



*Christmas Eve*  
SERVICE

Welcome to Our Saviour's  
Lutheran Church

*Sharing God's Love with All!*

***Nativity of Our Lord - Christmas Eve***

December 24, 2017 4:00 PM and 10:00 PM

## Proclamation of the Birth of Christ

### Gathering Hymn....."O Come, All Ye Faithful".....ELW #283

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him, born the king of angels:  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,  
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;  
Son of the Father now in flesh appearing!  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God in the highest:  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n!  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

### Greeting and Prayer of the Day

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.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty God...

**C: Amen.**

Senior Choir (10:00 PM)....."Shepherds and Angels"  
Solo by Kris Dubiel

Reading.....Isaiah 9:2- 7

Senior Choir (10:00 PM)....."Lullaby of the Dove"  
Flute by Bailey Sauerwein

Hymn....."Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" (verse 1).....ELW #270

**Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king;  
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."  
Joyful, all you nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;  
with angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Lesson.....Luke 2:1-20

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Hymn....."Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" v. 2 & 3.....ELW #270

**Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail, incarnate deity!  
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"**

**Hail the heav'nborn Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,  
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"**

Sermon.....Pastor Peter Jonas

**Hymn....."Holy Child within a Manger".....WOV #638  
(See last page of bulletin for words and music)**

Prayers (each petition will end with "Lord, in your mercy" **C: Hear our prayer; "Let us pray" C: Have mercy, O God; or "Hear us O God" C: Your mercy is great.)**

Offering

**Offering Hymn....."What Child Is This".....ELW #296**

**What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are  
keeping?**

**This, this is Christ the king, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!**

**Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for  
you;**

**hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!**

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own  
him.**

**The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby;  
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!**

The Great Thanksgiving

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.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

**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.**

**The Lord's Prayer.....Page 154**

Holy Communion

All are welcome to share in Holy Communion. We believe Christ's body and blood are truly present with us in this meal. Gluten free wafers and non-alcoholic wine may be requested from the server. If you are unable to come forward, let an usher know and communion will be brought to you. You are invited to come forward to receive a blessing if you choose not to receive communion.

**Communion Hymn 1 .....*"Away in a Manger"*.....ELW #277**

**Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;  
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

**The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky**

**and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay  
close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care  
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.**

**Communion Hymn 2 ..."*I am so Glad each Christmas Eve*".....ELW #271**

**I am so glad each Christmas Eve, the night of Jesus' birth!  
Then like the sun the star shone forth, and angels sang on earth.**

**The little child in Bethlehem, he was a king indeed!  
For he came down from heav'n above to help a world in need.**

**He dwells again in heaven's realm, the Son of God today;  
and still he loves his little ones and hears them when they pray.**

**I am so glad each Christmas Eve! His praises then I sing;  
he opens now for ev'ry child the palace of the king.**

**And so I love each Christmas Eve, and I love Jesus too;  
and that he loves me ev'ry day I know so well is true.**

**Candle Lighting (10:00 PM)**

**Hymn....."*Silent Night*".....ELW #281**

**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! Shepherds quake at the sight;  
glories stream from heaven afar,  
heav'nly hosts sing, alleluia!**

**Christ, the Savior, is born!  
Christ, the Savior, is born!**

**Silent night, holy night!  
Son of God, love's pure light  
radiant beams from your holy face,  
with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at your birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at your birth.**

Benediction

P: May you be filled with the wonder and faith of Mary and Joseph...

C: Amen.

**Sending Hymn....."Joy to the World" .....ELW #267**

**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.**

**Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**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.

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.

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News!

C: Thanks be to God!

**WISHING YOU A BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

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## **Announcements**

Tonight's bulletin is given by Fred & Jan Staff in memory of his brother, James I. Staff, who passed away Oct. 1, 2017.

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

**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 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 AM.

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

**Coming Up This Week:**

**Today** - Worship 4:00 PM & 10:00 PM

**Wednesday** - Bible Study 9:15 AM

Property & Finance Team 6:30 PM

Choir 7:00 PM

**Sunday** - Worship 9:15 AM

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**Assisting in Worship today:**

**Accompanist:** Sarah Toraason (4:00 PM)

Tekla Baken (10:00 PM)

**Ushers:** David & Marnie Anderson

**Communion Servers:** Karen Witte & Paula Hentges

**Videographer:** 6<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation students

Come let us  
*Adore*  
Him



## Christmas Poinsettias



### *In Loving Memory of:*

- *Husband, Sidney & Son, Dale Borreson by Irene Borreson*
- *Alvin & Esther Nelson by Jim & Kay Nelson*
- *Peter J. Speerstra Jr. W by Jack & Mary Speerstra family*
- *Tom Hegge by Rita Hegge & family*
- *Helen & Leonard Foss; Victor & Samuel Foss by Sharon Foss*
- *Raymond & Alma Loga, Hugh & Alvina Goard, John & Viola Dunham by Dave & Brenda Loga family*
- *Alfred & Elenora Sesvold and Jim & Ethel Hughes by Jim & Georgia Hughes and families*
- *Reno Baccalleo by Randall, Donna, Randi, Mikailah, & Maggie Lindberg*
- *Janice Chamberlain by Karen Witte*
- *John Witte by Karen Witte*
- *Daryl Oates by Donna & family*
- *Willie & Florence Johnson and Ervin & Doris Harnisch by Andy & Mary Johnson*
- *Clark & Gloria Kohnert by Lee & Sue Kohnert and family*
- *Parents Morgan & Blanche Halverson and Brother Duane Halverson by Shirley Wozney*
- *Tom Toraason by Ann Toraason & family*
- *Ruby Roman, Roger Thomas, & Hazel Foss by Joanne & Less Foss*
- *Ken & Anne Nelson by Jeff & Ellen*

### *In Loving Memory of:*

- *Grandson, Neil from Deloris Coburn & family*
- *Frank Coburn, from Deloris Coburn & family*
- *Granddaughter, Kari from Deloris Coburn & family*
- *My husband, Charles and my daughter, Connie by Mary Ann Watson*
- *My brother, Jerry and my sister, Karen by Mary Ann Watson*
- *Bennie & Stella Ringstad; August & Emma Ringstad by Ben & Sharon Ringstad and Rich & Bev Waldera*
- *Ronald Harms by Barb Harms*

### *In Honor of:*

- *Our 4 grandsons: Devin Klomsten, Jackson, Gannon & Bennett Loga by Dave and Brenda Loga*
- *Arlene Lindberg and Roger & Carol Guse by Randall, Donna, Randi, Mikailah, & Maggie Lindberg*
- *Our Godchildren, Mikayla, Chloe, and Darren by Kris & Duane Dubiel*
- *Mother, Mary Lou Beck's 70th birthday on December 15th by her son, Paul Dean Beck*
- *Willard & Helen Halverson by Jim & Kay Nelson*
- *Our 8 Grandchildren by Jim & Georgia Hughes*
- *Marilyn Speerstra by Jack & Mary Speerstra family*
- *Francis Foss by Joanne & Less Foss*

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- *Howard & Carolyn Tjoflat by Jeff & Ellen Hauser*
- *Ken & Nat Rusk by John and Paula Powell & family*
- *Ruth Powell by John and Paula Powell & family*
- *John Hansen by Sue Hansen & family*

- *Peggy Kneifl, Greg and Angel Przybilla & family by George & Connie*
- *All Sunday School Students*
- *All those baptized in 2017*

*Thank you for blessing our church with Christmas Poinsettias. You are welcome to take your flowers home after the Christmas service. Plastic to cover the flowers is available in the sacristy.*