

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 15th, 2024



WELCOME!

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Prelude

“White Christmas”

A Little Bit of Heaven

Welcome

Advent Candle Lighting

The Promise of Faith

Reader: Advent is a time for God’s people to reawaken their longings

All: Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning

Reader: In the darkness, we long to see the light

All: Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning

Reader: In the silence, we long for a comforting word

All: Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning

Reader: In hardship, we long for an act of love

All: Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning

Reader: In Christ, we celebrate and rejoice in the promise of joy

All: Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning

Advent Song

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Stewardship Minute

Jim Taylor

Advent Song

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VERSE

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1. Light the Ad - vent can - dle one. Now the wait - ing has be -
2. Light the Ad - vent can - dle two. Think of hum - ble shep - herds
3. Light the Ad - vent can - dle three. Think of heav'n - ly har - mo -
4. Light the Ad - vent can - dle four. Think of joy for - ev - er -
5. Light the Christ - mas can - dles now. Sing of don - key, sheep, and

8 C E7 Am F C

gun. We have start - ed on our way. Time to think of
who filled with won - der at the sight of the Child on
ny. An - gels sing - ing "Peace on Earth" at the bless - ed
more. Christ - child in a sta - ble born, gift of love that
cow. Birth - day can - dles for the King, let the "Al - le -

CHORUS

15 G7 C G7

Christ - mas day. Can - dle, can - dle, burn - ing bright, shin - ing
Christ - mas night.
Sav - ior's birth.
Christ - mas 'morn.
lu - ias" ring.

22 C E7 Am F

in the cold win - ter night. Can - dle, can - dle, burn - ing bright,

29 C G7 C

fill our hearts with Christ - mas light.

Opening Hymn

“Mary’s Boy Child”

Congregation Sing!

Prayer of the Day

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

O, Night Divine

A walk through beautiful Advent and Christmas carols including history and thoughtful, lyrical arrangements by Catherine McMichael.

Jackie Oakes, Cello and Peter Gutenberger, Piano

Join us for an afternoon program to bring comfort and joy to all during this busy holiday season. A free will offering is encouraged to benefit future concerts at Our Savior's Lutheran Church which in turn benefits the wider community!

When: December 22, 2024

Time: 3pm

Where: Our Savior's Lutheran Church ELCA

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John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.” And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Message: “The Little Drummer Boy 2.0” Kids of Our Savior’s

Hymn of the Day “Carol of the Drum” Congregation Sing!

Apostles 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

Prayers of the People

As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

Brief silence...

God who reforms, fill your church with courage to do your will. Empower your people in taking risks that bear fruit. Raise up leaders who will proclaim the good news. Lord, in your mercy.

Receive our prayer

God who creates, you hold in balance diverse ecosystems. Encourage efforts to protect wild lands from devastation. Care for animals and people in the path of destructive fires, storms, and other disasters. Lord, in your mercy.

Receive our prayer

God who leads, this world cries out for true justice. Guide legislatures, judges, and lawyers in actions steeped in love and restoration. Increase the desire to advocate for all who are confronted with discrimination and oppression based on race, gender, sexuality, class, or age. Lord, in your mercy.

Receive our prayer

God who embraces, help us notice the places where your people are hurting or sick. Show your compassion and remember your people in love. Lord, in your mercy.

Receive our prayer

Prayers cont.

God who abides, you dwell among the people of this congregation. Deepen our relationships with one another, and make us aware of the diverse talents and gifts present here. Lord, in your mercy.

Receive our prayer

God who consoles, we thank you for the time we have had with loved ones who have died. Comfort us with the promise of everlasting life in you. Lord, in your mercy.

Receive our prayer

Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Sharing the Peace

Offering

“Silent Night”

A Little Bit of Heaven

Offering Prayer

Holy One, this Advent season we wait in faith,

And we give in faith.

A faith deeper than our anxiety and fear.

A faith growing from our trust in your loving power.

Receive these generous offerings,

And use them to bring your faith to our world.

Amen.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

**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,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Communion



All Are Welcome to the Table

Distribution Music

**“Mary’s Boy Child” instrumental
A Little Bit of Heaven**

Benediction

Pastor: God of endings and beginnings, God in the darkness and the light, God, our hope for the journey, Bless and keep you now and forever.

All: Amen

Closing Hymn

“Joy to the World”

Congregation Sing!

Pastor: Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Melekeliki Maka”

A Little Bit of Heaven

Happenings at Our Saviors!

Nov 30–Dec 16 – McGuire Foundation Toy Drive Collection

Dec 22 – Praise Singers singing songs of Advent

Dec 22 – “O, Night Divine” presented by Jackie Oakes, Cello and Peter Gutenberger, piano @ 3pm A free will offering is encouraged to support future concerts.

Dec 24 – Christmas Eve 4pm (featuring special guest tenor, Alex Gmeinder) and 9pm (candlelight) services– invite your family and friends!



Christmas Eve Services, 4pm and 9pm

Merry Christmas

Serving in Worship next week, 12/22

**Usher:
Feyen Family**

**Greeter:
Dean Littlejohn**

**Communion Assistant:
Deb Fisher**

**Reader:
Meg Feyen**

**Reader * Communion
Usher * Greeter**



Anyone interested in helping or willing to learn more about what's involved should see me or contact me via email (c.emmel@hotmail.com) or via phone (414-573-6088).



Mary's Boy Child

Long time ago in Bethlehem
So the Holy Bible say
Mary's boy child, Jesus Christ
Was born on Christmas Day

(Chorus)

**Hark now hear the angels sing
A king was born today
And man will live forever more
Because of Christmas Day**

While shepherds watched their flock by night
They see a bright new shining star
They hear a choir sing a song
The music seem to come from afar

Chorus

Now Joseph and his wife Mary
Come to Bethlehem that night
They find no place to born the child
Not a single room was in sight

Chorus

By and by they find a little nook
In a stable all forlorn
And in a manger cold and ark
Mary's little boy was born

Chorus

Carol of the Drum

Come they told me, pa rum pum pum pum
Our newborn King to see, pa rum pum pum pum
Our finest gifts we bring, pa rum pum pum pum
To lay before the King, pa rum pum pum pum,
rum pum pum pum,
rum pum pum pum,
So to honor Him, pa rum pum pum pum,
when we come

Baby Jesus, pa rum pum pum pum
I am a poor boy too, pa rum pum pum pum
I have no gift to bring, pa rum pum pum pum
That's fit to give a King, pa rum pum pum pum,
rum pum pum pum,
rum pum pum pum,
Shall I play for you, pa rum pum pum pum,
on my drum?

Mary nodded, pa rum pum pum pum
The ox and lamb kept time, pa rum pum pum pum
I played my drum for Him, pa rum pum pum pum
I played my best for Him, pa rum pum pum pum,
rum pum pum pum,
rum pum pum pum,
Then He smiled at me, pa rum pum pum pum,
me and my drum.

Joy to the World

Joy to the World, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature, and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sings and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make, His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as, the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love,



TOY DRIVE



This holiday season, let's share the warmth of God's love by supporting our Free Christmas Market, which will provide gifts and essentials to **500 local children** in need. Your donations of toys, new socks and underwear (all sizes), and new blankets can make all the difference for families facing hard times. Together, we can ensure every child experiences the joy and comfort of Christmas.

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In the lobby of
Our Savior's Lutheran Church

For More Information visit:
www.themcguirefoundation.org



**Help the McGuire Foundation
Setup - Friday, December 20th
10am-2pm**

**Gifting - Saturday, December 21st
1:15pm-6:15pm**

**Elmbrook Church - Lake Country (Delafield)
Contact Megan Anderson or Jill Lesch**

