

**Christmas Eve at 4:00 pm**  
**December 24, 2021**



FILL US ALL WITH

*Christ*

**Our Savior Lutheran Church (LCMS)**

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*Worship Services this week:*  
Christmas Eve at 4:00p & 7:00p  
Christmas Day at 9:00a  
Sundays at 9:00a

**WELCOME TO ALL** guests and visitors this evening! It is great to have you here with us to receive the gifts of God in this place. We look forward to seeing you again!

**COMMUNION:** The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is being offered to our confirmed communicants today and is administered in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. It is celebrated in the confidence that we truly receive, under the bread and wine, the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, through which we further truly receive the forgiveness of sins. Besides individually receiving Christ's gift of forgiveness in this Sacrament, all those who commune here make a confession of their unity in the faith as it is believed and taught in our Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and in this congregation. Therefore, if you are not a confirmed communicant member, in good standing, of a Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod congregation, we kindly ask that you respect our beliefs and refrain from coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament until you have had an opportunity to speak with the Pastor.

Those serving this week in December

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# Eve of the Nativity of our Lord

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING HYMN

*“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”* .....LSB 384

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### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (p. 203)

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### INTROIT

*Psalm 24:1, 3-5; antiphon: Psalm 2:6-7*

The LORD said to me,

**“You are my Son; today I have begotten you.**

As for me, I have set my King

**on Zion, my holy hill.”**

The earth is the LORD’s and the fullness thereof,

**the world and those who dwell therein.**

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?

**And who shall stand in his holy place?**

He who has clean hands and a pure heart,

**who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.**

He will receive blessing from the LORD

**and righteousness from the God of his salvation.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

The LORD said to me,

**“You are my Son; today I have begotten you.**

As for me, I have set my King

**on Zion, my holy hill.”**

**KYRIE** (p. 204) 🎵

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** (p. 204) 🎵

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY** (p. 205)

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**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Isaiah 7:10-14*

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, “Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** *1 John 4:7-16*

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN**

*“Rejoice, Rejoice This Happy Morn”*.....LSB 391

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**ALLELUIA AND VERSE** (p. 205) 

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Matthew 1:18-25*

**A** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the first chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall call his name Immanuel”

(which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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**SERMON HYMN**

*“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”* .....**LSB 359**

**SERMON** by Pastor Provost

*“Love: God Sent His Son to Us”...1 John 4:7-16*

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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## **DISTRIBUTION**

*"A Great and Might Wonder"* ..... **LSB 383**

*"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"* ..... **LSB 380**

*"O Little Town of Bethlehem"* ..... **LSB 361**

## **LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

*(Note: Please do not tip a lit candle. When lighting one from another, please hold the unlit candle at an angle, with the lit candle pointing up. Children under the age of 12 should not hold lit candles. The pastor will light his candle from the sanctuary candles, and then will light the candles carried by the ushers. The ushers will then proceed to the various rows, lighting the candle of the person sitting next to the center aisle.)*

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## **HYMN**

*"Silent Night, Holy Night"* ..... **LSB 363**

## **CANDLELIGHT PRAYER**

- P** Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,
- C** **the light no darkness can overcome.**
- P** Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,
- C** **and the day is almost over.**
- P** Let Your Light scatter the darkness
- C** **and illuminate Your Church.**
- P** Joyous light of glory;

**C** of the immortal Father, heavenly, holy, blessed Jesus Christ. We have come to the setting of the sun, and we look to the evening light. We sing to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: You are worth of being praised with pure voices forever. O Son of God, O Giver of life: The universe proclaims your glory.

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen

*(Please extinguish your candles at this time.)*

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**CLOSING HYMN**

*“Joy to the World”*..... **LSB 387**

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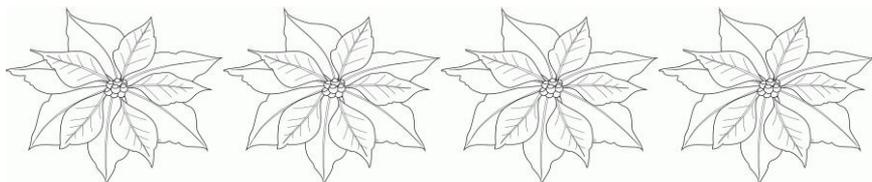
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What a Blessing.....

This year St. Nicks adopted 166 families and 407 children. Of those, the members of Our Savior adopted 20 families and 55 children. That is pretty amazing! This would not have been possible if it was

not for the financial support from you (\$4300) or from the help of the elves Gail, Raylene, Mary Anne, Julie, and Peggy. This just continues to prove God is good all the time, and all the time God is good. God's Blessing to you all this Holiday season. Mary



# Remember in your prayers.....

- † Those afflicted by the novel Coronavirus, as well as those who are fearful in this challenging time.
- † Family of Annette Sanders, sister-in-law of Carmen and Dorothy Sanders, who passed away December 16
- † Diane Breckenridge, recovering at home
- † Roger Breckenridge, residing at Park Centre with medical concerns
- † Virgil Hartz, residing at Newton Village
- † The Family of Deanna Ihde, for her 3 yr. old great-nephew, Myron, recently diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia
- † Ruth Rutter, recovering at home and making good progress
- † Pastor Jerry Doellinger, recently advised in need of a kidney transplant
- † Frank Howell, son-in-law of Sandy Koch (David), receiving treatment for brain cancer
- † Lana Corso, continuing treatment for breast cancer
- † Felicia Krizman, receiving treatment for brain cancer
- † Gary & Dee Petersen, medical concerns
- † Charlene Vesely, residing at Nelson Manor in Newton
- † The Ministry of The Pregnancy Center of Central Iowa
- † The Malaria Initiative and the end of Malaria deaths in the world

## † **Our Missionaries**

Rev. Dr. Thomas and Mary Aadland, Kenya.  
James and Angela Sharp, Uruguay.  
Carl & Chen Hsi Li Hanson, Korea.  
Phillip Magness, West & Central Africa

