

Advent



EFFECTIVE AUGUST 2020—The worship service in which you are participating will be uploaded to the public social media accounts of Our Saviour Lutheran Church. Your image and voice may be recorded and posted online as part of that practice. Your participation in today's service is your consent to the publication of those events.

Here are some instructions that will prepare for our new way of worship. THERE ARE NEW INSTRUCTIONS HERE.

BEFORE YOU COME

Are you feeling 100%? If not, don't come.

Does your risk category make you feel uncomfortable? Do not come.

Consider taking your temperature before you come. Not normal? Do not come.

We will be worshipping. Indoors. We will be doing our best to minimize potential risks. Follow the instruction of the ushers and worship leader.

This is not our normal worship, and we will continue to maintain a casual dress code.

Service will begin at 9:30; it will likely last <45 minutes.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Perhaps most tragically, the amount of music will be necessarily reduced. There will be less liturgy, no sung liturgy, abbreviated hymnody. The choir will not be singing. Much of the liturgy will be spoken and not sung. There will be music, but there will be no singing as it brings possible concerns.

Some portions of the service will be omitted. No Kyrie, no Hymn of Praise, no Offering and Offertory.

We will have communion. Follow instructions.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF YOU

You are asked to keep your mask on for the entire service except at the moment of consuming communion elements.

You are expected to maintain proper social distancing under the direction of the usher. You will be allowed to sit with your immediate family only. You may be overwhelmed with the desire to hug your dear church family. Please resist—smile, talk, wave—please don't hug.

You are here to worship the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY! Listen intently! Respond joyfully! Pray fervently! Give generously!

OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lance Henderson, Pastor

Brent Holcomb, Organist-Choirmaster

Melodie Capole, Handbell Director

PRELUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Who made heaven and earth.

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

The assembly kneels as able. Silence is kept for reflection.

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer,

we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. For that reason we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

O most merciful God,

who has given your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy on us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will, and true obedience to your Word, that by your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The almighty and merciful God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of his Holy Spirit.

Amen.

HYMN

The assembly stands

Mediate on 2 verses
see bulletin

The assembly stands.

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.

The assembly remains standing.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

The minister prays the prayer of the day ending with these or similar words:

... one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE READING

The assembly sits.

The lesson is in the Celebrate insert. The lector ends with the words:

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

The Psalm of the day is located in the Celebrate insert. The Psalm is read responsively by whole verse.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION & LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The assembly stands and while the cantor sings the following verses of the hymn "While We Are Waiting, Come" the acolyte lights the Advent Wreath.

First Sunday of Advent verse 1

Third Sunday of Advent verse 3

Second Sunday of Advent verse 2

Fourth Sunday of Advent verses 1,2, and 3

1 While we are wait - ing, come;
2 With power and glo - ry, come;
3 Come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come;

while we are wait - ing, come.
with power and glo - ry, come.
come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come.

Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el,

while we are wait - ing, come.

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to _____, the ____ chapter.

The assembly responds boldly:

Glory to you, O Lord!

The Gospel is read. It is in the Celebrate insert.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

The assembly responds boldly:

Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

The assembly sits for the sermon.

HYMN

The assembly sits for the hymn.

Meditate on 2 verses

see bulletin insert

THE APOSTLES' CREED

The assembly stands for the Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection + of the body
and the life everlasting. Amen**

The assembly stands or kneels as able.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of power and might, tear open the heavens and come quickly to this weary world. Hear our prayers for everyone in need.

Each petition of the prayers ends with the following words and response.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer. *or* Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

The minister concludes the prayers with these or similar words.

Draw near to us, O God, and receive our prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a visual sign of peace from a socially responsible distance.

HOLY COMMUNION

The assembly stands. Please follow provided instructions for distribution of Holy Communion.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up our 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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful Father, through your our Lord Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

The bread is broken.

The assembly sits

Come to Christ, who comes to us in this holy supper.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:
The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond **Amen.**

After all have received communion, the assembly stands.
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

The assembly remains standing.

**Now, Lord you let your servant go in peace:
your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared
in the sight of every people:
a light to reveal you to the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and forever shall be,
world without end.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

The minister and the assembly pray together.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

May Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
.Amen.

HYMN

The assembly remains standing

**Meditate on 2 verses
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DISMISSAL

**Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Take your bulletin home or place directly in the trash.