

First Sunday after Christmas
December 29, 2019



OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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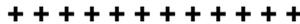
Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

We Welcome All who are worshipping with us today. All guests please fill in your complete address. Peace be with you in Christ.

Attention Visitors: Thank you for joining us in Worship today. We invite you to pick up a gift bag, found by both entrances into our church.

Communion is Served at the 7:30 AM Worship Services on the 1st & 3rd Sundays and at the Sunday 10:00 AM Service on the 2nd & 4th Sundays

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Our Savior in the belief that here God offers His very Body and Blood in the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. We are happy to welcome to the Lord's Table those who embrace this understanding of the nature of the sacrament, repent of sins, and seek to forgive and love as Christ forgives and loves us. We believe that such participation is a statement of fellowship and agreement with our church body and its teachings. As the bread and wine are distributed, white grape juice is also available in the individual cup tray for those that prefer an alternative to the red wine. If you have any questions, we ask that you talk with the pastor or one of the elders prior to the service.



HEARING ASSISTANCE: Our church is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an elder for a receiver. **Large Print Orders of Service with Hymns** are available.

YOUR CHILDREN MATTER TO GOD AND US! A cry room is available for **infants and toddlers** if needed during worship services. The cry room is located close to the front door of the church next to the sanctuary, with live streaming of the service on a TV screen. **A staffed nursery for ages 6-36 months is available during the education hour in the cry room and during the 10 am worship service in the lower level.** **Young children** can choose one "Jesus Bag" to take with them into church. Please return the bag to the narthex after worship. Children may take a **children's worship bulletin** as they enter church. The yellow bulletin is for ages 3-6 and blue is for ages 7-12.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – All children ages 2 to grade 8 are invited to join us for Sunday school from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. in our lower level. We look forward to seeing you! For more information call Marlene Rieck at (715) 891-0991.

YOUTH BIBLE CLASS – Youth (9-12th graders) are invited to our youth Bible class in our youth room located in our lower level. For more information see Anna Reineke or Brenda Husing.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Out of Egypt I Have Called My Son

December 29, 2019

AS WE GATHER

Long ago Joseph, the son of Jacob, learned to see the Lord's hand even in sorrowful circumstances. What was meant for harm, the Lord used for good. We learn to speak these words only by faith. Though the firstborn sons of Bethlehem suffered the ultimate cost because of Jesus, through Herod's atrocity the prophet's word was fulfilled. "Out of Egypt I have called My Son." Once more we are reminded that nothing can prevent God from accomplishing His purpose, especially when that purpose is redeeming us from sin and its death and bestowing upon us everlasting life. Hidden in Bethlehem's sorrow is the mercy of God. To voices crying from the pain of death come too soon, He gives the gift of life that death cannot steal. This is what Jesus is born to accomplish, and in Egypt He is kept safe for this saving work so that we and the infant sons of Bethlehem may rejoice in life stronger than death.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN "From East to West" LSB 385

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

She (Mary) will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.
Matthew 1:21

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Galatians 4:4–5*

Pastor: When the fullness of time had come,
People: **God sent forth His Son,**
Pastor: born of woman, born under the law,
People: **to redeem those who were under the law.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Holy and gracious God,
People: **I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask for Your forgiveness. Deliver me in Your mercy and restore me by Your grace that I amend my sinful life. Bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**
Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.
Pastor: May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

✘ WORD ✘

HYMN OF PRAISE “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” LSB 380

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 63:7–14* (I will recount the steadfast love of the Lord.)

⁷ I will recount the steadfast love of the Lord, the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord has granted us, and the great goodness to the house of Israel that he has granted them according to his compassion, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. ⁸ For he said, “Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely.” And he became their Savior. ⁹ In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old. ¹⁰ But they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit; therefore he turned to be their enemy, and himself fought against them. ¹¹ Then he remembered the days of old, of Moses and his people. Where is he who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of his flock? Where is he who put in the midst of them his Holy Spirit, ¹² who caused his glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses, who divided the waters before them to make for himself an everlasting name, ¹³ who led them through the depths? Like a horse in the desert, they did not stumble. ¹⁴ Like livestock that go down into the valley, the Spirit of the Lord gave them rest. So you led your people, to make for yourself a glorious name.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *Galatians 4:4–7* (When the fullness of time came, God sent His Son.)

⁴ When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 2:13–23*

(Herod murders the Holy Innocents of Bethlehem and they become the first martyrs for the sake of the Lord.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹³When [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” ¹⁴And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.” ¹⁶Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise

men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: ¹⁸"A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more." ¹⁹But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." ²¹And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. ²³And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: "He shall be called a Nazarene."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY "Now Sing We Now Rejoice!" LSB 386

SERMON "No Time Like the Present" Galatians 4:4-7

CREED *Nicene Creed* (Creed can be found on the screens and on the back cover of the hymnal.)

OFFERING "What Child is This?" (arr. Hildebrand)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition, please respond with the following:

Pastor: Lord in Your mercy,
People: **hear our prayer.**
At the end of the prayer:
People: **Amen.**

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*
People: **And also with you.**
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalms 136*
People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS LSB 208

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

THE LORD’S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI LSB 210

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“God Loves Me Dearly” LSB 392

“Angels from the Realms of Glory” LSB 367

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

People: and His mercy endures forever.

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord, our heavenly Father, You gave comfort to the families of the Holy Innocents, that even in sorrow they might know the joy of Your presence and the gift of Your Son. So deliver us from our sorrows and comfort us by Your presence and grace, that we know the fullness of Your saving joy and trust in our Lord Jesus Christ without fear; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. *Numbers 6:24–26*

People: Amen.

HYMN “Joy to the World” LSB 387

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

IN HIS SERVICE

- Elder/Helper Early – Pat Crum, Dan Scafaro
Late – Tim Kadlec, Gary Fawcett
- Ushers Early – Don & Kris Secord, Glenn Finger, Andy Ellenberger
Late – Rick & Karen Behrens, RJ Behrens, Denise Riemer
- Greeters Early – Don & Kris Secord
Late Joan Holdmann
- Readers Early – Pat Crum
Late – Rick Behrens
- Acolytes Early – Sam Gensler
Late – Addison Rottier
- Media Operators
Early –
Late – Rick Behrens
- Altar Care – Kathy Greif, Mara Rothenbach
- Nursery - Late Service –

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***THE MISSION OF OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH IS TO EQUIP AND ENCOURAGE FOLLOWERS
OF CHRIST TO SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS WITH PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND IN THE
WORLD SO THAT ALL MAY HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.***

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This week at Our Savior:

- Monday** **30**
- Tuesday** **31**
- Wednesday** **1**
- Thursday** **2** 5:45 pm Back in the Swing of Things
- Friday** **3** Office Closed
- Saturday** **4** 7:00 am Men’s Interdenominational Bible Study, ER Firestation
- Sunday** **5** 7:30 am Worship celebrating Holy Communion
8:45-9:45 Sunday School, HS Bible Study, Adult Bible Study – Nursery Available
10:00 am Worship – Nursery Available



God’s richest blessings to you on YOUR special day!

Birthdays:

29 – Carrie Holewinski **30** – Brian Voss, Chris Matthis, Lily Campbell
31 – Karla Healy, Shawn Uttech, Stewart Jackson **3** – Kathy Mortimer

Anniversaries:

29 – William & Barbara Hummel **1** – Jacob & Brenda Husing **3** – Arthur & Margo Granat



Prayers For Our Families – Without a doubt, one of the most important aspects of our relationship with the Lord our God is our prayer life with Him. We are instructed to pray without ceasing (1 Thess. 5:17), and to pray for one another (James 5:16). For we are under attack from the devil and his minions constantly, and we need the best protection we can get! At Our Savior, we are blessed to be surrounded by families whom our Lord has called to walk together in the light of Jesus. Each one of our families has good days and bad, and each one of our families deserves our prayers. Each Sunday we will be praying for members of Our Savior. Those whom we will be praying for are selected at random from our membership roster, and don't be surprised if you will be receiving a phone call from Pastor Kufahl to let you know that your family will be in our prayers this week. We encourage you to use this list in your personal, daily prayers as well. Each one of us is precious in God's sight. May our Lord open our eyes to see the gift that each family is!

Adam Alft, Joseph & Patricia Chopp, John & Jean Harth, Kirk Klein Family, Tiffany Ludwig, Jennah Ludwig, Herb & Jay Numrich, David Sauvola, Rev. William & Gail Trosien

Our Savior Email List - If you have not yet subscribed to our email list, follow the link on our website to sign up. If you are signed up and did not receive it, please check your spam folder and then make sure oursavioreagleriver@gmail.com is in your address book. Gmail users – these emails will appear in your "promotions" tab.

Disaster Relief - To help our brothers and sisters whose lives have been disrupted through the recent flooding, call 1-888-930-4438, or text LCMSDISASTERS to 41444, or mail a check to The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, PO Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861 with "Disaster Relief" written in the memo.

Purple Wristbands – Harrison (Harry) Meyers, is the grandson of Curt Gerard, Congregation Chairman of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Iron River. Harry has cystic fibrosis. Please take a wrist band (located at the Welcome Center) and pray for Harry. New drugs are currently being discovered but only for children 2-12. If you would like to donate, that is also appreciated. If you would like to donate to offset his medical expenses, please make checks payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church - Harry Meyers. Thank you, Pastor Chuck Sheffler.

2020 Offering Envelopes – Next year's offering envelopes are on the table in the narthex. Please note, we have renumbered the envelopes so please be sure to not use your new envelopes until 2020.

Watch Us On Facebook - With two weeks in the books, our live streaming is good to go! You can find us on the Our Savior Facebook page, and we hope to have a link up soon on our website. We are also in need of someone to assist in running the laptop for this opportunity. If you are interested in learning how to do this, please contact Pastor Kufahl as we are in need of your help!

Sunday School News - Our Sunday school is on break until Sunday, January 5th. Blessings on your Christmas celebrations! In our lower level hallway, check out our wonderful Christmas books and resources to use for family devotions.

Right Now Media - As you prepare for Christmas, don't forget to spend time in God's Word. Right Now Media is a video library full of Bible studies and resources for you and your family! It is free! Simply contact the church office to get signed up.