



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Sharing God's Love with All!

First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2016, 9:15 am

Praise Team/Celebration Sunday

Welcome

Gathering Hymn.....*Messiah*

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. Messiah, come and be our King.

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.

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.

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

Today is the First Sunday of Advent, in which we recall the hope we have in Christ. God told Abraham that through him all the nations of the world would be blessed, because he trusted and put his hope in God. The Old Testament spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a Savior would be born, a king in the line of King David. He would rule the world wisely

and bless all the nations. We too believe in God's promise to send Jesus again to this world to establish his kingdom upon the earth.

Special Hymn.....*Messiah*

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. Messiah, come and be our King.

Confession (Let us pray together)

C: God of all time, we confess that we have not prepared to care and love one another. We ignore our neighbors in need and fail in the labor of justice and peace. Forgive us for our self-centered ways. Grant us wisdom to welcome your light and to seek the things that will endure with Christ as the center; until Christ comes again. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

P: Arise, shine, the light of the world is in you, the light of change you wish to see in the world. Arise, shine, knowing that God has forgiven you, loves you, and restores you. Share the light for all the world to see.

C: Amen.

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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: Hope, joy, peace, and love will come, but they are not here yet.

May we actively watch and wait. May we do so, knowing that you are also waiting with us in the darkness, waiting for your light to shine through us and in our world in a new way. Amen.

Special Music.....*Night of Silence*.....Praise Team

Psalm.....Psalm 23

L: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

C: The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

L: You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

C: Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

L: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

C: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Reading.....1 Samuel 16:1-13

Shepherd to King.....Pastor Dorothy Sandahl

Hymn of the Day.....*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.

Refrain: 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. *Refrain.*

Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. *Refrain.*

Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold. Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. *Refrain.*

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come. *Refrain.*

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 Hymns.....Praise Team

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.

Sending Hymn.....*Soon and Very Soon*.....#439

Soon and very soon we are goin’ to see the King, soon and very soon we are goin’ to see the King, soon and very soon we are goin’ to see the King. Hallelujah, hallelujah, we’re goin’ to see the King!

No more cryin’ there, we are goin’ to see the King, no more cryin’ there, we are goin’ to see the King, no more cryin’ there, we are goin’ to see the King. Hallelujah, hallelujah, we’re goin’ to see the King!

No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King, no more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King, no more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King. Hallelujah, hallalujah, we're goin' to see the King!

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King, soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King, soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King. Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

Blessing

P: Go now and walk in the light of the Lord. Stay alert for the Lord is near. Pray for peace for all God's people. May God clothe you in the light of Christ; may Christ teach you his ways; and may the Holy Spirit keep you alert and prepared for the coming day of the Lord.

C: Amen.

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Announcements

Celebration Sunday: Today we celebrate all of those who have had a birthday or special occasion occur in the month of November. Thanks to all who have provided treats to share after worship. God bless!

Thanksgiving Dinner: Thank you to Mike Anhorn for donating two turkeys, Brad and Joanne Martin for donating squash and potatoes and all the many volunteers that helped Working Women put on the Community Thanksgiving Dinner this year!

WELCA Meeting: On Thursday, December 1st, join Our Saviour's WELCA for their annual Christmas party/business meeting in the Fellowship Hall

starting at 1:30pm. This will be a joint gathering with Grace Lutheran with Pastor Dorothy leading the Bible Study lesson. Please bring a small plate of treats for lunch and come enjoy some Christmas joy!

Prayer Warriors: We are looking to update the Prayer Chain list. Those people who want to remain on the calling list or anybody who would like to join please contact Barb Johnson at 715-538-2468 or onpark@tcc.coop to give her a new or updated telephone number. Thanks!

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.

Meet the Bishop: Rev. Rick Hoyme's role in the ELCA Northwest Synod of Wisconsin is to ask why and help lead the church to where Christ tells us to go. As bishop he serves as pastor to the entire synod which means creating a culture that is passionate about following Jesus. Rev. Hoyme will be joining us for worship at Our Saviour's next Sunday, December 4th, so come and make him feel welcome!

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:
John Powell, Codi Koxlien, Nicholas Powell, and Judy Haralson.

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, Nora and Lena (Engen) Hafner, Jeff Betthausen, Mary Eid Everson, Jerry Betthausen, Elaine Foss, Zachary Lambright, and Linda Schroeder.

Coming Up This Week:

Monday - Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm
Bible Study 6:15pm

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

Thursday - WELCA Christmas/Business Meeting 1:30pm

Sunday - Worship 9:15am (Bishop Rick Hoyme visiting)
Sunday School 10:15am

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Assisting in Worship today:

Accompanist: Nancy Martinovici
Ushers: Dave & Brenda Loga
Communion Servers: Barb & Kurt Johnson, Kim Christenson
Videographer: Bryce Schorbahn