



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Sharing God's Love with All!

1st Sunday in Advent

December 3, 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

“Fling Wide the Door”

#259

**Fling wide the door, unbar the gate;
the King of glory comes in state;
the Lord of lords and King of kings,
the Savior of the world who brings
his great salvation to the earth.**

**So raise a shout of holy mirth
and praise our God and Lord,
Creator, Spirit, Word.**

**He is the rock of our belief,
the heart of mercy’s gentle self.
His kingly crown is holiness;
his scepter is his loveliness;
he brings our sorrows to an end.
Now gladly praise our king and friend,
and worship him with song
forsaving us from wrong.**

**Oh, happy towns and blessed lands
that live by their true king’s commands.
And blessed be the hearts he rules,
the humble places where he dwells.
He is the rightful Son of bliss
who fills our lives and makes us his,
creator of the world,
from our only strength for good.**

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.**

****Order of Service - Page 147 in the Hymnal****

Kyrie (Each petition will end with P: "Let us pray to the Lord"; please respond **C: "Lord, have mercy".**)

Canticle of Praise.....This is the Feast of Victory for Our God.....Page 149

Prayer of the Day

P: Stir up your power, Lord Christ...

C: Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Someone's shouting from the desert.

Someone's shouting from the sea.

Someone's shouting from the mountain.

Someone's shouting from the valley.

Messiah, come and be our King.

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First Reading.....Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalm.....Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

L: Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

C: In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.

L: Restore us, O God; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

C: O LORD God of hosts, how long will your anger fume when your people pray?

L: You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

C: You have made us the derision of our neighbors, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

L: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and

we shall be saved.

C: Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one you have made so strong for yourself.

L: And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name.

C: Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

Second Reading.....1 Corinthians 1:3-9

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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 Mark the 13th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Lesson.....Mark 13: 24 - 37

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SermonPastor Jonas

Hymn of the Day....."My Lord, What a Morning".....#438

**My Lord, what a morning; my Lord, what a morning;
oh, my Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.
You will hear the trumpet sound, to wake the nations underground
looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.**

**My Lord, what a morning; my Lord, what a morning;
oh, my Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.
You will hear the sinner cry, to wake the nations underground,**

looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.

My Lord, what a morning; my Lord, what a morning;

oh, my Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.

You will hear the Christian shout, to wake the nations underground
looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.

The Nicene Creed.....Page 104 ELW

**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 fully 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 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.**

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

Sharing of the Peace

Blessing of Stitches of Love

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.

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Eucharistic Prayer

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 154

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn....."The King Shall Come"#260

**The King shall come when morning dawns and light triumphant breaks,
when beauty gilds the eastern hills and life to joy awakes.**

**Not as of old a little child, to bear and fight and die,
but crowned with glory like the sun that lights the morning sky.**

**Oh, brighter than the rising morn when Christ, victorious, rose
and left the lonesome place of death, despite the rage of foes.**

Post Communion Prayer

Blessing

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn....."Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"#244

**Rejoice, rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear;
the evening is advancing, and darker night is near.
The bridegroom is arising and soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle; at midnight comes the cry.**

**The watchers on the mountain proclaim the bridegroom near;
go forth as he approaches with alleluias clear.**

The marriage feast is waiting; the gates wide open stand.

Arise, O heirs of glory; the bridegroom is at hand.

**The saints, who here in patience their cross and suff'rings bore,
Shall live and reign forever when sorrow is no more.**

Around the throne of glory the Lamb they shall behold;

In triumph cast before him their diadems of gold.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace...

C: Thanks be to God.

Announcements

Sunday School Christmas Program - Next Sunday, Dec. 10th, the Sunday School children will present their Christmas Program during the worship service.

Poinsettias - Members of Our Saviour's may purchase and bring poinsettia plants to the basement prior to the Christmas Eve Services with a tag stating who donated the plant and for whom the plant is in honor or memory of. Poinsettia plants can also be ordered for \$10.00. Orders need to be placed by December 10th for delivery by Christmas Eve. We are hoping that selling poinsettia plants will make it easier for members to participate in decorating the church and make funds available for music for the Praise Team. Orders can be taken to the church office or collected in the narthex.

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

Singers wanted for Christmas Cantata - The Our Saviour's Senior Choir will be performing the Christmas cantata, "A Great Light", on Sunday, Dec. 17th at the 9:15 service. We are looking for guest singers from Grade 6, Middle School, High School, and adults to join us!! We practice on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in the balcony. "A Great Light" will truly put you in the Christmas spirit! We'd love to have you join us, AND... bring a friend! Ellen Hauser - Director (715-797-4354)

Our Saviour's WELCA will be guests at Grace Lutheran for our Christmas party on Thursday, Dec. 7, at 1:30 pm. Everyone please bring a half dozen Christmas baking for lunch. Pastor Peter will lead our Bible Study from the Dec. Gather magazine & we will have a short business meeting.

Please join us for fellowship at our Christmas gathering. Meet in OSL church parking lot at 1:00 PM on Dec. 7, if you wish to car pool.

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.

Happy Birthday: Wishing a happy birthday this upcoming week to: Judy Haralson, Gavin Gaulke, Janice Johnson, Peter Speerstra, Eric Gaulke, Nancy Rutschow and Olivia Moats.

Please pray for the following: Paul Tjoflat, Beverly England, Barb Harms, Mark Windjue, Donna Fernholz, Claire Hanson, Nancy Martinovici, Shari Peters and Mary Herness. **(If you or someone you know would like to be added or removed from this list, please contact the church office.)**

Coming Up This Week:

- Today** - Worship 9:15 AM
 Sunday School 10:15 am
- Monday** - Life & Growth Team 5:30 PM
- Tuesday** - Quilters 8:30 AM
 Pastor's Text Study 9:00 - 11:00 AM
 Church Council 7:00 PM
- Wednesday** - Bible Study 9:30 AM
 Confirmation 5:30 PM
 J Crew 6:30 PM
 Property & Finance Team 6:30 PM
 Choir 7:00 PM
- Thursday** - WELCA Christmas Party at Grace 1:30 PM
- Sunday** - Worship 9:15 AM (Sunday School program)
 Sunday School 10:15 AM
 Youth & Family meeting 10:15 AM

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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: ???