



Church of the Savior

L U T H E R A N

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Welcome to Church of the Savior – Lutheran:

We are a community of believers, seekers, and doubters. We affirm all of God's people just as they are. We are a welcoming and inclusive community that does not require you to change in any way to worship with us.

We strive to make love grow both in our congregational life and in our nursery school. We recognize all the love we have is given to us from the Holy Spirit, we are but reflections of God's love. One of the ways we make love grow is by being accepting and existing the way Jesus taught us; living in harmony together no matter one's race, nationality, or gender. We strive to create and ensure the safest and most loving environment for everyone. We look forward to growing in faith with you.

With Regard to Holy Communion:

We celebrate Holy Communion nearly every week at Church of the Savior. Holy Communion is a sacred meal in which Christ comes to us in bread and wine. "This is my body given for you... This is my blood shed for you." We believe those words to be true. Christ is truly present in Holy Communion. When we receive the bread and wine of this meal, we receive his body and blood "in, with, and under the forms" of the consecrated bread and wine. All of God's beautiful children are welcome to our Lord's table — it's our Lord's table, after all, and all are invited. Let's be clear — it is not "my" table, or "our" table or a "Lutheran" table. It is our Lord's table, and he sends out the invitations — to everyone under the sun. This includes you to come forward just as are.

For the bread we provide two types of host, with gluten and without. If you would like gluten free let Pastor Paul know when you come forward. We offer both red wine and white grape juice.

To the Parents of Children:

Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome! Sit toward the front where it is easier for children to see and hear what is going on. Little one's tire of seeing the back of others' heads.

Explain the parts of the service and actions of the pastor, ushers, choir, and the people who make worship happen. Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.

If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

The way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to The Church, to God and to one another. Let them know, and let us show them, that they are at home in their house of worship. The presence of your child is a gift to Church of the Savior. We are blessed to welcome and worship with our children. We know that it took a lot of work to get to this pew today; you are doing a really good job!



PRELUDE: From Heaven Above to Earth I Come (composed by Martin Luther)

WELCOME AND GATHERING

PROCLAMATION OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

Today, the twenty-fifth day of December
Unknown ages from the time when God created the heavens and the earth
And then formed man and woman in his own image.
Several thousand years after the flood,
When God made the rainbow shine forth as a sign of the covenant.
Twenty-one centuries from the time of Abraham and Sarah;
Thirteen centuries after Moses led the people of Israel out of Egypt.
Eleven hundred years from the time of Ruth and the Judges;
One thousand years from the anointing of David as king;
In the sixty-fifth week according to the prophecy of Daniel.
In the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad;
The seven hundred and fifty-second year from the foundation of the city of Rome.
The forty-second year of the reign of Octavian Augustus;
The whole world being at peace,
Jesus Christ, eternal God and Son of the eternal Father,
Desiring to sanctify the world by his most merciful coming,
Being conceived by the Holy Spirit,
And nine months having passed since his conception,
Was born in Bethlehem of Judea of the Virgin Mary.
Today is the nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh.
Amen.



PROCESSIONAL HYMN: When Christmas Day Is Dawning



1 When Christ-mas morn is dawn - ing I wish that I could be
2 How kind of you, our Sav - ior, for us to come to earth.
3 We need you, O Lord Je - sus, to be our dear - est friend.



there by the man - ger - cra - dle God's Son, new-born, to see,
Oh, may we not by sin - ning de - spise your low - ly birth.
Your love will guard and guide us and keep us to life's end.



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Oh, may we not by sin - ning de - spise your low - ly birth.
Your love will guard and guide us and keep us to life's end.

GREETING

Pastor: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.



THE GLORIA

Glo-ry glo-ry glo-ry glo-ry glo-ry to God in the high - est!

Glo-ry glo-ry glo-ry glory glo-ry to God in the high-est! Glo - ry to God in the

high - est and peace on earth, good will to men.

Glo-ry glo - ry glo - ry glo - ry glo-ry to God in the high - est!

Glo-ry glo-ry glo-ry glo-ry glo-ry to God in the high - est! Glo-ry Glo-ry!



PRAYER OF THE DAY

All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



FIRST READING: Isaiah 62:6-12

⁶ Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the LORD, take no rest, ⁷ and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth.

⁸ The LORD has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored; ⁹ but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the LORD, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts.

¹⁰ Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples.

¹¹ The LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him."

¹² They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD"; and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

People: Thanks Be to God



PSALM: Psalm 97

¹ The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad.

² **Clouds and darkness surround the LORD,
righteousness and justice are the foundations of God's throne.**

³ Fire goes before the LORD, burning up enemies on every side.

⁴ **Lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.**

⁵ The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth.

⁶ **The heavens declare your righteousness, O LORD, and all the peoples see your glory.**

⁷ Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods!

Bow down before the LORD, all you gods.

⁸ **Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgments, O LORD.**

⁹ For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

¹⁰ **You who love the LORD, hate evil!**

God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the hand of the wicked.

¹¹ Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the honest of heart.

¹² **Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy name.**



SECOND READING: Titus 3:4-7

⁴ When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. ⁶ This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Word of God, Word of Life

People: Thanks Be to God



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

D G D Bm G

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

C E/G F#m Bm D G A

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



GOSPEL: John 1:1-14

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.



HYMN OF THE DAY: I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

1. I heard the bells on Christ - - mas day Their
 2. And thought how, as the day had come, The
 3. Till ring - - ing, sing - ing on its way The
 4. And in des - pair I bowed my head "There
 5. Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: "God

old fa - - mil - iar car - - ols play, And wild and sweet
 bel - fies of all Christ - en - dom Had rolled a - long
 world re - volved from night to day, A voice, a - chime,
 is no peace on earth," I said, "For hate is strong
 is not dead, nor doth He sleep; The wrong shall fail,

the words re - peat Of peace on earth, good will to men.
 th'un - - bro - ken song Of peace on earth, good will to men.
 a chant sub - lime Of peace on earth, good will to men.
 and mocks the song Of peace on earth, good will to men."
 the right pre - vail With peace on earth, good will to men."



SERMON: Pastor Paul

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Response: Receive our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE:

SPECIAL MUSIC: David Kline: Go Tell It on the Mountain

OFFERING:



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C Am Em Bb/F Dm
 Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
 G C Em Am
 cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
 Bb Dm G Dm F/G G C
 seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
 Em Am Em Amaj D G Amaj
 Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
 D Am D G Am Em
 prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
 Bb/F Dm G C Em F C/G Bm Emaj
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.



ALL: God of heaven and earth, from the beginning, you have called forth life, in which you take delight. The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy. Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty, that we may join the chorus of creation to tell of your salvation from day to day. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.



PREFACE FOR THE SEASON

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

F Am G7 C F G7 C

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

F Am G7 C F Dm

Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.

Bb G7 C F Gm

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

F/A G7/B C Ab Bb Dm7 G C

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

...proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

At conclusion of Eucharistic Prayer

People: Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER



F Bb G7 C

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

Dm G C F Bb G7

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

C Dm G C F Am Bb

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

Eb Ab Bb Dm G7 C

sin of the world; grant us peace.



DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION



COMMUNION HYMN: O Come Let Us Adore Him

1. O come let us a - dore Him, O come let us a -
1. For He a - lone is worth - y for He a - lone is
3. We'll give him all the glo - ry, We'll give him all the

dore Him, O come let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord.
worth - y, for He a - lone is worth - y, Christ the Lord.
glo - ry, We'll give him all the glo - ry, Christ the Lord.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first system has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The notes are: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. Chords above are G, C, Em, Bm, Am, C. The second system has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The notes are: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. Chords above are A7/C#, D, Am/C, Amaj/C#, D, Am/C, G/D, D, G.



COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His Grace! **Amen.**



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Merciful God, we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food. Strengthened by this goodness, send us forth to announce your peace, comfort the afflicted, and share the good news of great joy. **Amen.**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

The God of love, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, lavish you with grace, illumine your path, and increase your joy, today and always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: Joy to the World



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re-
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing
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.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly.

Thanks be to God.


Go Now
in Peace




SERVING TODAY

DATE	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASST.	USHER
8pm			
Dec 24	Sally Leara	Susan Conrad	John Leara
Dec 25	Wendy McFarland	Susan Conrad	Ed Moderacki
Dec 29	Christophe Moderacki	Brenda Heydt	John Leara
Jan 5	Susan Conrad	Maggie Harrer	Ed Moderacki
Jan 12	Dave Johnsrud	Laurie Feingold	Rick Henly

FLOWERS

Dec 29	For:	Willow & Mamie's Birthdays
	From:	Antoinette Walder
Jan 5	For:	Rick Henly's Birthday
	From:	Maggie Harrer
Jan 12	For:	Bea Wing's Birthday
	From:	The Moderacki's

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec 24	Christmas Eve: 8pm Worship
Dec 25	Christmas Day: 10am Worship
Dec 29	Wee Worship
Jan 1	New Year's Day
Jan 5	Sunday School

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Christ
the
Savior
is
Born

