



Christmas Eve

OUR SAVIOR  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

# WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

## **VISION**

Burning with the Spirit of Christ in us, we are called to serve our neighbors. In following Jesus' teaching and example, we at Our Savior Lutheran Church will feed souls through worship, word, and witness while feeding our neighbor with our hands and actions.

We are honored you have chosen to worship with us today. Our Savior is a community that aspires to follow Jesus so that all may know of the love of God in Christ.

**FAMILY RESOURCES** At the sanctuary entrance there are books and clipboards with paper & crayons. Children are welcome to take these items into worship. Additionally, the family area just outside the sanctuary has full audio and a view of the service. There you will find toys, books, seating, and room to roam.

**HOLY COMMUNION** Communion is the central gathering meal of the church. In this meal Christ promises to be fully present, offering forgiveness, a renewed faith, and a regenerative life. Everyone is invited to come forward, as you are able. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

Individual servings of bread & wine (red) or juice (white) await you; gluten-free bread is available. Communion will be distributed around the communion rail. Please follow the guidance of the ushers and form two lines in the center aisle. As space at the rail is available, the right side of sanctuary fills right side of rail from back to front. The left side of sanctuary fills the left side of rail from front to back.

**WE'D LOVE TO CONNECT** If you find yourself in a time of spiritual need or you're searching for more, we would love to walk with you. Simply fill out a Connections Card and we will contact you.

**ABOUT THE LITURGICAL ARTS INSTALLATION:** *40 + 1 Drops*  
40 days of rain. 40 days in the wilderness. 40 years of wandering.  
1 drop that changed everything.

**Christmas Eve**  
Tuesday, December 24, 2024  
7:00 p.m.



**Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
745 Front Street South  
Issaquah, WA 98027  
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## HOLY COMMUNION

**GATHERING: THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD.**

**PRELUDE**

David Liu

**WELCOME**

**LITANY**

The time came for Mary to deliver her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son.

**She wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger.**

The salvation of the world in an innocent, vulnerable newborn.

**A child born for us, a child of Bethlehem, born to the powerless yet the most powerful.**

And suddenly the heavenly host break into hymns of praise.

**Glory to God in the Highest and peace to God's people on earth.**

A song for all of us as we celebrate with the angels in heaven the wonderful Good News.

**To you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, the Messiah.**

For onto us, a child is born; unto us, a Son is given.

**Glory to God indeed. Glory to God.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

ELW 283

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

*Joy to the World*

ELW 267

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

## LESSONS AND CAROLS

### **Isaiah 11:6-9: The Prophecy**

- <sup>6</sup> The wolf shall live with the lamb;  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid;  
the calf and the lion will feed together,  
and a little child shall lead them.
- <sup>7</sup> The cow and the bear shall graze;  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
- <sup>8</sup> The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
- <sup>9</sup> They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain,  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord  
as the waters cover the sea.

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (verses 1-2) ELW 257

### **Luke 2:1-7: The Birth of Jesus**

<sup>1</sup> In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup> This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup> All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup> Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup> He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup> While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup> And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place in the guest room.

*O Little Town of Bethlehem* (verses 1-2) ELW 279

### **Luke 2:8-16: The Shepherds Go to See the Savior**

<sup>8</sup> Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup> to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

<sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup> So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger.

**Luke 2:21-36: Jesus Receives His Name**

<sup>21</sup> When the eighth day came, it was time to circumcise the child, and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

<sup>22</sup> When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), <sup>24</sup> and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

<sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup> It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. <sup>27</sup> Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what was customary under the law, <sup>28</sup> Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

<sup>29</sup> “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word,

<sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation,

<sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.”

<sup>33</sup> And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be opposed <sup>35</sup> so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul, too.”

<sup>36</sup> There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup> then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup> At that moment she came and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*What Child Is This*

ELW 296



**RESPONSIVE PRAYER**

Glory to God in the highest,  
**and peace to God's people on earth.**

Blessed are you, Prince of peace.  
You rule the earth with truth and justice.  
**Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.**

Blessed are you, Son of Mary.  
You share our humanity.  
**Have mercy on the sick, the dying,  
and all who suffer this day.**

Blessed are you, Son of God.  
You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.  
**Reveal yourself to us in word and sacrament  
that we may bear your light to all the world.**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**MEAL: GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST.**

**OFFERING STATEMENT**

**OFFERING MUSIC**      Suzuki Strings: Andrea Talley, Violin; Jenny McCrorey, Violin;  
*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*      Kim Blanchard, Cello; Rafael Howell, Viola

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**PREFACE**

It is indeed right . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Love Has Come* (verse 1) ELW 292

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE WITH WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

A child has been born for us, a Son given to us.

Come, receive the gift of Jesus.

### **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION AT THE RAIL**

Please follow the guidance of the ushers and form two lines in the center aisle. As space at the rail is available, the right side of sanctuary fills right side of rail from back to front. The left side of sanctuary fills the left side of rail from front to back.

When you put down your little cup after taking communion, please pick up a candle to take with you back to your seat (to prepare for singing *Silent Night* at the end of worship).

### **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

*Love has Come* (verses 2-3) ELW 292

*Away in a Manger* ELW 277

*The First Noel* ELW 300

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* ELW 288

### **COMMUNION BLESSING**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

#### **John 1:1-5: Gospel of the Incarnation**

- <sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word  
and the Word was with God  
and the Word was God.
- <sup>2</sup> The Word was with God in the beginning.
- <sup>3</sup> Everything came into being through the Word,  
and without the Word  
nothing came into being.  
What came into being
- <sup>4</sup> through the Word was life,  
and the life was the light for all people.
- <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness doesn't extinguish the light.

*While the Gospel of the Incarnation is proclaimed, the candles are lit.*

*The candles are extinguished.*

**BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary,  
the obedience of Joseph,  
the joy of the angels,  
the eagerness of the shepherds,  
the determination of the magi,  
and the peace of the Christ child.

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

David Liu



**Serving in Worship Today**

**Presider:** Pr. Olaf Baumann  
**Preacher:** Pr. Kristin-Luana Baumann  
**Assisting Minister:** Connie F.  
**Parish Musician:** David Liu  
**Ushers:** Larry T. and Ken K.  
**Altar Guild:** Jane W.  
**Sound/Videography:** Jon S.

**Special thanks to Suzuki Strings:**

Andrea Talley, Violin; Jenny McCrorey, Violin;  
Kim Blanchard, Cello; Rafael Howell, Viola