

WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS!

LIVING SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH welcomes you as you join with us in worship this evening. May the Holy Spirit bless you with the message you hear from God's Word, the prayers, the hymns, and the fellowship we share with you. Here is some information you might find helpful:

- Children of all ages are welcome in our worship services. If you need to step out for a moment with your child, a Family Room is located right outside the Sanctuary doors.
- Changing Tables are located in the Restrooms.
- Please fill out an attendance sheet in the pad on the chairs and place it in the offering plate or hand to an usher. We ask guests and members to fill them out each week. Guests: We promise we will not bombard you with emails or calls, but this information is helpful for staying in touch.
- Please let us know if we can help you in any way.

HOLY COMMUNION: *We are very glad that you have joined us today for this worship service as we hear the Word of God and receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. This church is in fellowship with other congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. As such, we believe and practice the biblical teaching that we receive the true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in, with and under the bread and the wine of the Sacrament (Matthew 26, Mark 14 and Luke 22). If you have a different understanding of Communion or are still learning about this biblical teaching, we love you enough to ask you not to receive Holy Communion this day (1 Corinthians 11). However, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing at the time of Communion. If later you have questions about this or any other teachings, the pastor would be very pleased to talk with you.*

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Christmas Eve – The Lord Is Come!
December 24, 2021

“And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.” Luke 2:7

Pre-Service Music

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship Video: “O Come All Ye Faithless”

We Call Upon Our God

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

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

C For unto us a Son is given.

P To us a Son is born.

C And the government shall be upon his shoulder.

P And his name shall be called—

C Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God.

P Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

C Let us worship the newborn King!

Hymn: “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

[LSB 379]

1 O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him
Born the king of angels: Refrain

ref O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!

2 Highest, most holy,
Light of Light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;

Son of the Father
Now in flesh appearing! Refrain

3 Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God
In the highest: Refrain

4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be glory giv’n!
Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing! Refrain

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Confession and Forgiveness

P Heavenly Father, through your Son Jesus, you invite us to lay our great fears down and enter into your great joy.

C But instead we often fasten on to our fears.

P We wallow in our worries.
C **We drown in our depression.**

P We suffer in our sin.
C **We forfeit your forgiveness.**

P We get lost in our grudges.
C **We refuse your joy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

You are invited to meditate on the fact that though our sin is great, Christ's love is greater.

P With great love and mercy the angel says, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people" (Luke 2:10). On the cross, Jesus carried your sin and shame and rising again He defeated every enemy. "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11).

C **Let us worship the newborn King!**

Hymn of Praise: "Angels We Have Heard on High"

[LSB 368]

1 Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains. Refrain

3 Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Refrain

ref Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

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2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song?
Refrain

Prayer of the Day

P O God, you make this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that as we have known the mysteries of that Light on earth, we may also come to the fullness of his joys in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

God Speaks to Us Through His Prophet

Isaiah 9:6-7

P For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

(6:00) Scripture Song by Choir: "Christmas Fanfare"

Gordon Young

God Speaks to Us Through His Apostle

Philippians 3:20-21

P But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Acclamation

P Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

C **When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son. Hallelujah!**

God Speaks to Us Through His Son

Luke 2:1-20

P In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!” When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Children’s Message

Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Luke 2:10

Sermon Hymn: “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

[LSB 380]

1 Hark! The herald angels sing,

With the angelic host proclaim,

“Glory to the newborn King;

“Christ is born in Bethlehem!” Refrain

Peace on earth and mercy mild,

God and sinners reconciled!”

ref Hark! The herald angels sing,

Joyful, all ye nations, rise,

“Glory to the newborn King!”

Join the triumph of the skies;

**2 Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel! Refrain**

**3 Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth. Refrain**

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God Speaks to Us Through Pastor Bailes: "Christmas Is Joy For All"

Luke 2:10

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

We Worship God with Our Offering

(Our offerings give us an opportunity to give thanks to God for the many ways He has blessed us. Members and regular attendees support God's mission and ministry as He works through this congregation. Guests are welcome to give an offering, but are not expected to do so. Psalm 54:6; 116:12-14, 17)

Hymn: "What Child Is This"

[LSB 370]

**1 What child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary!**

**2 Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.**

**Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The babe, the son of Mary!**

**3 So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;
Come, peasant, king, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
The babe, the son of Mary!**

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Prayer of the Church

P With great joy, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the joy from above that radiates Christ's love into our hearts and homes; let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the angel's message, "Fear not," that banishes all anxiety and worry; let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the Christmas Gospel, for it to be preached in every church and throughout the world—to one and all; let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

+ Our Lord Comes to Us in His Body and His Blood +

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us give thanks to our newborn King who has given himself for us.

C **We praise You, Jesus, for preparing a place for us.**

Hymn "A Great and Mighty Wonder"

[LSB 383:1-3]

**1 A great and mighty wonder,
A full and holy cure:
The virgin bears the infant
With virgin honor pure! Refrain**

**2 The Word becomes incarnate
And yet remains on high,
And cherubim sing anthems
To shepherds from the sky. Refrain**

**ref Proclaim the Savior's birth:
"To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth!"**

**3 While thus they sing your Monarch,
Those bright angelic bands,
Rejoice, O vales and mountains,
And oceans, clap your hands. Refrain**

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The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Peace of the Lord

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

“A Great and Mighty Wonder”

[LSB 383:4-5]

4 Since all He comes to ransom,
By all be He adored,
The infant born in Bethl’em,
The Savior and the Lord. Refrain

5 All idols then shall perish
And Satan’s lying cease,
And Christ shall raise His scepter,
Decreeing endless peace. Refrain

Text: Public domain

ref Proclaim the Savior’s birth:
“To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth!”

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

[LSB 361:1-4]

1 O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

3 How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is giv’n!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heav’n.
No ear may hear His coming;
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, still
The dear Christ enters in.

2 For Christ is born of Mary,
And, gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wond’ring love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the king
And peace to all the earth!

4 O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Immanuel! Text: Public domain

“Away in a Manger:

[LSB 364:1-3]

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.

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The Lighting of the Candles

P From Psalm 27:14 we are reminded that this season of Advent has been characterized by waiting, waiting upon the Lord for his presence to be revealed to us: “Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let

your heart take courage, wait for the Lord!" We have waited in faith, in hope, with rejoicing and with gratitude. Now, after our long Advent waiting, the Lord is come—into our lives, into our homes and into our hearts. We celebrate his birth as our Savior and Friend. And as we do so, together we light these candles and sing:

Hymn: "Silent Night, Holy Night"

[LSB 363]

**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 thy holy face. With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth! Jesus, Lord, at thy birth!**

Blessing

[P] May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the Magi and the peace of the Christ Child. And may the Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forevermore!

[C] **Let us worship the newborn King!**

(6:00) Choir: "Hallelujah Chorus"

GF Handel/G Schirmer

(8:00) Closing Hymn "Joy to the Word"

LSB 387

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive its king;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room, and heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**

**Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground.
He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.**

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Have a blessed Christmas!

