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Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 17, 2023
Worship 9:00 am

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION * BLUE pp. 10-11

SHARING OF THE PEACE *

OPENING HYMN * *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn* RED #242

¹ *Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn, for
angels herald its dawning. Sing out your joy, for
soon he is born, behold! the Child of our longing.
Come as a baby weak and poor, to bring all hearts
together, he opens wide the heavenly door and
lives now inside us forever.*

² *To us, to all in sorrow and fear,
Emanuel comes a singing, his humble song is
quiet and near, yet fills the earth with its ringing;
music to heal the broken soul and hymns of lovingkindness,
the thunder of his anthems roll to
shatter all hatred and blindness.*

³ *In darkest night his coming shall be, when
all the world is despairing, as morning light so*

*quiet and free, so warm and gentle and caring.
Then shall the mute break forth in song, and lame shall leap in
wonder, the weak be raised above the strong, and
weapons be broken asunder.*

⁴ *Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night, though
dark the winter and cheerless, the rising sun shall
crown you with light, be strong and loving and fearless.
Love be our song and love our prayer and love our endless
story; may God fill every day we share and
bring us at last into glory.*

APOSTOLIC GREETING *

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KYRIE *

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HYMN OF PRAISE *

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Glory to God ...

PRAYER OF THE DAY *

See Celebrate

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *

CANDLE LIGHTING HYMN * *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*
(stanza 1, 2 & 3)

RED #257

¹ *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.

² *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:

³ *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:

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Word

FIRST READING (*Response: Thanks be to God*)

See Celebrate

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, Nedda Pollock's family, Betty Nickle, Carol Gerig, 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.

Prayer of remembrance for Joan Silver and condolences to Nedda Pollock & her family.

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 (continues)

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 Noel & Pat Funk by Donna Miller.

ASSISTING TODAY

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| 9:00 am | Reader | Joel Hains |
| | Ushers | Alice & Jim Lubrecht |
| | Communion Assistants | Jeanette & Herb Logan |
| | Counters | Donna Miller, Sara Smith, Sandy Moritz |

NEXT SUNDAY, December 24, 2023 – Advent 4

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| 9:00 am | Reader | Marilyn Chubb |
| | Ushers | John & Penny Zimmerman |
| | Communion Assistants | Kathy & Bill Sheetz |
| | Counters | Jim Lubrecht, Penny & John Zimmerman |

NEXT SUNDAY, December 24, 2023 – Christmas Eve

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| 7:00 pm | Reader | Deb Flage |
| | Ushers | Nadine & Otis Martin |
| | Communion Assistants | Deb Flage |

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Today | 9:00 am | Worship w/Children's Sunday School |
| Advent 3 | 2:00 pm | St. Stephen's Christmas Caroling newsletter deadline |
| Monday, December 18 | | Pastor Joel @St. Stephen's** |
| Wednesday, December 20 | 6:00 pm | Advent Midweek Soup & Worship @Good Shepherd |
| | 6:30pm | Advent Midweek Soup & Worship @St. Stephen's |

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| Sunday, December 24 | 9:00 am | Worship |
| Advent 4 | | |
| Christmas Eve | 7:00 pm | Christmas Eve Worship w/holy communion |

**** On Mondays, while Pastor Joel is working in the office of St. Stephen's, he may be reached on his cell #717-798-0416.**

In Your Mailbox Today

Our staff's annual Christmas Letter is in your mailbox. Please pick yours up today. **Also, your 2024 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 2023 envelopes**. This is important so that your contributions are recorded correctly. **Please note that the envelope number will change for some families and other families will retain their current number for 2024.**

Sponsorship of Sunday bulletins for 2024

The sign-up sheets to sponsor our Sunday bulletins for the 1st 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 last Midweek service this Wednesday, December 20th. 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.

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 December 17th, under the direction of Linda L. Tedford.

The concert will be held at Market Square Presbyterian Church in Harrisburg starting @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 or call the Messiah University Box Office at 717.691.6036 and choose option 1.

Donations Please!

The Welcome Committee is asking for donations for our 1st 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 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month during the service. At each session the children complete a craft and enjoy a snack. **Class for December will be held this Sunday, December 17th!!** 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!

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.

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