

Happy 2nd week of Advent!



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Sharing God's Love with All!

Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2016, 9:15 am

Welcome

Gathering Hymn.....*Hark, The Glad Sound!*.....#239

Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes, the Savior promised long; let ev'ry heart prepare a throne and ev'ry voice a song.

He comes the pris'ners to release, in Satan's bondage held. The gates of brass before him burst, the iron fetters yield.

He comes the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure, and with the treasures of his grace to enrich the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace, your welcome shall proclaim, and heav'n's eternal arches ring with your beloved name.

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: The Second Sunday of Advent we light the Candle of Peace, but first we remember the first candle, Candle of Hope in Christ; a Savior born to give hope that he will come again to fulfill all of God's promises to us to rule wisely and bless all the nations. Today we remember the prophets who spoke of the coming of Christ, of how

the Savior would be born; Isaiah called Christ “The Prince of Peace.” When Jesus came, he taught people the importance of being peace-makers. He said that those who make peace shall be the children of God. When Christ comes again, he will bring us everlasting peace.

(Candle is lit)

C: Peace is like a light shining in a dark place; let us be Christ’s peace in the world. Amen.

Special Hymn.....*Messiah*

Someone's shouting from the city. I am young, I am cold. Someone's shouting from the country. I am lonely, I am old. Messiah, Come and be our King. Messiah, Come and be our King.

Confession (Let us pray together)

C: Holy God, we desire our own way. We desire to forge ahead without waiting for Your guidance. We have defined peace to be our own happiness, and have forgotten that peace includes the well-being of all people, especially the poor and oppressed. Forgive us when we have sought our own way, on our own terms, and have forgotten all of Your people. Grant us the wisdom and insight to slow down, welcome the stranger into our lives, and seek out the poor and the oppressed and speak up for justice. In the name of Christ, who is coming unto us in a new way, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

P: We are welcomed because Christ welcomes us. The way has been prepared, choose to follow it. This is not to say it isn’t painful, it isn’t hard, but it is to say it is worth it. You are loved. You are blessed. You are forgiven. Go and share the Good news.

C: Amen.

****Order of Service - Page 138 in the Hymnal****

Kyrie (Each petition will end with “Let us pray to the Lord”; please respond “**Lord, have mercy**”.)

Canticle of Praise.....This is the Feast of Victory for Our God.....Page 140

Prayer of the Day

C: God of our waiting, our longing, help us to hold on to hope for Your peace to come. Help us to live into Your peace by loving our neighbors as ourselves, by seeking nonviolent resolutions, by valuing each life as a gift from You. Grant us Your peace in our lives, so that during our own struggles and challenges, we know that You are with us. Help us to be peace-bearers in our world. In the name of the Prince of Peace we pray. Amen.

Psalm.....Psalm 9:9-20

L: You, O Lord, will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in time of trouble.

C: Those who know your name will put their trust in you, for you never forsake those who seek you, O Lord.

L: Sing praise to the Lord, who dwells in Zion; proclaim to the peoples the things God has done.

C: The avenger of blood will remember them and will not forget the cry of the afflicted.

L: Be gracious to me, O Lord; see the misery I suffer from those who hate me; you that lift me up from the gates of death;

C: So that I may tell of all your praises and rejoice in your salvation in the gates of the city of Zion.

L: The nations have fallen into the pit they dug; in the snare they set, their own foot is caught.

C: The Lord is revealed in acts of justice; the wicked are trapped in the

works of their own hands.

L: The nations go down to the grave, all the peoples that forget God.

C: For the needy shall not always be forgotten, nor shall the hope of the poor be taken away.

L: Rise up, O Lord, let not mortals have the upper hand; let the nations be judged before you.

C: Put them in fear, O Lord; let the nations know they are but mortal.

Reading.....2 Samuel 11:26-12:15 - Nathan's Rebuke: "You Are the Man!"

Trials of King.....Pastor Dorothy Sandahl

Hymn of the Day.....*Thy Holy Wings*.....#613

Thy holy wings, O Savior, spread gently over me, and let me rest securely through good and ill in thee. Oh, be my strength and portion, my rock and hiding place, and let my ev'ry moment be lived within thy grace.

Oh, let me nestle near thee, within thy downy breast where I will find sweet comfort and peace within thy nest. Oh, close thy wings around me and keep me safely there, for I am but a newborn and need thy tender care.

Oh, wash me in the waters of Noah's cleansing flood. Give me a willing spirit, a heart both clean and good. Oh, take into thy keeping thy children great and small, and while we sweetly slumber, enfold us one and all.

Apostles Creed.....Page 105

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: Savior of the nations, come. Make your home here in us. Feed us with your love, that our faith shine ever new and our lives reveal your light through our actions in the world.

C: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving.....Page 144

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.....*Come To The Table*.....#481

Come to the table of mercy, prepared with the wine and the bread. All who are hungry and thirsty, come, and your souls will be fed. Come at the Lord's invitation; receive from his nail-scarred hand. Eat of the bread of salvation; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Communion Hymn 2.....*I Come With Joy*.....#482

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free, the life of Jesus to recall in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near, is in such friendship better known, alive among us here, alive among us here.

Together met, together bound by all that God has done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Communion Prayer

P: God for whom we wait, you come to us in the broken bread and the cup we share. Make us ready always to welcome Christ into our hearts, and send us forth to be your people in the world, announcing your coming among us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art, dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king; born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring. By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

Blessing

P: Go now and prepare the way of the Lord. Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, and bear fruits worthy of the Prince of Peace. Any may God grant you harmony with one another; may Christ Jesus fill you with joy and peace in believing; and may the Holy Spirit empower you and fill you with hope.

C: Amen.

P: Go in peace. Share God's love with all!

C: Thanks be to God.

Announcements

Welcome: Today we welcome Rev. Rick Hoyme, ELCA Northwest Synod of Wisconsin's bishop. Please make him feel at home here at Our Saviour's church!

Senior Choir Cantata: This year's Senior Choir Christmas Cantata, entitled I Hear the Prophet Callin' will be presented during worship on

Sunday, December 11th. Several youth and other guests will join the choir for the performance. Please come and enjoy this musical celebration. It will certainly put you in the Christmas spirit!

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!

Fundraiser: Youth and Family will be selling meat and cheese boxes for Christmas this year. If you are interesting in ordering a box, please order after church or contact Patti Zimmerman at 715-530-1350 or zimmerman@tcc.coop before December 11th.

Donations: There will be donation boxes for New Horizons shelter, TCHCC and Pajama Grandma located in the Narthex. The Mitten Tree will also be up in the Narthex to decorate with hats and mittens for the Whitehall Elementary students. 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: **Gavin Gaulke, Nancy Rutschow, Olivia Moats, Chris Foss, Verdell Helstad, and Clarice Henrickson.**

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 6:15pm

Tuesday - Quilting 8:30am
Church Council Meeting 7:00pm

Wednesday - Bible Study 9:30am
Wednesday Worship 5:30pm
Confirmation 6:00pm
JCrew 6:30pm
Senior Choir Practice 7:00pm

Sunday - Worship 9:15am
Sunday School 10:15am

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Assisting in Worship today:

Accompanist: Nancy Martinovici
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Communion Servers: Andy and
Mary Johnson

Videographer: Blake Herman