

## Announcements

**Office Closure:** The church office will be closed on Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup>. Sorry for any inconveniences!

**Celebration Sunday:** Anybody who celebrated a birthday or special occasion in the month of December, please feel free to bring a treat to share after worship next Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup> in celebration!

**Joint Service:** We will be having a joint service with Grace Lutheran on Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at Grace starting at 8:00am. We will also be having pot luck after worship, so bring a dish to pass!

**Committee Leaders:** Please remember to update the office, or write on the calendar outside of the office, times of any practices, meetings, events, and so forth so that they can be added to the Sunday announcements and monthly Messengers. Thanks!

**Annual Meeting:** Our Saviour's annual congregational meeting will take place after worship on Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. Committees will need to have their annual reports turned into the office no later than **Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you!

**Happy Birthday:** Wishing a happy birthday this upcoming week to: **Constance Kastad, Carol Byington, Clinton Larson, Caitlin Toraason, LeAnn Ring, Lisa Schmitt, Sawyer Kurth, Debra Olson, Jeffrey Reick, Mackenzie Standish, and Bonnie Lyga.**

**Please pray for the following:** Barb Harms, Karl Fernholz, Roy Arneson, George Przybilla, Goodwin Anderson, Vicki Windjue, Steven Hanvold, Ralph Johnson, Lara Schansberg, Charlie Bratz, Fern Moe, Bob Guinn, Jeff Betthausen, Mary Eid Everson, Jerry Betthausen, Elaine Foss, Linda Schroeder and Christin Stoutner.

### Coming Up This Week:

**Thursday** - Office Closed

**Sunday** - Worship 9:15am (Celebration Sunday)

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**Assisting in Worship Today**

**Accompanist:** Tekla Baken

**Ushers:** David and Marnie Anderson

**Communion Servers:** Andy and Mary Johnson



## Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

*Sharing God's Love with All!*

### **Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship**

December 24, 2016, 10:00 pm

Welcome

Special Music.....*Awake, O Earth*.....Senior Choir

Gathering Hymn.....*Once In David's Royal City (vs 1-2)* .....#269

Greeting

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

**C: And also with you.**

Reading.....Mike Gilbertson

Hymn.....*O come, O come, Emmanuel (vs 1)*.....#257

Reading.....Brenda Gilbertson

Hymn.....*O come, O come, Emmanuel (vs 2)*.....#257

Reading.....Mike Gilbertson

Hymn.....*O come, O come, Emmanuel (vs 6)*.....#257

Reading.....Brenda Gilbertson

Hymn.....*O come, O come, Emmanuel (vs 7)*.....#257

Hymn.....*O Come All Ye Faithful (vs 1)*.....#283

Reading.....*Luke 1:26-38*.....Mike Gilbertson

Light the First Advent Candle

Hymn.....*Angels We Have Heard On High (vs 1)*.....#289

Reading.....*Luke 1:39-45*.....Brenda Gilbertson

Light the Second Advent Candle

Hymn.....*Joy To The World (vs 1,4)*.....#267

Reading.....*Luke 1:46-55*.....Mike Gilbertson

Light the Third Advent Candle

Special Music.....Mary Pat Sass

Reading.....*Matthew 1:18-25*.....Brenda Gilbertson

Light the Fourth Advent Candle

Hymn.....*It Came Upon A Midnight Clear (vs 1,4)* .....#282

Reading.....*Luke 2:1-7*.....Mike Gilbertson

Light the Christ Candle

Hymn.....*O Little Town Of Bethlehem (vs 1)*.....#279

Reading.....*Luke 2:8-20*.....Brenda Gilbertson

*What does this mean to us?*

Hymn.....*The First Noel (vs 1-2)*.....#300

Confession (Let us pray together)

**C: Most wonderful God, let not our celebrations be tarnished by either unrepentant or apathetic hearts; forgive us for our limited loving, holding fears and judgments. May the Spirit at the heart of Christmas breathe into us that healing which makes all things new. For your name's sake. Amen!**

Assurance of Pardon

P: "You shall call his name Jesus, for he shall save his people from their sins." Jesus said, "I have come that you might have life, and have it to the uttermost." Glory to God! We are forgiven and liberated people!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

Prayer of the Day

**C: Most loving God, you make us happy each year as we remember the birth of Jesus. As we joyfully**

**receive him now as our Savior, so may we look upon his power and glory with love and wonder. Amen!**

Offering

Special Music.....*Lullaby Of The Dove*.....Senior Choir

Offering Prayer (*From Martin Luther*)

P: Little Child of God, laid in a manger, we adore your coming! Now God is of our image, God is of our flesh and blood. Now there is no difference at all between your body and ours. You are our Savior and our brother lying in a cot. You join our human frailty, share our needs, and assure us of utter glory. Halleluiah!

**C: Amen.**

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Words of Institution

P: For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Lord's Prayer.....Page 145

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn 1.....*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (vs 1-2)*.....#270

Communion Hymn 2.....*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (vs 1-2)*.....#276

Communion Hymn 3.....*Angels, From The Realms Of Glory (vs 1-2)*.....#275

Communion Prayer

P: Jesus Christ, the exact likeness of God's own being, has come into the world full of grace and truth. He has made us right with God through death and resurrection. Our thanks and praise abound.

**C: Amen.**

Sending Hymn.....*Silent Night, Holy Night (vs 1-2)*.....#281

Blessing

P: Go now and join your voices with the song of joy in all creation. Announce peace. Proclaim forgiveness and let the earth know that God reigns. And may God sustain you with his powerful Word. May Christ Jesus be born as Savior within you. And may the Spirit reveal to you the glory of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Go in peace, love and serve the Lord, and one another!

**C: Thanks be to God**