 pm

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

PRELUDE

Quartet A Cappella, Hope Bowling on cello and Otis Martin, soloist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

God Comes to Us in the Gathering of the People

GATHERING HYMN * *Joy to the World*

RED #267

GREETING * *(responsively)*

Leader

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Congregation

O come let us adore Him.

L God so loved the world that God sent His only Son,

C **so that all who believe in Him may not perish but have eternal life.**

L Jesus is the light of the world.

C **Jesus is the light of our lives.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE *

L May the light and peace of Christ be with you all.

C And also with you.

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

RED #270

PRAYER OF THE DAY *

L Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

EXPLANATION & LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE

HYMN *Angels We Have Heard on High*

RED #289

God Comes to Us in the Hearing of the Word

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

RESPONSIVE HYMN *What Child Is This*

RED #296

SECOND READING: Titus 2:11-14

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

HOLY GOSPEL *

Luke 2:1-20

Before the gospel: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

After the gospel: *Praise to you, O Christ.*

SERMON

HYMN * *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

RED #279

THE PRAYERS *

L Rejoicing that the grace of God has been revealed in the birth of Jesus Christ, the light of the world, let us pray for the church, those

in need, and all of God's creation.

After each petition of the prayers:

L Gracious God,

C hear our prayer.

L Come down to us, O God, and make your home with us, in us, and through us, for the sake of the one whose birth the angels sing and the shepherds proclaim, Jesus Christ our Savior.

C Amen.

OFFERING ANTHEM* *The First Noel*

Quartet A Cappella, Dawne Veet, Hope Bowling,
Otis Martin, Pastor Joel

OFFERTORY PRAYER *

L Blessed are you,

C God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Receive our offerings, and nourish us at your table, that your Word may take flesh in our lives; for the sake of him who gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God Comes to Us Through Holy Communion

GREAT THANKSGIVING * (spoken)

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L It is indeed right ... and join their unending hymn:

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the holy name of Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION * (spoken by Pastor)

LORD'S PRAYER *

**C Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION TOGETHER

Please join in singing during Communion.

Hymns: RED #269 (vs. 1), RED #282 (vs. 1),

RED #283 (vs. 1 congregation, vs. 2 quartet, vs. 3 & 4 congregation)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *

L Gracious God, in the incarnation of your Son you have united heaven and earth. May we who have tasted heavenly things share the gift of your presence with all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

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 HYMN* *Silent Night, Holy Night!*

RED #281

The 1st verse will be sung in German.

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.

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht! Alles schlaft,
einsam wacht nur das traute, hoch heilige Paar.
Holder Knabe im lockigen 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.

BENEDICTION *

Please extinguish your candles.

Prayer Requests



Christopher Albright (Fay Nelms' grandson), Hannah Dunkle (Fay Nelms' granddaughter), Chuck & Shelly Lisse, 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, Zheyang & 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.

