



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS



CHURCH OF THE
SAVIOR

First Week of Advent

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023



We're so glad you're here.



At Church of the Savior, our vision is to grow in “Loving God, Loving Others, Loving Life.” We hope you sense God's presence and our warm welcome. We'd love to meet you in the foyer after the service.

--Fr. Kevin and Mtr. Karen

About Our Worship: We use an Anglican liturgy. Liturgy simply means that everyone gets to participate, so please join in as you feel comfortable.

Children's Worship: Nursery is available for children 6 months through 4 years. Children's Worship rooms are available for children Kindergarten through 2nd Grade, and 3rd to 5th Grade. You may choose to keep children with your family, and coloring pages will be available to all.

Assisted Listening or Noise Cancelling Headphones: Pick up a loop in the livestream booth (the door to the right of the fireplace in the Fireside Room). An usher can guide you there. Noise cancelling headphones are available at the info table for those who might be sensitive to noise.

Today is the First Week of Advent. For roughly the last 1,500 years, Christians have taken the four Sundays before Christmas to prepare spiritually to celebrate the birth of Christ. We call this season “Advent,” which means “Coming,” and during Advent, we anticipate the two comings of Christ. We remember the long wait for his first coming, when he came to deliver the world from sin; we also look forward to his second coming, when he will come to create a new world. During this season we pray for deliverance from our sin and for our broken world.

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PRELUDE & WELCOME

Please enjoy a few moments of silence during the prelude to prepare for worship.

THE WORD OF GOD

PROCESSIONAL

You may stand.

O Come O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel;
That mourns in lonely exile here.
until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.

O come, Desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: And blessed be his Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

All: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PRAYER FOR LIGHT

Celebrant: Our King and Savior now draws near.

All: Come let us adore him.

Celebrant: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we give you thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of the vesper light; and we implore you of your great mercy that, as you enfold us with the radiance of this light, so you would shine into our hearts the brightness of your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord is My Light

During the song, acolytes will light candles in the Advent wreath and on the altar.

*Theme I**



The Lord is my light, my light and sal-va-tion: in God I trust, in God I trust.

*Theme II**



The Lord is my light, my light and sal-va-tion: in God I trust, in God I trust.

**Both themes may be sung at the same time.*

Children from kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to follow the acolyte to Children's Worship during the next song.

Waiting Here For You

If faith can move the mountains,
let the mountains move.
We come with expectation,
waiting here for You,
waiting here for You.

You're the Lord of all creation,
and still You know my heart;
The Author of salvation,
You've loved us from the start.

*Waiting here for You, with our hands
lifted high in praise.
And it's You we adore,
singing Alleluia.*

You are ev'rything You've promised;
Your faithfulness is true.
We're desp'rate for Your presence;
All we need is You.

We will wait for You Lord,
in step with You Lord.
We will sing alleluia.
Singing: Alleluia; Alleluia,

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

ISAIAH 64:1-9

¹ Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains would tremble before you!

² As when fire sets twigs ablaze
and causes water to boil,

come down to make your name known to your enemies
and cause the nations to quake before you!

³ For when you did awesome things that we did not expect,
you came down, and the mountains trembled before you.

⁴ Since ancient times no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,

no eye has seen any God besides you,
who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.

⁵ You come to the help of those who gladly do right,
who remember your ways.

But when we continued to sin against them,
you were angry.

How then can we be saved?

⁶ All of us have become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags;

we all shrivel up like a leaf,
and like the wind our sins sweep us away.

⁷ No one calls on your name
or strives to lay hold of you;

for you have hidden your face from us
and have given us over to our sins.

⁸ Yet you, Lord, are our Father.
We are the clay, you are the potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
⁹ Do not be angry beyond measure, Lord;
do not remember our sins forever.
Oh, look on us, we pray,
for we are all your people.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18

- ¹ Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- ² In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- ³ Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- ⁴ O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?
- ⁵ You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- ⁶ You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- ⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- ¹⁶ Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- ¹⁷ And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- ¹⁸ Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

³ Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. ⁵ For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge— ⁶ God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. ⁷ Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. ⁸ He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

You may stand.



THE GOSPEL

MARK 13, SELECTIONS

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹ As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!”

² “Do you see all these great buildings?” replied Jesus. “Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down.”

³ As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴ “Tell us, when will these

things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?”

⁵ Jesus said to them: “Watch out that no one deceives you. ⁶ Many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and will deceive many.

⁹ “You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them.

¹¹ Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.

¹² “Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child. Children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. ¹³ Everyone will hate you because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.

²² For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. ²³ So be on your guard; I have told you everything ahead of time.

²⁴ “But in those days, following that distress,

“the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light;

²⁵ the stars will fall from the sky,
and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’

²⁶ “At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory.

³² “But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. ³⁴ It’s like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.

³⁵ “Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. ³⁶ If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. ³⁷ What I say to you, I say to everyone: ‘Watch!’”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

ALLELUIA

Please be seated.

THE SERMON



The End of the World: A Survival Guide

Kevin Miller
Rector

We take a few minutes of silence to reflect, pray, and listen for what God may be saying.

THE NICENE CREED

You may stand.

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

All: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor: Come, Lord Jesus. Come, light of the world!

All:

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son Chri - ste e - le - i - son
Lord have mer - cy on - us, Christ have mer - cy on - us.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please sit or kneel for a time of silence.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

At this time, parents should pick up their children from the nursery and Children's Worship.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

THE OFFERTORY

Shine On Us

Lord, let Your light,
Light of Your face shine on us.
Lord, let Your light,
Light of Your face shine on us.
That we may be saved,
That we may have life;
To find our way in the darkest night,
Let Your light shine on us.

Lord, let Your grace,
Grace from Your hand fall on us.
Lord let Your grace,
Grace from Your hand fall on us.
That we may be saved,
That we may have life;
To find our way in the darkest night,
Let Your grace fall on us.

Lord, let Your love,
Love with no end come over us.
Lord, let Your love,
Love with no end come over us.
That we may be saved
That we may have life,
To find our way in the darkest night;
Let Your love come over us,
Let Your light shine on us.

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THE DOXOLOGY

You may stand.

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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and might.

Hea - ven and earth of your glor - y are full. Ho - san - na, ho -

san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Bles - sed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. high - est. Ho - san - na, ho -

san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All:



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

Celebrant: All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ:

All: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing



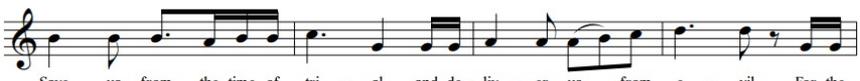
Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - low - ed be — your Name, your king - dom come, your



will — be done, on earth — as — in heav - en, Give us to - day our



dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we — for - give those who sin a - gainst us. —



Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us — from e - vil. For the



king - dom, the pow - er, and the glo - ry are yours, — now and for - ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Please join us for Communion: all who are baptized and seeking to follow Jesus are welcome. If that doesn't describe you, simply say "Blessing," or cross your arms, and the minister distributing bread will pray a short prayer for God's favor on your life. The first tray contains wine; the second contains grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you would like to receive prayer, a prayer minister is available in the foyer.

COMMUNION SONGS

Wake Awake For Night Is Flying

"Wake, awake, for night is flying,"
The watchmen on the heights are crying,
"Awake, Jerusalem, at last!"
Midnight hears the welcome voices,
And at the thrilling cry rejoices:
"Come forth, ye maidens, night is past!
The Bridegroom comes; awake,
Your lamps with gladness take;
Alleluia!
And for his marriage feast prepare,
For you must go to meet him there."

Zion hears the watchmen singing,
And all her heart with joy is springing;
She wakes, she rises from her gloom,
For her Lord comes down all glorious,
The strong in grace, in truth victorious;
Her star is ris'n, her Light is come!
Ah, come, thou blessed Lord,
O Jesus, Son of God,
Alleluia!
We follow 'til the halls we see
Where Thou hast bid us sup with Thee.

Savior Of All

You became hungry, yet, You're the Bread of Life.
You became thirsty, yet, You're the River of God.
You became lowly, yet, You're seated on high.
You became silent, yet, You're the Word of God.

*You're the Savior of all, the Word became flesh.
Emmanuel, You're God with us.
You're the Savior of all, the Word became flesh.
Emmanuel, You're God with us.*

Jesus, Jesus.

Hear Our Praises

May our homes be filled with dancing,
May our streets be filled with joy;
May injustice bow to Jesus,
As the people turn and pray.

*From the mountain to the valley,
Hear our praises rise to You;
From the heavens to the nations,
Hear our singing fill the air.*

May our light shine in the darkness,
As we walk before the cross;
May Your glory fill the whole earth,
As the water over the seas.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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Behold Our God

*Behold our God, seated on His throne.
Come, let us adore Him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare,
Come, let us adore Him!*

You will reign forever.
(Let Your glory fill the earth.)
(REPEAT)
You will reign forever.
(Let Your glory fill.)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant: May you, who rejoice in the first coming of our Savior, at his second coming be rewarded with unending life. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. Amen.

You may be seated.

RECESSIONAL

Celtic Benediction

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,
Wherever he may send you.
May he guide you through the wilderness,
Protect you through the storm.
May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you,
May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Outreach Christmas Store

We are once again excited to support the Outreach Christmas Store, a one-day event hosted by Outreach Community Ministries that allows local low-income families to purchase Christmas gifts at reduced cost. You can support the store by volunteering at the store on December 9th or in a variety of other roles preparing for the store – see the Savior website for the volunteer application.

Save the Date: Gingerbread Nativities

After worship, December 16th, we will have our annual Gingerbread Nativities. Stay for fun for all ages. Which friend could you invite to join you?

Advent Materials

This Saturday we will have Advent materials available for anyone who would like them. Please stop by the fireside room before you leave.

- Advent Devotional prepared by Pastor Sarah. The devotional focuses on the great “O” Antiphons, a set of seven ancient prayers that help us prepare for the coming of Jesus.
- Jesse Tree devotional book
- Countdown candles (suggested donation \$10)
- Advent Sticker calendars

Christmas Eve at Savior

Our Christmas Eve service (December 24, 7pm) includes children, favorite Christmas carols, and candlelight—and all in about 1 hour. A great opportunity to invite family members or friends.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Nursery & Children's Worship: We provide Nursery for children 6 months through 4 years and two Children's Worship rooms. Kindergarten through 2nd Grade may attend Young Children in Worship, and 3rd to 5th Grade may attend Following Jesus.

Youth: The youth Christmas party will be tonight right after the service. Please join us for the festivities!

UPCOMING SERVICES

Advent & Christmas at Savior

December 2, Kevin Miller, Mark 13:1-6, 9, 11-13, 22-26, 32-37

December 9, Kevin Miller, Mark 1:1-8

December 16, Kevin Miller, John 1:6-8, 19-28

December 23, Ellen Hsu, Luke 1:26-38

December 24, Kevin Miller, Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)

December 30, Sarah Lindsay, Luke 2:22-40

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Thank you for supporting this ministry of "Loving God, Loving Others, Loving Life."

This Year's Giving Goal: \$365,000

As of November 25:

Budgeted Giving Goal = \$335,366

Actual Giving = \$267,542

Over/(Under) = (\$67,824)

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