



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Sharing God's Love with All!

Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2016, 9:15 am

Welcome

Gathering Hymn.....*He Came Down*.....#253

He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love; hallelujah forevermore.

He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light; hallelujah forevermore.

He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace; hallelujah forevermore.

He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy; hallelujah forevermore.

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.

Advent Candle

P: Last week we lit the Candle of Peace, and prior, the Candle of Hope, as we remembered Jesus born in Bethlehem as Peace and Hope. This

Third Sunday of Advent we light the Candle of Love. In their old age God gave to Zechariah and Elisabeth a son called John. John spoke to the people bravely in the desert denying his own comforts and prepared to die for what he believed. John taught that we should share what we have with others, treat each other kindly and show God's love. He did this because he cared for people and wanted them to repent and find God's forgiveness. Joy is like a light shining in a dark place.

C: Lord Jesus, Light of the World, the prophets said you would bring peace and save your people from trouble. Give peace in our hearts at Christmas time. Help us today and every day, to wait for you, to remain present, to worship you, hear the Word and to do your will by sharing your love with one another. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.

Special Hymn.....*Messiah*
**Someone's shouting I am broken. Someone's shouting make me whole.
Someone's shouting come and change me. Someone's shouting save my
soul. Messiah, Come and be our King. Messiah, Come and be our King.**

Senior Choir Cantata.....“I Hear the Prophet Callin’”
*The Christmas story from prophecy to fulfillment written by Pepper
Chopin and performed by Our Saviour's Senior Choir and guests.*

Director: Ellen Hauser

Accompanists: Nancy Martinovici, Sue Kohnert

Narrator: Kris Matchey

-Listen To The Story

-I Hear The Prophet Callin’ (Kris Dubiel, Dawn Sauerwien)

-The People Who Walk In Darkness

-Rockin’ Slow And Even

-There In The Same Country

-Go Tell It

-I See The Star Of Glory (Rita Hegge, Sarah & Molly Toraason)

-A Star Rising In The East

-I Hear The People Singin'

Confession (Let us pray together)

C: Holy God, you have sent one true Messiah to us, whose ways are grace and truth. Please persist with your mercy towards your errant children. We are slow learners. In spite of the openness with which you have come to us, we continue to seek our own way. Bring us to a sharp stop. Turn us around from the wrong directions we have taken. Return us to the light, mercy, and peace of your healing grace. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

P: Friends in Christ, let the past now be the past. Seize this precious moment. You are a forgiven community, a family of hope rooted in God-deep optimism. You are the most fortunate of people.

C: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of the Day

C: Awesome God, source of abundant love, peace, and joy, we worship you with grateful, happy hearts. As we continue our Advent journey, help us to trust you more fully, to enjoy you more freely, and to serve you more eagerly. Let all our preparations be focused on going to meet you as you speedily come to us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession (Each petition will end with "Lord in your mercy"; please respond "**Hear our prayers**".)

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offering Hymn.....*Lord I Lift Your Name on High*.....#857

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises. I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us. You came from heaven to earth to show the way, from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

Offering Prayer

P: Generous God, as we move through this Advent season we are reminded of those days of your promised coming. Instead of hearing other voices in our ears that claimed to have the means to save us: money, possessions, power, and status; let us lift up the one promise that provides us peace: your love. As we share in this offering to you, may we hear in our hearts the only voice that can truly save, and hear the words of hope. We look again for the coming of Christ, our Savior, in whose name we pray.

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.

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Holy Communion

Communion Hymn 1.....*I Am The Bread of Life*.....#485

"I am the Bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger, and who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father beckons."

Refrain: "And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up on the last day."

"The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world, and if you eat of this bread, you shall live forever, you shall live forever." **Refrain:**

"Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood, you shall not have life within you." **Refrain:**

"I am the resurrection, I am the life. If you believe in me, even though you die, you shall live forever." **Refrain:**

Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who have come into the world. **Refrain:**

Communion Hymn 2.....*Taste And See*.....#493
Refrain: Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord. Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall always be on my lips; my soul shall glory in the Lord; for God has been so good to me. **Refrain:**

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us all praise God's name. I called the Lord, who answered me; from all my troubles I was set free.
Refrain:

Worship the Lord, all you people. You'll want for nothing if you ask. Taste and see that the Lord is good; in God we need put all our trust.

Refrain:

Communion Prayer

P: God for whom we wait, you come to us in the broken bread and the cup we share. Enable us to live out this gift of life, the gift of love for all the world to see how you have come and will come again through Jesus Christ our Lord, to bring peace into the world.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn.....*God Be With You Til We Meet Again*.....#536

God be with you till we meet again; by good counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you; God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain: Till we meet, (till we meet,) till we meet, (till we meet again,) till we meet at Jesus' feet; (till we meet,) till we meet, (till we meet,) till we meet, (till we meet again.) God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again; holy wings securely hide you, daily manna still provide you; God be with you till we meet again. Refrain:

God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you, put unfailing arms around you; God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain:

Blessing

P: Go now and prepare the way of the Lord. Wait patiently. Do not grumble against one another, but encourage one another. Be strong and do not fear. And may God come quickly to save you; may Christ Jesus give you everlasting joy and gladness; and may the Holy Spirit strengthen your hearts and lead you on God's holy way.

C: Amen.

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Announcements

Sunday School Program: During worship on Sunday, December 18th, the Sunday School children will be performing their annual Christmas program. Please bring your children early for costumes and lineup. Practice for the program will take place on Saturday, December 17th at 9:30am. Please join us in celebrating the Christmas season!

Christmas Services: Christmas Services at Our Saviour's will take place at 4:00pm and 10:00pm on Christmas Eve. We will also have a Christmas Day service at 9:00am so mark your calendars and join us in celebrating Jesus' birth! If you are unable to attend one of these services, Grace Lutheran will be holding worship on Christmas Eve at 6:30pm.

Donations: There will be donation boxes for New Horizons shelter, TCHCC and Pajama Grandma located in the Narthex. The Mission Tree is also up in the Narthex to decorate with hats and mittens for the Whitehall Elementary students and ornaments for the Global Mission Animals project. Let's give generously to those who are often forgotten during the Christmas season.

Poinsettia Plants: Members of Our Saviour's may purchase and bring poinsettia plants to the church basement prior to Christmas Eve services with a tag stating who donated the plant and for whom the plant is in honor or memory of. You can also purchase plants directly from the church for \$10. Orders need to be placed by **December 18th** and can be taken to the church office or Narthex.

Happy Birthday: Wishing a happy birthday this upcoming week to:
Kaylin Metzler, Sandra Erickson, Barbara Johnson, Dennis Lyngen, Brynna Schneider, Mary Lou Beck, Adam Berg, Robert Byington, Clayton Densmore, Andrew Johnson, and Mary Jane Herness.

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, Zachary Lambright, and Linda Schroeder.

Coming Up This Week:

Monday - Bible Study 6:30pm

Tuesday - Worship Committee 6:30pm

Wednesday - Bible Study 9:30am

Wednesday Worship 5:30pm

Confirmation 6:00pm

JCrew 6:30pm

Senior Choir Practice 7:00pm

Saturday - Sunday School Christmas Program Practice 9:30am

Sunday - Worship 9:15am (Sunday School Christmas Program)

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Assisting in Worship today:

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Communion Servers: Andy and
Mary Johnson

Videographer: Blake Herman