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*Second Sunday of Advent*  
*Sunday, December 10, 2023*  
*Worship 9:00 am*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Gathering*

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION \* BLUE pp. 10-11  
SHARING OF THE PEACE \*  
OPENING HYMN \* *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry* RED #249  
*<sup>1</sup> On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces  
that the Lord is nigh; awake and harken,  
for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!*  
*<sup>2</sup> Then cleansed be every life from sin; make straight the  
way for God within, and let us all our  
hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.*  
*<sup>3</sup> We hail you as our Savior, Lord, our refuge  
and our great reward; without your grace we  
waste away like flowers that wither and decay.*  
*<sup>4</sup> Stretch forth your hand, our health restore, and make us  
rise to fall no more; oh, let your face upon  
us shine and fill the world with love divine.*

*<sup>5</sup> All praise to you, eternal Son, whose advent  
has our freedom won, whom with the Father  
we adore, and Holy Spirit, evermore.*

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 1 & 2)*

*<sup>1</sup> 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.*

*<sup>2</sup> 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:*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Word*

FIRST READING (*Response: Thanks be to God*) See Celebrate  
PSALM (*Chanted responsively by whole verse.*) See Celebrate  
*Psalms Tone #5* 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 \* *Comfort, Comfort Now My People* RED #256  
*<sup>1</sup> "Comfort, comfort now my people; tell of peace!" So says our God.  
Comfort those who sit in darkness mourning under sorrow's load.  
To God's people now proclaim that God's pardon waits for them!  
Tell them that their war is over; God will reign in peace forever.*

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<sup>2</sup> For the herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near,  
calling us to true repentance, since the reign of God is here.  
Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way.  
Valleys, rise to greet the Savior; hills, bow down in humble favor.

<sup>3</sup> Straight shall be what long was crooked, and the rougher places plain.  
Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits God's holy reign.  
For the glory of the Lord now on earth is shed abroad,  
and all flesh shall see the token that God's word is never broken.

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 \*

BLUE p. 40

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE \*

BLUE p. 40

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION \*

BLUE p. 41

### *Sending*

BLESSING \* (Response: Amen.)

BLUE p. 41

CLOSING HYMN \* *Prepare the Royal Highway*

RED #264

<sup>1</sup> *Prepare the royal highway; the King of kings is near!*

*Let every hill and valley a level road appear!*

*Then greet the King of glory, foretold in sacred story;*

Refrain:

*Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's Word!*

<sup>2</sup> *God's people, see him coming: your own eternal king!*

*Palm branches strew before him! Spread garments! Shout and sing!*

*God's promise will not fail you! No more shall doubt assail you!*

Refrain:

<sup>3</sup> *Then fling the gates wide open to greet your promised king!*

*Your king, yet every nation Its tribute too may bring.*

*All lands will bow before him; their voices join your singing:*

Refrain:

<sup>4</sup> *His is no earthly kingdom; it comes from heaven above.*

*His rule is peace and freedom and justice, truth, and love.*

*So let your praise be sounding for kindness to abounding:*

Refrain:

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**

Marianne McCann, Joan Silvers & family (Nedda Pollock's sister & family), Betty Nickle, Carol Gerig, Sally Kelly (Malane Digon's aunt), Robin Walker (friend of Margo Whittaker), Linda Freed, Betty Hammell, Jason Ziegler (friend of T.J. Johnson), Denise Calamia (friend of Sue DeArmitt), Malane Digon, Pastor John Schaertel, Miriam Reinard, Larry Wilt, Sue Kistler (friend of Andrea Faber), Patsy Bauman, Dottie Koppenhaver, Tracy Burigana (Jesse's father), George Schreffler, John Piazza (Dawne Veet's co-worker), Katherine Keister (friend of Nancy Pinko), Tina Stark (friend of Linda Schreier), Eileen Cera (friend of Linda Freed), John Digon (Malane Digon's brother-in-law), Sara Dooley (Logan family member), Kaden Stevenson (relative of Otis Martin), Jacqueline Neil (Brad's mother), Nancy Staab (Joan Bateman's sister), Patti Spirk (Logan family friend), Janice Mixell (Jesse Burigana's grandmother), Fran & Kitty Kuntz (family of Lauralee Kunz), Tommy Weldon, Scott Schneider (Herb Logan's co-worker), Joyce Hrestack (Joel Hain's ex-wife), Yolanda Barron, Linda Freed, Liam Brotherton, Grace & Leroy MacMurtie (Hope Bowling's parents), Mike Boyer (friend of Buriganas), Richard Walker (friend of Margo Whittaker), Deb Nickle (Betty Nickle's daughter-in-law), Marion Tosheff, Mary Louise Shuler, MaryPat & Aaron MacMurtie (Hope Bowling's family members), 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, Cheryl Digon (Malane Digon's daughter-in-law), 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, Dottie Koppenhaver, Jean Lisse, Miriam Reinard, Ed Seneca, 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 Host Week.

Our Saviour, along with Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, will be hosting Family Promise Sunday, evening, January 7 through Sunday morning, January 14, 2024.

Won't you **please** consider providing a meal, driving the van, or sleeping overnight at the Church?

Sign-up sheets are posted in the Narthex.

Other weeks in 2024 that we and Good Shepherd are scheduled to host Family Promise are as follows:

Week of April 7

Week of June 9

Week of November 3

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.

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### Manna Food Pantry

Our "2nd Sunday" food collection is still ongoing. During this time of continuously rising food prices & the start of the winter 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.

### 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 Margaret & Jacob Munz by Margie Munz.

### ASSISTING TODAY

<b>9:00 am</b>	Reader	Herb Logan
	Ushers	Kathy & Bill Sheetz
	Communion Assistants	Deb Flage
	Counters	Herb Logan, Nadine & Otis Martin

### NEXT SUNDAY, December 17, 2023

<b>9:00 am</b>	Reader	Joel Hains
	Ushers	Alice & Jim Lubrecht
	Communion Assistants	Jeanette & Herb Logan
	Counters	Donna Miller, Sara Smith, Sandy Mortiz

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Today	9:00 am	Worship
<b>Advent 2</b>		
Monday, December 11		<b>Pastor Joel @St. Stephen's**</b>
Wednesday, December 13	6:00 pm	Advent Midweek Soup & Worship @Good Shepherd
	6:30pm	Advent Midweek Soup & Worship @St. Stephen's
Saturday, December 16	10:00 am	Christmas Pageant & Brunch
Sunday, December 17	9:00 am	Worship w/Children's Sunday School
<b>Advent 3</b>	2:00 pm	St. Stephen's Christmas Caroling
		<b>newsletter deadline</b>

**\*\* On Mondays, while Pastor Joel is working in the office of**

**St. Stephen's, he may be reached on his cell #717-798-0416.**

### **Sponsorship of Sunday bulletins for 2024**

The sign-up sheets to sponsor our Sunday bulletins for the 1<sup>st</sup> half of the next year, **2024** are now on the bulletin board! The cost to sponsor is now \$12.30.

### **Mid-Week Advent Services**

You are invited to attend Midweek Advent services either at Good Shepherd or St. Stephen. Both churches will hold their series of Midweek services on Wednesdays, December 13<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup>. Good Shepherd will have their soup supper at 6:00pm followed by worship at 7:00pm. St. Stephen will have their soup supper at 6:30pm followed by worship at 7:00pm. Both churches will be using Holden Evening Prayer. Pastor Kathy Baker will be leading the services at Good Shepherd and Pastor Joel will be leading the services at St. Stephen.

### **Christmas Brunch & Pageant**

**THIS SATURDAY!!** December 16, 2023 at 10:00 am Our Saviour will be hosting a Congregational Brunch and Christmas Pageant. The Pageant format is casual and includes lots of Christmas Carols. All are welcome to attend and participate in both singing and/or acting out the Christmas story. We will have some extra costumes available for anyone interested or you are welcome to come dressed the part. Participation is encouraged, but not required. A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex, so please sign up if you plan to attend or would like to contribute to the brunch. We hope you can join us and get into the Christmas Spirit!

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

The Susquehanna Chorale, a nationally acclaimed adult chamber ensemble of 40 auditioned singers, will present its *Candlelight Christmas* concert series on Dec. 15-17, under the direction of Linda L. Tedford.

The series begins on Friday, Dec. 15 at the Calvin and Janet High Center for Performing Arts, Messiah University, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 16 at Leffler Chapel, Elizabethtown College, 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 17, at Market Square Presbyterian Church in Harrisburg, 4 p.m.

This year's *Candlelight Christmas* concerts will include Pachelbel's *Magnificat*, *Gloria* by Randol Alan Bass, the music of Bob Chilcott, John Rutter, Mack Wilberg, and Stephen Paulus, as well as delightful settings of traditional carols including *Jingle Bells*. A pre-concert recital by Susquehanna Chorale accompanist, Daniel L. Dorty will be presented 15 minutes prior to each performance.

For tickets, information about group discounts, and our new livestream option, visit [www.susquehannachorale.org/performances](http://www.susquehannachorale.org/performances) or call the Messiah University Box Office at 717.691.6036 and choose option 1.

### **Christmas Caroling Invite**

St. Stephen's Church invites you to join them for Christmas Caroling on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> @2pm. Everyone will meet at St. Stephen's (30 W. Main St., New Kingstown) and drive to their homebound members. Supper will follow at a member's home. There is a sign-up sheet in our Narthex. Deadline to sign up is Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> (**TOMORROW**).

### **Donations Please!**

The Welcome Committee is asking for donations for our 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Socials. If you would like to donate baked goods please sign up on the sheet that is on the Welcome Committee bulletin board directly beside the main entrance door in the Narthex. Thank you!

### **Updating Our Prayer List**

Please look over our prayer list & if you have someone that is on the list but is no longer in need of prayers, please inform the church office (phone call or e-mail) or you may take today's bulletin, cross their name off & place it in Barb's church mailbox (top row, left hand side).

### **Jesus Said, "Let the Little Children Come to Me."**

We have Children's Sunday School on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month during the service. At each session the children complete a craft and enjoy a snack. **Classes for December will be held on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>!!** 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!