

**THE  
LORD  
BLESS  
YOU  
AND  
KEEP  
YOU.**

**NUMBERS 6:24**

**Lutheran Church of Our Savior**

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# New Year's Day

“This Is How You Are to Bless the Israelites”

January 1, 2023

## Our Mission Statement

*Empowered by the Spirit through Word and Sacrament, Lutheran Church of Our Savior will minister in word and action to our members and to the community, witnessing our faith in Christ who saved and gave new life to those who believe in Him.*

## Serving Today

### Elder of the Week

Ron Horn

### Organist

Nancy Brock

### Altar Care

Karen Bishop  
Kathy Perkins

### Ushers

TBD

### Money Counters

Shirley Lodes  
Rosalie Seebeck

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## As We Gather

At the end of nearly every worship service, pastors pronounce God's blessing upon His people. We call these words the Benediction. They are the same words written down long ago, words which God commanded Moses to give to his brother, Aaron, to speak over the congregation. The words of the Benediction, spoken over us, again and again, are words of grace through and through. In the Benediction, we hear that God will graciously keep us, that is, protect us. We hear that God will make His face shine upon us. And we hear that the Lord will turn His face towards us, not away from us, and that He will give us peace. This is the blessing Aaron spoke over God's people of old. This same blessing is spoken over God's people today. The Benediction is a complete picture of God's grace shown to His people. We should never take such gracious words lightly.



# Welcome

## PREPARATION

### 379 O Come, All Ye Faithful

*sts. 1, ref, 2-4*



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
2 High - est, most ho - ly, Light of Light e - ter - nal,  
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem;  
Born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal He comes;  
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!  
Je - sus, to Thee — be — glo - ry giv'n!



Come and be - hold Him Born the king of an - gels:  
Son of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
Glo - ry to God — In — the — high - est:  
Word of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

#### *Refrain*



O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,



O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

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## Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** Amen.

## Opening Sentences

*Galatians 3:24-26; 4:4-5*

**P** Christ, our Savior is born!

**C** O come, let us adore Him!

**P** When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

**C** O come, let us adore Him!

**P** The law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.

**C** O come, let us adore Him!

## Confession and Absolution

*John 8:34; Galatians 3:23; 5:1*

**P** As we begin a new year in God's grace, we acknowledge our need to live in daily repentance and humility, humbling ourselves before the Lord, and asking for His Holy Spirit to be our daily guide.

**C** Dear Lord, I confess that I need more of You in my life. Whenever I find myself relying upon my own strength, I know that trouble will follow. God, I humbly ask you to give me a hunger for Your Word and for your presence, so that I may walk closer to You in this new year. Amen.

**P** The Lord delights in the humble prayers of His people. He hears, He answers, and He graciously empowers us to desire more of Him. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you, and for His sake forgives you all your sins. And this same God has also graciously agreed to walk with us, His people, all the days of our life.

**C** Amen.

## WORD

### Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

### Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

Eternal Father, strong to save, You gave Your Son the name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation. You made Your Son subject to the Law to

shed His blood on our behalf. Grant us new hearts by Your Spirit that we may be made pure and in faith rejoice in the freedom won for us through Jesus. In Christ's name we ask it.

**C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

*Numbers 6:22–27*

<sup>22</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>23</sup>“Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them,

<sup>24</sup>The LORD bless you and keep you;

<sup>25</sup>the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

<sup>26</sup>the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

<sup>27</sup>“So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.”

## Epistle

*Galatians 3:23–29*

<sup>23</sup>Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup>So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, <sup>26</sup>for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. <sup>27</sup>For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 2:21*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

<sup>21</sup>And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

## Greeting

### Ancient Words

*Vs. 1-2, Chorus, Vs 3, Chorus 2X, Vs 4, Chorus 2X, Ending*

1 Holy words long preserved  
For our walk in this world  
They resound with God's own heart  
O let the ancient words impart

2 Words of life words of hope  
Give us strength help us cope  
In this world where'er we roam  
Ancient words will guide us home

### Chorus

Ancient words ever true  
Changing me changing you  
We have come with open hearts  
O let the ancient words impart

3 Holy words of our faith  
Handed down to this age  
Came to us through sacrifice  
O heed the faithful words of Christ; *Chorus 2X*

4 Martyr's blood stains each page  
They have died for this faith  
Hear them cry through the years  
Heed these words and hold them dear; *Chorus 2X*

### Ending

We have come with open hearts  
O let the ancient words impart  
O let the ancient words impart

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## Sermon

*“Pausing to Receive God's Benediction”*

## Christmas Creed

**C I believe in God the Father, who created heaven and earth, and who sent His only Son to save our fallen world.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, announced by angels, worshipped by shepherds and wise men, who lived to suffer, die, and rise again, to free me from the power of sin and death.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, who has brought me to faith in the Christ, and by whose continual work in my heart, I am ever led to lay before the cradle of the Christ my worship, my life, and my love, so that I might live with him and serve him, both now, and forever.  
Amen**

## Offering

*(Please fill out the friendship books as they are handed to you, noting the names of others in your pew as they are passed back. If there is communion, please mark if you plan to participate.)*

## Prayers of God's People

# SACRAMENT

## Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## Proper Preface

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, gracious Lord. You are the source of our life, the ruler of time, the giver of the good and wise Law, and the one who redeems us and sets Your people free. Grant continued faith for our journey through a new year as we live as Your beloved children, until the day we join with angels, archangels, and all the company of heaven who laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## 387 Joy to the World

*sts. 1, 3-4*



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her  
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him  
ground; He comes to make His bless - ings  
prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -



room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture  
 flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is  
 ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 found, Far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

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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  $\text{✝}$  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  $\text{✝}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## 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.

# Distribution Hymns

## 367 Angels from the Realms of Glory



1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er  
 2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your  
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions  
 4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in  
 Δ 5 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,



all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,  
 flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing,  
 beam a - far; Seek the great De - sire of na - tions,  
 hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,  
 Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing



Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.  
 Yon - der shines the In - fant Light.  
 Ye have seen His na - tal star.  
 In His tem - ple shall ap - pear.  
 To the e - ter - nal Three in One.

### *Refrain*



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;



Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

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## 374 Gentle Mary Laid Her Child



1 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;  
 2 An - gels sang a - bout His birth, Wise Men sought and found Him;  
 3 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;



There He lay, the Un - de - filed, To the world a strang - er.  
 Heav - en's star shone bright - ly forth Glo - ry all a - round Him.  
 He is still the Un - de - filed But no more a strang - er.



Such a babe in such a place, Can He be the Sav - ior?  
 Shep - herds saw the won - drous sight, Heard the an - gels sing - ing;  
 Son of God of hum - ble birth, Beau - ti - ful the sto - ry;



Ask the saved of all the race Who have found His fa - vor.  
 All the plains were lit that night, All the hills were ring - ing.  
 Praise His name in all the earth; Hail the King of glo - ry!

Text: Joseph Simpson Cook, 1859-1933 Tune: Piae Cantiones Ecclesiasticae, 1582, Griefswald Text and tune: Public domain

### 388 Go Tell It on the Mountain

*Refrain*



Go tell it on the moun - tain, O - ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



Go tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!



- 1 While shep - herds kept their watch - ing O'er si - lent flocks by night,
- 2 The shep - herds feared and trem - bled When lo, a - bove the earth
- 3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger The hum - ble Christ was born;

*Refrain*



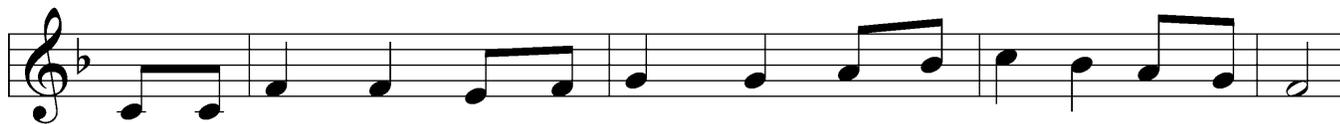
Be - hold, through - out the heav - ens There shone a ho - ly light.  
 Rang out the an - gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
 And God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

Text (sts. 1-3): John W. Work II, 1873-1925, alt. Text (ref) and tune: African American spiritual Text and tune: Public domain

### 393 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly



1 In - fant ho - ly, In - fant low - ly, For His bed a cat - tle stall;  
2 Flocks were sleep - ing, Shep - herds keep - ing Vig - il till the morn - ing new



Ox - en low - ing, Lit - tle know - ing Christ the child is Lord of all.  
Saw the glo - ry, Heard the sto - ry, Tid - ings of a Gos - pel true.



Swift - ly wing - ing, An - gels sing - ing, Bells are ring - ing, Tid - ings bring - ing:  
Thus re - joic - ing, Free from sor - row, Prais - es voic - ing, Greet the mor - row:



Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!  
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

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### Post-Communion Thanksgiving

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that through Your Son You set prisoners free and give the inheritance of forgiveness, life, and salvation. Through Christ, who kept the Law, and in His body and blood given and shed for us for the forgiveness of sins, nourish our spirits, strengthen our faith, and equip us to love our neighbors. Bless our lives with Your abiding presence and bring us at last to Your eternal kingdom. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## Another Year Is Dawning

*Tune: Aurelia*

- 1 Another year is dawning  
Dear Father let it be  
In working or in waiting  
Another year with Thee  
Another year of progress  
Another year of praise  
Another year of proving  
Thy presence all the days
- 2 Another year of mercies  
Of faithfulness and grace  
Another year of gladness  
In the shining of Thy face  
Another year of leaning  
Upon Thy loving breast  
Another year of trusting  
Of quiet happy rest
- 3 Another year of service  
Of witness for Thy love  
Another year of training  
For holier work above  
Another year is dawning  
Dear Father let it be  
On earth or else in heaven  
Another year for Thee

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## This Week's Calendar

### January 1, 2023

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 A.M.	Bible Class
	10:00 A.M.	Worship w/ Lord's Supper
<b>Monday</b>	6:00 P.M.	Ladies Prayer Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 A.M.	Tuesdays with Friends
	6:00 P.M.	Evangelism Meeting
	6:30 P.M.	Property Board Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	5:00 P.M.	Music Rehearsal
	5:50 P.M.	Dinner
	6:30 P.M.	Bible Study for All Ages
<b>Thursday</b>	3:00 P.M.	Men's Discipleship Bible Study
	6:30 P.M.	Elders Meeting
		<i>Office Closed</i>
<b>Friday</b>		
<b>Saturday</b>	7:30 A.M.	Men's Ministry Breakfast
<b>Next Sunday</b>	9:00 A.M.	Bible Class
	10:00 A.M.	Worship

## Serving Next Week

### January 8, 2023

<b>Elder on Duty</b>	Rex Rorabaugh
<b>Ushers</b>	TBD
<b>Money Counters</b>	Greg & Tere Bond
<b>Altar Care</b>	Karen Bishop & Kathy Perkins

### Attendance Last Week

Sunday's Worship Attendance    27



### Treasurer's Report (December 25, 2022)

<i>(Needed Weekly for Gen. Fund \$4,184.85)</i>	
General Fund (Offerings)	\$3,771.00
Non-Budgeted Items	\$ 57.00
Roof Loan	\$ .00
<b>Total Received</b>	<b>\$3,828.00</b>



*“And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb” Luke 2:21*

There it is: the shortest Gospel lesson of the whole Church Year. It is for the festival of the Circumcision and Name of Jesus. What more do you need to know than the name of Jesus — “The Lord saves.” That’s who Jesus is: the Lord who saves us sinners. That simple Gospel message is the foundation of our faith and the strength to live out our faith.

## Birthdays This Week:

Jan 3 Christopher Warren  
Jan 5 Tracie DeMunbrun  
Connie Pentecost  
Christopher Rudd

## Anniversaries This Week:

Jan 2 Brad & Anna Bomhoff



### 2023 Women's Retreat

Join us for the annual Women's Retreat on January 27<sup>th</sup> here at Our Savior. We will meet at 6 p.m. for a light supper followed by crafts, games, and Bible Study. You may leave at any time or spend the night. Breakfast is first thing Saturday morning, a short fun fitness activity and closing prayers. You should be home by 10 a.m. refreshed in mind and body. Balance your Life 

## Have You Taken Control of Your Health Today?



Life Line Screening will be here at Lutheran Church of Our Savior on Monday, January 9, 2023 offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. To be more proactive about your health for yourself, your family and your community, please register for these health screenings today. There is no time like the present to take action!

### Three ways to register:

- Call toll-free: 1-800-679-5191
- Online: <https://llsa.social/HC>
- Test: the word circle to 216-279-1607

*The church office has two (2) complimentary screening certificates valued at \$70.00 [first come first served]. Certificate is good for 1 individual Screening (worth \$70) or \$55 may be applied toward any vascular package valued at \$129 or more). Pre-registration is required for all screenings.*



### Volunteer Opportunity with the Food Bank

Zion Lutheran has reserved Saturday, January 21, 2023, to volunteer at the Food Bank from 9:30 to 12 Noon. We have 50 spaces available and would love to have people from your church join us. The Food Bank requires us to give them a list of names of those who plan to attend. Please email me names as soon as you get them since they need them by January 13. We have already received a Thrivent grant which will pay for Braum's lunch & ice cream afterward. Wear your Thrivent T-shirt. Contact Coordinator, Vivian Stehr, at (405) 642-5445 with any questions you may have.

Prayers are kept on prayer list for four weeks. If you have a prayer request that you want prayed for during a Sunday worship service, please call or email the church office by Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m.

**Pray For Those Who Are Ill, Recovering or In Need**

Gloria Michael	health and well being	<i>Member</i>
Chester Kyle	health and well being	<i>Member</i>
Joyce Garner	suffering with mold allergies	<i>Friend of LCOS</i>
Rev. Barrie Henke	Stage 4 colon cancer	<i>Former District Pres. LCMS</i>
Irene Marshall	health and well being	<i>Mother of Kathy Warren</i>

**Spiritual Guidance & Strength/Life Struggles**

Pray for our shut-ins and homebound  
 Pray for Pastor Gary and LCOS leadership  
 Pray for our government officials and first responders  
 Prayers for Worldwide Church



**Pray for Those Serving Their Country**

Randy Brooks IV	Jennifer Pena	Joey Pena	Kyle Freeman
Jonathan Krepel	Nathan Hiegel	Cole Morris	Timothy Thomas



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