



**THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
(CHRISTMAS EVE)
DECEMBER 24, 2023 AT 9:00 AM**

**OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
*LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD***

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Worship Service: Sundays at **8:00 a.m.**



WELCOME TO ALL guests and visitors. It is great to have you here with us to receive the gifts of God in this place. If you have any questions, please speak with an usher. 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 in December

Pastor: Rev. Joel Picard
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Elder: Jary Boger
Media: Deanna Ihde
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our young people will participate at various points during the service.

Stand

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

ENTRANCE HYMN

It Came upon the Midnight Clear **LSB 366**

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Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

[P] This is the Word of the Lord.

[C] Thanks be to God

EPISTLE READING

[P] This is the Word of the Lord.

[C] Thanks be to God

Stand

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HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 2:1-20*

[P] 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!”

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN

Angels We Have Heard on High **LSB 368**

SERMON by Pastor Picard

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OFFERING

HYMN
Go Tell It on the Mountain **LSB 388**

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Blessings and safe travel for Pastor Picard, as he leaves during the closing hymn to meet his Knoxville congregation for their 9:30a worship service.

OSL Education Opportunities:

Sunday School: Sundays @ 9:30-10:30am, leaders – *Chris & Jerry Roby*

Adult Bible Class: Sundays @ 9:30-10:30am, leader – *Doug DeJong, et al*

Wednesday Bible Study: 1-2:30pm, leader – *Pastor Picard*

OSL West (3rd Thurs of the month): 10:15-11am, leader – *Pastor Brandt*



Happy Birthday to:

12/25 Mary Bunse

12/26 Doug DeJong

12/29 Madison Parmenter

12/30 Chris Roby

This Week at Our Savior

Day	Date	Time	Description
Sunday	24	9:00a	Christmas Eve Service (with participation from our young people) Fellowship
Monday	25		MERRY CHRISTMAS
Tuesday	26		
Wednesday	27	Cancelled	No Bible Study w/ Pr. Picard
Thursday	28		
Friday	29		
Saturday	30		
Sunday	31	8:00a 9:00a 9:30a	Worship Service Fellowship Bible Study & Sunday School





2024 ---- Volunteers

The new lists are on the office door ready for "Volunteer *Sign ups*" for the upcoming year. If you specified a task and month on your stewardship form it has been filled in for you. We will begin to fill in the blanks the first week in January so if you have some preferences, please add your name.



I will be out of the office the week after Christmas -- returning January 2. Have a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year - and stay safe! Marsha

A
Holy
and Blessed
Christmas

Remember in your prayers.....

- ✝ Maxine Udelhoven, has entered hospice care
- ✝ The families of Perry Jones and Loretta Tool, for peace and comfort after the death of Perry on Dec. 6
- ✝ Melanie True, daughter of Dianne Breckenridge is continuing her recuperation at home (post leg fracture)
- ✝ Jane Chaplin (Texas), Loretta Tool's sister, suffering with Parkinson's Disease and onset of Dementia.
- ✝ Marilyn Mertz, for continuing health concerns
- ✝ Nancy Janssen, for her continuing recovery at home from foot surgery
- ✝ Stephanie Wellik, medical concerns
- ✝ Jan Vos & wife, Machele, son-in-law of Carol Twedt, recovering at home (stroke)
- ✝ Jeromy Van Baale, son of Carol Twedt, for heart and lung issues
- ✝ The Ministry of The Pregnancy Center of Central Iowa
- ✝ The suffering of those impacted and all people who continue to be impacted by the devastation of the Hamas-Israel War

Our Missionaries

James and Angela Sharp, Uruguay

Carl & Chen Hsi Li Hanson, Korea.

Phillip Magness, West & Central Africa

Rev. Philip & Deaconess Rachel Jaseph, Uruguay



*In case of hospitalization or desire for a pastor visit, please contact Pastor
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Please let Marsha know if you have an addition
or update to the Prayers for the congregation.