

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

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Church Mission

" Bringing Christ
to the people...
...the people to Christ "

Church Slogan

Living, Loving,
Leading, and Laughing;
that's Our Saviour's
Lutheran Church

Our Ministers

The people

Our Pastor

Dr. Mark Braaten

Parish Administrator

Debbie Miller

Organist & Choir Director

Gail Hall

Member Goals

*As disciples of
our Lord, Jesus Christ,
we strive to
grow in faith
through daily prayer
and bible reading,
attending worship
services, tithing,
and serving others.*

December 21, 2014
Traditional Service
9:00 a.m.

Love



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 21, 2014 ~ WELCOME!

*It is a pleasure to worship together.
If you are a newcomer, if you have a prayer request, or both,
please fill out the yellow pew card on the back of each pew.*

PRELUDE ~ GAIL HALL

Please Stand

OPENING HYMN

OH COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL ~ LBW #45
(Verses 1-3)

WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen

P: It is time to wake from sleep. Salvation is near! Let us make confession to God.
Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Faithful God,

**C: we confess that in thought, word, and deed, we have turned away from you.
We have not eagerly expected your coming. We have been slow to serve you and
our neighbor. Restore us, God of might. Let your face shine upon us, and we shall
be saved. Amen**

P: Lay aside the works of the night; put on the Lord Jesus Christ. Strengthen your hearts, for God is with us to save us from our sins. Almighty God grant you forgiveness, keep you in the grace of Christ Jesus, and by the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with joy and hope.

C: Amen

THE GREETING

P: Beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE

(Spoken by Leader; Response by Congregation is Sung)

Please sit

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

P: We praise you, O God, for this wreath that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, open our eyes to see your presence in the lowly ones of this earth. Enlighten us with your grace that we may sing of your advent among us in the Word-made-flesh. Grant this through Christ our Lord whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

C: Amen.

Light four candles.

ADVENT HYMN ~ OH COME, OH COME, EMMANUEL ~ LBW # 34

(Verse 4)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the hindrance of our sins and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please Sit

CHILDREN'S SONG ~ AWAY IN A MANGER

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: 2 SAMUEL 7: 1-11, 16

Now when the king [David] lived in his house and the Lord had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, ² the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent." ³ And Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the Lord is with you." ⁴ But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan, ⁵ "Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus says the Lord: Would you build me a house to dwell in?' ⁶ I have not lived in a house since the day I

brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. ⁷ In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" ⁸ Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. ⁹ And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰ And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹ from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house.

¹⁶ "'And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.'"

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 89: 1-4

- ¹ Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
- ² **For I am persuaded that your love is established forever;
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**
- ³ "I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
- ⁴ **'I will establish your line forever,
and preserve your throne for all generations.'"**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 16:25-27

²⁵ Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages ²⁶ but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith — ²⁷ to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

GOSPEL: LUKE 1: 26-38

P: The Gospel according to St. Luke, the 1st Chapter.

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

Please look up the Gospel reading in your Bible.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please Sit

SERMON ~ PASTOR MARK BRAATEN ~ UNEXPECTED PLACES

Please Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING ~ LBW #60

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. 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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

A: Watchful at all times, let us pray in joyful anticipation for the advent of our God.
A brief silence.

A: Prepare all people for your coming, gracious Lord. Lead your church in paths of faithfulness as we look to you. Come to us anew in your grace and wonder. O giver of hope,

C: hear our prayer.

A: As Mary and Elizabeth and Zechariah were open to your Word and your promises, so by your Spirit open us too. Open our hearts and mind that we may receive you and live for you, shaped by your promises and your Word of Hope. O giver of hope,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We pray for peace this Advent season. We ask for your presence in all places of conflict. We ask for your protection for all who live and for all who serve in areas of war. Be at work for justice and peace. O giver of hope,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Be with those who are suffering. Care especially for those who are ill and who mourn. We remember (*especially*). Care for us all in your grace. O giver of hope,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Prepare this community of faith for your coming, gracious God. Stir us by your Spirit, fill us with your grace, open us to all that you would do. O giver of hope,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

(Please greet your fellow worshippers with the peace of our Lord.)

Please Sit

OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC ~ CHOIR

Please Stand

THE OFFERTORY ~ THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians who believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament are welcome to receive Holy Communion. All adults and children not receiving communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

GREAT THANKSGIVING ~ P. 88 LBW

- P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**
P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them up 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 and salutary . . . We praise your name and join their unending
hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ~ P. 89 LBW

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER ~ P. 91 LBW

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Please sit

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*For those who prefer, the center circle of glasses contain grape juice.
Please return your cup in the basket on the aisle.*

LAMB OF GOD ~ P. 92 LBW

COMMUNION HYMNS

REJOICE! REJOICE! BELIEVERS ~ LBW #25

ALL EARTH IF HOPEFUL ~ WOV #629

Please stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE *GLORY BE TO GOD IN HEAVEN*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER ~ P. 94 LBW

A: Let us pray:

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION ~ P. 94 LBW

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord fill you with joy and hope, as we look to His coming among us. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

OH LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM ~ LBW #41

DISMISSAL

A: The Lord be with you! Go and serve in Jesus' name.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S WORSHIP

Sunday, December 21

9:00 a.m. – Traditional Worship

11:00 – Blended Worship

Wednesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

7:00 p.m. – Worship with candlelight and a special emphasis on children

11:00 p.m. - Worship with communion and candlelight

Sunday, December 28

10:30 a.m. – One Service at 10:30 – Communion and lots of carols!

Sunday, January 4

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages

10:30 a.m. – One Combined worship service

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will not meet on Sundays Dec. 21 or 28. Classes will resume on January 4.

END OF THE YEAR FINANCES

Keep checking out the thermometer in the narthex, and keep on giving! As you know we fell behind in the summer month and early fall; we are now catching up and we are finishing the year strong! Please keep the congregation in your prayers. Pray that God will continue to bless us and pray that we all continue to be generous through the holiday season! Let's finish in the black again this year!

SUPPORT IN GRIEF FOR THOSE EXPERIENCING LOSS

We have a new group that meets on the first Monday of the month. It is for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. The group will meet on Monday morning, January 5 at 10:00 at the church. Do come and join us!

OFFERING ENVELOPES

The offering envelopes for 2015 are in the church narthex. Be sure to pick up your box with your name and number on it.

(Announcements Continued on Following Page)

LOOKING FOR CHURCH CUSTODIAN

Our church custodian, Kyle Hollenbeck, is going to be resigning his position at the end of this year. We thank Kyle for many years of wonderful and faithful service.

We are beginning the process of looking for a new custodian. It is a part-time position. Please call the church office or Pastor Mark if you are interested.

DONATE A POINSETTIA FOR THE ALTAR DECORATION

Please return this ordering form to the Office or drop it into the collection plate on Sunday; (attach \$8.00 per poinsettia)

Giver's Name _____

Number of Poinsettias _____

In Memory of:

In Honor of: _____



OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST

DECEMBER 21, 2014

MEMBERS IN NEED

Frank McManamy
M. J. Taylor
Andy Seibert

Lynda Erickson
Linda Hough
Purrington Family and Friends
Liz & Dale Boxberger

Clara Sandback
Sarah Lyles
Lois Wenger

Please remember all of our Members who are Shut-ins

Also remember Our Congregation, our remodeling and addition of space, that we will be a place of discipleship and outreach, through participation from our congregation, as God speaks to those to serve.

MISSION CONCERNS

Mike and Ruth Davis ~ Missionaries in Portugal
(Blaine Davis' parents)
West Gibe Synod of Mekane Yesus Church in
Ethiopia
Church Under the Bridge
Reverends Scott Ryll, Did Ponzo, and
Matthew Riak ~ Missionaries for the NALC

Leyla Carpenter ~ granddaughter of Tammy
Carpenter
Lexie Bull, 2 yr. old great niece of Linda Tumino
Family of David White, cousin of Sandra Hawthorne
Ken Dahl, brother of Elda Eggen
Diane Pearson, Sister of Randy Hawthorne
Kayl Skaar, Grandson of Donna and Jim Skaar

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Special prayer for guidance, encouragement and support for...

Pastor Braaten, The Church Council, Our country and its leaders, and the servicemen and servicewomen of our armed forces, our Bishop, Mission Director and General Secretary, and the National Executive Council.

Prayer requests: If you have a prayer request or concern that you would like to place on the Prayer Chain and/or on the Prayer List, please contact the church office (903-561-1865). **All prayer requests will be removed at the end of each month. Please feel most free to renew the prayer request if they are still needed.**

WORSHIP SERVERS

Lay Coordinator:	Joe Coke
Ushers:	Joe Coke & Ryan Gibbs
Reader:	Dane Smith
Communion Assistant:	Audrey Cameron
Projectionist:	Toby Fite
Council Member of the Week:	Amy Norris

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR (DECEMBER 21, 2014)
THIS WEEK'S OFFICE HOURS: MON - THUR., 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
IF YOU HAVE A NEED, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE @ 903-561-1865

SUNDAY—December 21, 2014

.Traditional Service
 Choir & Instruments Practice
 Blended Service
 High School Youth
 Clutterer's Anonymous

9:00 a.m.
 10:00 a.m.
 11:00 a.m.
 6:00 a.m.
 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY

May your heart be filled with the LOVE
 and JOY of the season and may it carry
 forward each day into our new year.

FRIDAY

No activities calendared

MONDAY

No Activities Planned

TUESDAY

Quilters

SATURDAY

Altar Guild #4

WEDNESDAY, CHRISTMAS EVE

Worship with candlelight and
 a special emphasis on children
 Worship with communion and
 candlelight

7:00 p.m.
 11:00 p.m.

SUNDAY—December 28, 2014

Combined Service
 High School Youth
 Clutterer's Anonymous

10:30 a.m.
 6:00 p.m.
 6:30 p.m.

STEWARDSHIP		DECEMBER 14 WORSHIP	
Contribution of December 14	\$ 5,171	9:00 Traditional Service	86
Month to date contribution	\$ 10,313	11:00 Blended Service	57
Budget per month	\$ 23,750	Combined Services	143
2014 Contribution	\$ 254,701	Year-to-date Average	139
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