



OUR SAVIOR'S  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Festive

Planting Faith ~ Nurturing Hope ~ Sharing God's Love

**Christmas Day**  
Thursday, December 25 ~ 10:00am



Our Savior's Lutheran Church (ELCA) \* 909 West 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57105  
Ministers: Pastor Michael Stadtmueller, Pastor Timothy Lemme, Interim Pastor Greg Johnson  
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+ indicates to stand if able

## GATHERING

**Prelude** – “I Heard the Bells On Christmas Day,” Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, John Baptiste Calkin; arr. Mark Taylor

### Welcome and Call to Worship

**Gathering Song** - ELW, No. 289, “Angels We Have Heard on High”

### +Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, <sup>☩</sup> one God,  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty Savior, Prince of Peace.

**Amen.**

Trusting in God’s steadfast love and faithfulness, let us confess our sin.

Reconciling God,  
**we yearn for your presence to transform  
our grief, pain, and despair.**  
**We confess that we have not always prepared  
room in our hearts for your love;**  
**we have not always recognized  
your presence among us;**  
**we have not always embraced your message of peace.**  
**We cry out, weary with the burden of violence,  
oppression, and fear.**  
**We confess our failure to make room  
for those seeking refuge;**  
**our participation in violent systems  
that harm your innocent ones;**  
**our reluctance to embody your good news.**  
**Be born in us today  
and teach us to sing the joyful song of your salvation.**  
**Amen.**

God’s grace upon grace flows over you.  
<sup>☩</sup> Christ’s presence redeems the whole creation.  
Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad!  
**Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

## **WORD**

**Anthem** – “A Child Is Born,” Joel Raney

**Reading** – Isaiah 52:7-10

The holy gospel according to St. John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**+Gospel Reading** - John 1:1-14

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Christmas Homily**

**+Hymn of the Day** - ELW, No. 267, “Joy to the World,” *sts. 1, 2, 4*

**+Prayers of Intercession**

## **MEAL**

### **Offering**

**Offering Song** - “What Child Is This?” arr. Andy Clark

### **Offering Prayer**

**+Holy Communion**

**+Preface**

**+Dialogue**

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.**

### **+Words of Institution**

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

### **+Lord's Prayer**

**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**

**Communion Hymn - ELW, No. 277 "Away in a Manger"**

### **Prayer after Communion**

**SENDING**

## **Blessing**

The God of love,  
Father, <sup>☩</sup> Son, and Holy Spirit,  
lavish you with grace,  
illumine your path,  
and increase your joy,  
today and always.

**Amen.**

**+Singing Hymn** - ELW, No. 290, “Go Tell It on the Mountain”

## **+Singing**

Go in peace. Christ is Born!

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** - “It Came upon a Midnight Clear,” arr. Mark Taylor

## **WORSHIP LEADERS**

Preaching and Presiding Minister: Pastor Michael Stadtmueller

Organ: Christopher Larson

Cantor: Our Savior’s Choir

Bass: Denny Gale

Percussion: Gene Levasseur

Reader: Lynda Lee

Media: Josh Matzner

Sound: Jake Lemme