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4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent  
Sunday, December 18, 2022  
Worship 9:30 am

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Gathering*

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION \* BLUE pp. 10-11  
SHARING OF THE PEACE \*  
OPENING HYMN \* *The King Shall Come* RED #260  
The King shall come when morning dawns and light triumphant breaks,  
when beauty gilds the eastern hills and life to joy awakes.

Not as of old a little child, to bear and fight and die,  
but crowned with glory like the sun that lights the morning sky.

Oh, brighter than the rising morn when Christ, victorious, rose  
and left the lonesome place of death, despite the rage of foes.

Oh, brighter than that glorious morn shall dawn upon our race  
the day when Christ in splendor comes, and we shall see his face.

The King shall come when morning dawns and light and beauty brings.  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray: come quickly, King of kings.

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*  
(stanzas 1, 2, 3, &4)

RED #257

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive  
Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

*Refrain:*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

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:*

O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes, on  
Sinai's height in ancient times you gave the law  
in cloud, and majesty, and awe.

*Refrain:*

O 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:*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Word*

FIRST READING (*Response: Thanks be to God*) See Celebrate  
PSALM (*Chanted responsively by whole verse.*) See Celebrate  
*Psalms Tone #8* RED p. 337



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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 \* *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came* RED #265  
(continues on insert)

The angel Gabriel from Heaven came,  
with wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame:  
"All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary,  
most highly favored lady." Gloria!

"For know a blessed mother thou shalt be,  
all generations laud and honor thee;  
thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,  
most highly favored lady." Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head;  
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said.  
"My soul shall laud and magnify His holy name."  
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ was born  
in Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn,  
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:  
"Most highly favored lady." Gloria!

NICENE CREED \*

BLUE pp. 32-33

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION\*

See Celebrate

### *Meal*

OFFERTORY VERSE \*

BLUE p. 35

OFFERING

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

*All baptized believers are welcome, including visitors, to the Table  
of the Lord! Wine (red) or grape juice (clear) is available.*

COMMUNION BLESSING \*

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POST COMMUNION CANTICLE \*

BLUE p. 40

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION \*

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### *Sending*

BLESSING \*

BLUE p. 41

CLOSING HYMN \* *Savior of the Nation, Come*

RED #263

(verses 1-3, 5)

Savior of the nations, come; virgin's son, here make your home.  
Marvel now, O heaven and earth: God has chosen such a birth.

Not by human flesh and blood, but the mystic Breath of God,  
was the Word of God made flesh, fruit of woman, blossom fresh.

Wondrous birth – oh, wondrous child – from his throne, a virgin mild!  
Very God, and Mary's son, eager now his race to run!

Now your manger, shining bright, hallows night with newborn light.  
Night cannot this light subdue; let our faith shine ever new.

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**

Doris Balas, Zimmerman family, George Schreffler, Nancy Staab (Joan Bateman's sister), Tom Rine (Joan Bateman's friend), Darlene Hankerson (Tessa Minnich's mother-in-law), Hennie Koning (Anneke's brother), Patti Spirk (Logan family friend), Linda Fake (friend of Marilyn Hocker), Donna Miller, Bill Sheetz, Jean Lisse, Toby Drake, Hans Lang, Philip Rauh, Eva Kunz, Bessie Bethea (Otis Martin's aunt), Marcia Schreffler, Janice Mixell (Jesse Burigana's grandmother), Tara Beachtel, Fran & Kitty Kunz (family of Lauralee Kunz), Richard Berger (Sue Dearmitt's father), Tommy Weldon, Marie Koning (Anneke's sister), Scott Schneider (Herb Logan's co-worker), Joyce Hrestack (Joel Hain's ex-wife), Yolanda Barron, Linda Freed, Patrick Daugherty (friend of Flemings), Liam Brotherton, Grace Wolf (Dave's mother), David Ranck (Carol's husband), Grace MacMurtie (Hope Bowling's mother) Bob & Jean Lisse, Lauralee Kunz, Anneke Fleming, Mike Boyer (friend of Buriganas), Richard Walker (friend of Margo Whittaker), Betty Hammell, Deb Nickle (Betty Nickle's daughter-in-law), Alex Chubb, Marion Tosheff, Tom Snyder, Mary Louise Shuler, MaryPat & Aaron MacMurtie (Hope Bowling's family members), Jacqueline Neil (Brad Neil's mother), Abby & Brady Keith (Marilyn Hocker's family), Rahbiyah, Zheyen (friend of the Flemings), Bernie Kunz, Ed Seneca, Todd MacMurtie (Hope Bowling's nephew), Lisa Tosheff (Marion's daughter-in-law), Russ Kolacek (Tom Snyder's son-in-law), Tiffany Crosby, Annabelle Paul, Leroy MacMurtie (Hope Bowling's father), Ed Digon (Malane's husband), Cheryl Digon (Ed & Malane Digon's daughter-in-law), Bob Sheetz (Bill's brother), Betty Giovaninello (friend of Linda Schreier), Sondra Andrews (Bob & Jean Lisse's daughter), Barbara Hammell (Betty's daughter), Bishop Dunlop.

Pray for our military, especially Ian Bowling, Robert McCann, Jason Nunez, Maxwell Reilly, Myles Reilly, & George Schreffler, III.

Pray for our shut-ins, especially Shirley Kaltreider, Lauralee Kunz, Jean Lisse, Miriam Reinard, Ed Seneca, Alta Shadel, Tom 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.

## FAMILY PROMISE NEWS

Our Saviour, along with Good Shepherd, will be hosting Family Promise Sunday, January 8, 2023 through Sunday morning, January 15, 2023.

We need volunteers to make meals, drive the van, and do overnights. PLEASE, PLEASE consider volunteering in any way that you are able - I assure you that your assistance will be greatly appreciated!

Sign-up sheets have been posted in the Narthex.

Perhaps you are not able to offer assistance this week, but would be available in the future. Please note that we will also be hosting Family Promise the weeks of April 30, June 25, and October 15 in 2023.

This program can only exist with the help of our volunteers. Your volunteering does make a positive impact for these families!

If you have any questions about the mission of Family Promise or would like more information on volunteering opportunities through Family Promise, please feel free to talk to me.

Thank you. Nadine Martin, (717) 497-1200,  
[NadineLMartin@verizon.net](mailto:NadineLMartin@verizon.net)

## Sponsorship of Sunday bulletins

The sign-up sheets to sponsor our Sunday bulletins for the months of January, February & March in 2023 are now on the bulletin board. Future months will be placed there shortly.

## Manna Food Pantry

Our "2nd Sunday" food collection is still ongoing. During this time of continuous rising food prices & heating costs, food pantries are seeing a greater demand of their services. If you would like to donate 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 would like to make a monetary donation, please mark your envelopes "Manna Food Pantry", and place it with your regular giving envelope.

## Susquehanna Chorale to Perform Traditional *Candlelight Christmas Concerts*

The Susquehanna Chorale will present its traditional *Candlelight Christmas* concert series with a matinee program on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. at Market Square Presbyterian Church in Harrisburg.

## WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOUR TODAY

- **Welcome pads are on the pews** at the center aisle; please sign and pass to your neighbor. Please include any changes.
- Please put your cell phones on quiet mode.

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

## ASSISTING TODAY

<b>9:30 am</b>	Reader	Dave Wolf
	Ushers	Deb Flage
	Communion Assistants	Jeanette & Herb Logan
	Counters	Herb Logan, Nadine & Otis Martin

## DECEMBER 24, 2022, CHRISTMAS EVE

<b>7:00 pm</b>	Reader	John Zimmerman
	Ushers	Nadine & Otis Martin
	Communion Assistants	Deb Flage & Anneke Fleming

## NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2022

<b>9:30 am</b>	Reader	Herb Logan, Joel Hains, Pastor Joel
	Ushers	Penny & John Zimmerman
	Communion Assistants	Jeanette & Herb Logan
	Counters	Penny & John Zimmerman

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Today	9:30am	Worship
<b>Advent 4</b>	10:45am	Adult Sunday School <b>newsletter deadline</b>
Wednesday, December 21	6:00pm 7:00pm	Soup Supper & Mid-Week Advent Service @Good Shepherd

Thursday, December 22

**vacation day for Barb**

Friday, December 23

**office closed**

*(schedule continues on next page)*

Saturday, December 24 7:00pm **Christmas Eve Worship**  
Sunday, December 25 9:30am Worship of Lessons & Carols  
**Christmas Day**  
Monday, December 26 **office closed**

### **In Your Mailbox Today**

Pastor Joel's annual Christmas Letter is in your mailbox. Please pick yours up today. **Also, your 2023 contribution envelopes** are now in your mailbox. Please do not use your new envelopes until the 1st Sunday in January and please remember to **discard any unused 2022 envelopes**. This is important so that your contributions are recorded correctly.

### **End of Year Giving**

Please have your end of year offering in **by next Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**, in order for it to be credited to your 2022 giving.

### **Help For the Displaced Family**

The Barber family lost everything during the gas explosion at their home this past Tuesday. If you would like to help with a monetary donation it may be sent to their church. All checks should be made payable to the church & "Compassion Fund – Barber family" must be noted on the memo line. Any help will be greatly appreciated. Envelopes should be address as: Living Water Community Church  
Compassion Ministry  
206 Oakleigh Ave.  
Harrisburg, PA 17111

### **Thank You**

A big "thank you" to George Schreffler for the repairs & putting up our pew candelabras!

### **Thank You**

"Thank you all for the prayers of healing and cards while I recovered from my recent fall. God is good, all the time, and has blessed me with a caring church family. Enjoy the Advent season, be kind, and peace to you all." Carol & David Ranck

### **Egg Making for 2023**

Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex for members to sign up for help with our 2023 egg making. We are looking for volunteers to help and need information on member's availability so we can proceed. We need your name and phone number, days of the week you are available, time of the day you are available, tasks you are willing to do (mix, weigh and shape, dipping eggs in chocolate, trim eggs, patch eggs with chocolate, wrap eggs and clean up duties). We also need members to sell eggs. If you are not able to sign up on the sheet in the narthex or have any questions, please call or email Donna Miller ([donloulmil@msn.com](mailto:donloulmil@msn.com), 717-558-0660), Nadine Martin ([nadinelmartin@verizon.net](mailto:nadinelmartin@verizon.net) 717-540-1288) or Alice Lubrecht ([alubes1@comcast.net](mailto:alubes1@comcast.net) 717-503-8258).

Also, no experience is needed!! We will train you in any tasks. We hope this can be a successful project for our church. Thank you in advance for your support.

Donna Miller, Nadine Martin, & Alice Lubrecht  
Co-chairs for Egg Project 2023

### **Advent Gathering for Soup & Worship**

Our last Advent mid-week soup suppers followed by worship at Good Shepherd will be this Wednesdays, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Our soup meal will start at 6pm followed by worship at 7pm. All are invited to attend so please join us for our last worship.

### **Jesus Said, "Let the Little Children Come to Me." Sunday School as started!**

We have successfully revived Sunday School for the children of Our Saviour. The at each session the children completed a craft and enjoyed a snack. As a reminder, children's Sunday School class will be held on the first Sunday of the month during the service. **The next class will be Sunday, January 8!!** Children will be excused for their lesson after the children's message. Please share our news with anyone you know who may be interested. We welcome every child to join us and learn.

### **Help Wanted**

Pastor Joel & Nadine are heading a work team to help Linda Freed clean her apartment. The workday is scheduled for Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00am. Please let Pastor Joel know if you are able to help.