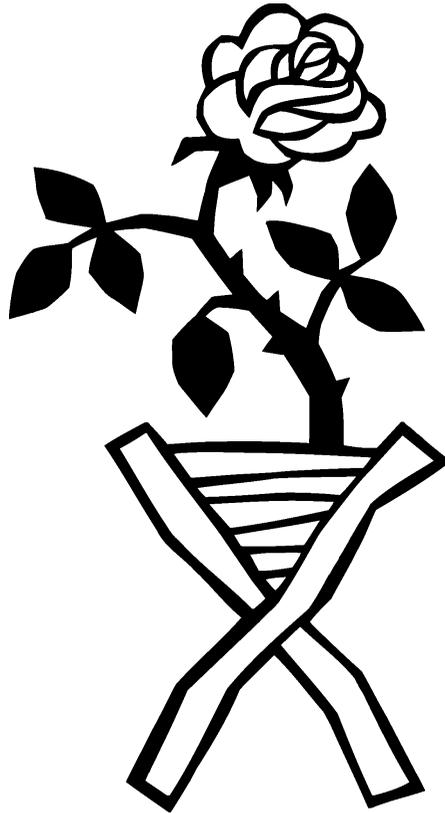


# Our Saviour's Lutheran Church



*December 30, 2018*

# About Us

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, has been firmly planted in the Phillips Community since 1912. A Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation, we celebrate our diversity of age, race, gender identities, sexual orientations, culture and citizenship.

## Welcome, Visitors!

**Welcome to all visitors and guests.** If you live here, we hope you'll consider joining. If you are here for a short time, we hope you'll feel at home. Please pick up a copy of our newsletter, *The Sentinel*, from the entry table.

**Need hearing assistance or larger print?** Please ask an usher.

**Children** are welcome to participate fully in worship. We feel strongly that children's spirituality develops through experience. In our community, children lead as ushers, musicians, readers and communion servers. We offer kid's worship folders. We expect that children will behave as children--giggles, wiggles and all. Kids (and their parents) sometimes need a break. In our reading corner in the Hospitality Center we offer books, a few toys and more. Kids and parents are invited to go in and out of the sanctuary as needed.

**Safe Church.** For the safety of all our children, we ask that children be attended at all times. Please accompany your child to the bathroom and reading corner. Copies of our Safe Church Policy are available from the church office.

## Transportation and Parking

**Parking** Handicap access is available in the small lot at the back of the church, accessed from the alley. Sunday morning we may use the Hope Academy lot (across Chicago Ave). The Phillips Eye Institute ramp on 24<sup>th</sup> Street (1/2 block west of the church) is public; the fee is \$4. Please note street parking is limited to residents only during certain hours.

**Buses.** Route 5 runs on Chicago Avenue right in front of the church. For more options, please check our website: [oursavioursmpls.org](http://oursavioursmpls.org), call Metro Transit at 612-373-3333 or visit [metrotransit.org](http://metrotransit.org).

- Hymns not printed in this worship folder are in the red *Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)* book which can be found either in front of you or under your seat.
- Hearing assistance devices, large print copies of this worship folder, and children’s worship folders are available from the ushers.
- An asterisk (\*) indicates times in worship when the congregation is invited to stand.

## Love Comes

# First Sunday of Christmas

*On the first Sunday of Christmas we find the boy Samuel and the boy Jesus, both in the temple, both growing in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and humankind. We too have returned to the house of God “to sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God,” who has gifted us with a savior. As the festival continues, “let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.” It is Christmas, still.*

## Gathering

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### Gathering Music

### Welcome

### \*Baptism

*(Please bring the bulletin insert with you as we gather at the baptismal font.)*

*We sing: Love is flowing.... from the fountain of life.*

*Peace is pouring...*

*Mercy streaming...*

## \*Greeting

The grace of the Christ child, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## \*Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God.  
**Open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**  
Amen.

# Word

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

*- Quiet reflection -*

## First Reading

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Samuel was ministering before God, a boy wearing a linen ephod.  
His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year,  
when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.  
Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say,  
“May God repay you with children by this woman  
for the gift that she made to God”;  
and then they would return to their home.

Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor  
with God and with the people.

Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading**

Colossians 3:12-17

As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved,  
clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.  
Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another,  
forgive each other; just as God has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

Above all, clothe yourselves with love,  
which binds everything together in perfect harmony.  
And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
to which indeed you were called in the one body.  
And be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly;  
teach and admonish one another in all wisdom;  
and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns,  
and spiritual songs to God.  
And whatever you do, in word or deed,  
do everything in the name of the Savior Jesus,  
giving thanks to Abba God, through Christ.

Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Come to Bethlehem and see  
him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn king.  
Glor-----ia in excelsis De-o;  
glor-----ia in excelsis De-o.

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.  
**Glory to you, O God.**

## Gospel

Luke 2:41-52  
Spark Story Bible pages 230-233

Now every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover.

And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it.

Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found Jesus in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard Jesus were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this?"

Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety."

Jesus said to them, "Why were you searching for me?"

Did you not know that I must be in my Abba's house?"

But they did not understand what he said to them.

Then Jesus went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them.

His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

This is the Good News.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Children's Sermon

*After the children's sermon, children may go with their teacher to children's church. Or, families may decide to keep children in worship. We love all ages in worship and leave it to the families to decide.*

## Sermon

\*Hymn of the Day

*“Love Has Come”*

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\*Prayers of the People

*(Each petition will conclude with, “Gracious God, in your mercy” and the congregation responds, “you hear our prayer.”)*

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

# Meal

\*Peace      *(The people greet each other: “Peace be with you.”)*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**Gathering our Gifts**

*All present, even those who contribute through automatic payments, are invited to lay hands upon the collection plate symbolizing their contributions.*

## \*Offertory

### *“The First Noel”*

The first Noel the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep  
on a cold winter’s night that was so deep.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the Promise of Israel.

As we bring gifts, like ancient kings,  
our acts of peace are offerings.  
So, as we honor Jesus’ birth,  
we pledge to care for all the earth.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the Promise of Israel.

## \*Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

God with us: You came as a baby to a manger.

You slept on straw and greeted shepherds. You come again in bread and wine.

**Remind us how good you are at blessing ordinary things.**

**And then, through these gifts, help us to bless the lives of others  
in the strength of your holy name. Amen.**

## \*The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

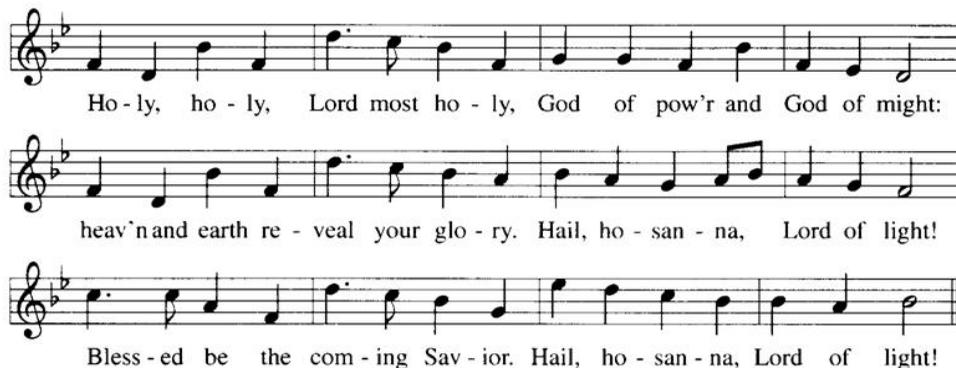
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy—

## \*Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord most ho - ly, God of pow'r and God of might:  
heav'n and earth re - veal your glo - ry. Hail, ho - san - na, Lord of light!  
Bless - ed be the com - ing Sav - ior. Hail, ho - san - na, Lord of light!

## \*Eucharistic Proclamation and Prayer

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We look with hope for his coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

One God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## \*Lord's Prayer

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

**Our Mother, 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

### Distribution

*All are welcome at the table. After you have received the bread, you may dip it into one of the cups: the dark liquid is wine, the light liquid is grape juice. Or, you may eat the bread and then drink from the last cup which is a common cup of wine. A gluten free wafer is also available. Those who do not yet commune may come forward for a blessing.*

<i>“What Child Is This”</i>	<b>#296</b>
<i>“Your Little Ones, Dear Lord”</i>	<b>#286</b>
<i>“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”</i>	<b>#282</b>

### \*Blessing

### \*Prayer

### \*Post Communion Canticle

Down in a lonely manger  
the humble Christ was born;  
and God sent us salvation  
that blessed Christmas morn.  
Go tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and ev’rywhere;  
go tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born!

# Sending

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## Announcements

\*Sending Song

*“Joy To the World”*

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\*Dismissal

Glory to God in the highest!

**Peace to God’s people on earth!**

Go in peace. Love comes!

**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



# Tonight's Worship

Ministers:	The Members of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
Presiding:	Laurie Eaton
Preaching:	Laurie Eaton
Assisting:	Dorea Ruggles
Reading:	Iman Mefleh
Accompanist:	Catherine Preus
Cantor:	Liza Johnson
Altar Guild:	Glenda Elder, Lucy Selander and Mary Svang
Hospitality December:	Jeanne Asp and Kim Smith

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## Announcements

### **Mission of the Month: Helping Hand Fund**

In the early church, we are told in the Book of Acts, believers pooled all of their resources and shared them among their community, "each according to their need." While this is no longer a typical practice in churches today, we do make a special effort to help out those within our congregation in times of particular financial need or challenge. It is a relatively rare occurrence, but sometimes members find themselves temporarily unable to meet basic needs, due to unemployment, or health issues, or some other circumstance. In those cases, we want to demonstrate our love and support in concrete ways, and the Helping Hand fund helps us to do just that. Contributions are anonymous, as are requests for assistance, and Pastor Laurie facilitates the process of providing aid. If you are able to make a contribution to this fund, please use the envelopes provided and indicate "Helping Hand Fund" on the envelope and in the memo line on your check. You may never know how much you have blessed another member's life, and lifted their burden. Thank you, on their behalf.

## **150th Anniversary Year Calendar**

In honor of the 150th Anniversary of Our Saviour's in Dec 2019, we are putting together a 2019 calendar with pictures from the past and present. Calendars will be available before the end of December and will be \$15. This will also be a fundraiser for the Anniversary to help offset the cost of the banner we are getting for the outside of the building. Sign up at church so we have an idea of how many to order.

## **ISIAAH Legislative Action Launch**

ISIAAH is preparing to lead a movement for radical civic inclusion, a caring economy and climate justice across Minnesota. Join other OSLC members and become a moral protagonist in this story. Meet with Governor Walz and legislative leadership to imagine how we can align our strategies to make real progress in 2019.

**What:** ISIAAH Membership Convention and Legislative Launch

**When:** Saturday, January 19, 2019, 11:00am-4:00pm

**Where:** Minneapolis Convention Center

## **Congregational Picture prints available**

Pick up your 4x6 print at the greeters table at church until they are gone, or in the church office during the week. 5x7 prints are now available. If you ordered one, please pick one up at church. There will be a container to collect coins to pay for those – they were .69 – drop in your spare change to cover the cost.

## **Save the Date**

Come into the warm kitchen on a cold January Saturday morning and help with Communion Bread Baking. Saturday morning, January 12, 2019, from 9am-11am. Our Saviour's Kitchen.

## **Holden Village Summer Trip – Register by TODAY if possible**

If you would like to be part of the OSLC Holden Village group trip (July 12-18) this summer, please fill out a registration form and give a deposit of \$50. You can put the form and deposit in Pastor Martha's box in the church office. We hope to know who is going by 12/30 because we need to submit a contract back to the village by 12/31. There are still plenty of spots for our group! If you are curious or need more information, please contact Pastor Martha ([martha@oursavioursmples.org](mailto:martha@oursavioursmples.org)).



# **This week at Our Saviour's**

Sunday, December 30, 2018	9 – 10am 10 – 10:30am 10:30	Education for All Ages- Christmas Caroling Hospitality (HC) <b>Worship (S)</b>
Monday, December 31, 2018	All day	OFFICES CLOSE
Tuesday, January 1, 2019	All day	OFFICE CLOSED New Year's Day
Wednesday, January 2, 2019	10:15 – 12pm 7:30 – 8:30pm	Bible Study (CR) Choir practice (S)
Thursday, January 3, 2019	7:30 – 9:30am	Women's Breakfast at The Birchwood Cafe
Friday, January 4, 2019	7 – 8am	Men's Breakfast at Butter BakeryCafe
Sunday, January 6, 2019	9 – 10am 10 – 10:30am 10:30	Education for All Ages Hospitality (HC) <b>Worship (S)</b>

## **Electronic & Online Giving Options**

**TEXT:** 612-503-5971

**QR Code**

**APP:** GivePlus





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*Our Saviour's Lutheran Church is a dynamic community,  
centered in Christ, called, nurtured and sent –  
to celebrate, serve and do justice.*

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