

**Christmas Eve at 7:00 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

*“Once in Royal David’s City”* .....LSB 376

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### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (p. 203)

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### INTROIT

*Psalm 2:1-2, 4-6; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

When all was still, and it was midnight,  
**your almighty Word, O Lord, descended from the royal throne.**

Why do the nations rage  
**and the peoples plot in vain?**

The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together,  
**against the LORD and against his anointed.**

He who sits in the heavens laughs;  
**the Lord holds them in derision.**

Then he will speak to them in his wrath,  
**and terrify them in his fury, saying,**

“As for me, I have set my King  
**on Zion, my holy hill.”**

**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.**

When all was still, and it was midnight,  
**your almighty Word, O Lord, descended from the royal throne.**

**KYRIE** (p. 204) 🎵

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

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**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Isaiah 9:2-7*

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,  
on them has light shined.  
You have multiplied the nation;  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.  
For the yoke of his burden,  
and the staff for his shoulder,  
the rod of his oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.  
For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult  
and every garment rolled in blood  
will be burned as fuel for the fire.  
For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given;  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,  
and his name shall be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
Of the increase of his government and of peace  
there will be no end,  
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,  
to establish it and to uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time forth and forevermore.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE** *Titus 2:11-14*

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

**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** *Luke 2:1-14*

**A** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

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

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

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

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

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**SERMON HYMN**

*“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”* .....LSB 366

**SERMON** by Pastor Provost

*“Why Did Jesus Really Come?”* ...*Titus 2:11-14*

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**DISTRIBUTION**

*“Angels We Have Heard on High”* ..... LSB 368

*“From East to West”* ..... LSB 385

*“Angels from the Realms of Glory”* ..... LSB 367

**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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**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.  
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