



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Sharing God's Love with All!

3rd Sunday in Advent

December 17, 2017, 9:15 am

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness.....Pages 94 - 96 ELW

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

One of the following or another confession is prayed.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: The presiding minister announces God's Forgiveness.

The service continues with gathering song.

Gathering Hymn.....“Christ, Be Our Light”#715

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today!**

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow’r to save us.
Make us your living voice.
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today!**

**Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today!**

**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.

Prayer of the Day

P: Stir up the wills of all...

C: Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

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.

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Gospel Acclamation (to be sung)

C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 1st chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Lesson.....John 1:6-8, 19-28

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Senior Choir Cantata....."A Great Light"

(Performed by Our Saviour's Senior Choir)

Rejoice!

The Promised Day (Solo by Rita Hegge)

("Joy to the World")

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Let earth receive her 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.

No more let sin and sorrow 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.**

(choir interlude)

**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.**

Shadows O'er Bethlehem (Flute - Bailey Sauerwein)

("Silent Night")

**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!
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.**

Shepherds and Angels (Solo by Kris Dubiel)

("Angels, from the Realms of Glory")

**Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
you who sang creation's story,**

**now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.**

**Shepherds in the fields abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
yonder shines the infant light.
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.**

The Light of a Star (Flute - Bailey Sauerwein)

Who Is This King?

Awake, O Earth!

("O Come, Let Us Adore Him")

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

A Great Light

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

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offering Hymn....."My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness".....#251

My soul proclaims your greatness, Lord; I sing my Savior's praise!

You looked upon my lowliness, and I am full of grace.

Now ev'ry land and ev'ry age this blessing shall proclaim -

great wonders you have done for me, and holy is your name.

**To Israel, your servant blest, your help is ever sure;
the promise to our parents made their children will secure.
Sing glory to the Holy One, give honor to the Word,
and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all adored.**

The Great Thanksgiving.....Page 152

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 our thanks and praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.....Page 153

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer

P: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Lord's Prayer.....Page 154

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn....."Canticle of the Turning"#723

My soul cries out with a joyful shout

that the God of my heart is great,

and my spirit sings of the wondrous things

that you bring to the ones who wait.

You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,

and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?
My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.

Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn.
My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.

From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r,
not a justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn.
My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.

Post Communion Prayer

Blessing

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn....."I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light".....#815

I want to walk as a child of the light.

I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.

The star of my life is Jesus.

In him there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light fo the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God.

I want to look at Jesus.

Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,

And show me the way to the Father.

In him there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I'm looking for the coming of Christ.

I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race,

We shall know the joy of Jesus.

In him there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace...

C: Thanks be to God.

Announcements

Thank you to the Senior Choir for presenting "A Great Light". Your hard work is greatly appreciated. A special thank you to the Narrator - Kris Matchey, Clavinova accompanist - Sue Kohnert, Flute - Bailey Sauerwein, Accompanist - Sarah Toraason, and Director - Ellen Hauser. Choir members include - Rita Hegge, Marnie Anderson, Dawn Sauerwein, Rhianna Theisen, Maggie Lindberg, Sharon Ivers, Halaynna Macharia, Aaliyah Macharia, Kay Nelson, Kris Dubiel, Mary Speerstra, Molly Toraason, Bailey Sauerwein, Angel Przybilla, Tyanna Beck, Dave Loga, Joanne Selkurt, Pastor Peter Jonas, Dave Schaefer, and Carlos Velasquez.

Pastor Peter Jonas will be out of the office Thursday, January 21st.

Ushers are still needed for June and July of 2018. If you would be willing to help out, please let Sue Kohnert know at 715-538-4454.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Worship - On Christmas Eve, there will not be a morning worship service. Services will be held at 4:00 PM and at 10:00 PM. There will not be any worship service on Christmas Day.

W-ELCA will not meet during January & February. In March, Our Saviour's will host Grace for the meeting on 3/1/2018, at 1:30 pm.

The **Annual Meeting** for Our Saviour's Church will be Sunday, January 28th after the service at 10:15 AM. The Annual Report will be available on Sunday, January 21st.

Church Council - Another year has almost gone by and as we look forward to the annual meeting, we are finding ourselves once again short of volunteers on the various boards and council. If you feel one of these may interest you, please contact the office or one of the church officers. The opportunities available are: Treasurer, Youth & Family Team (3-4), Property & Finance Team (6-8), & Church Council At Large. Please

consider helping Our Saviour's to fill these positions. No experience is needed! Thank you!!!

Faithfully Refurbished - There will be a Faithfully Refurbished Planning Meeting on Sunday, January 14th at 10:15 AM.

Happy Birthday: Wishing a happy birthday this upcoming week to: Pastor Peter Jonas, Andrew Johnson, Mary Jane Herness, Mark Windjue, James Hughes Jr., Marnalee Anderson and Celina Kopp.

Coming Up This Week:

Today - Worship (Choir Cantata) 9:15 AM
Sunday School 10:15 AM

Tuesday - Quilters 8:30 AM
Funeral for Roy Arneson (father of Helen Vold)
Life & Growth Team 5:30 PM
Worship Team 7:00 PM

Wednesday - Bible Study 9:15 AM
Pigeon Falls Nursing Home service 10:30 AM
Confirmation 5:30 PM
J Crew 6:30 PM
Choir 7:00 PM
Grace Council 7:00 PM

Thursday - Pastor Jonas out of office

Sunday - **NO MORNING WORSHIP**
Christmas Eve Worship 4:00 PM & 10:00 PM
NO CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP

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Assisting in Worship Today:
Accompanist: Sue Kohnert
Ushers: David & Marnie Anderson
Communion Servers: Karen Witte & Paula Hentges
Videographer: 6th grade Confirmation Students
Power Point: ???