



## *Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Worship Resources*

*Week of December 4<sup>th</sup> - December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022*

**Our Purpose:** *Celebrate, cultivate and share God's love.*

**Our Values:** *Welcoming, Compassion, Serving, Respect.*

### **Announcements**

**WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY:** We will be worshipping **IN-PERSON** and via live-stream on **BOTH Facebook and YouTube**. On Sunday at 10:30am tune in to <https://www.facebook.com/oursavioursarlington> or <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkurr6FCzoyHjmcDQmHOlqw>

**If you worship online and would like to receive communion, please contact Pastor John at [pastor@arlingtonwachurch.org](mailto:pastor@arlingtonwachurch.org) or (360)435-8921 to set up a visit.**

**Christmas Baskets** – There will be a list in the gym of the children's wishes as well as food donations. You can pick gifts from the list and take the tag as a reminder of what you have chosen or we are more than happy to do the shopping and wrapping. We are happy to shop for you if you'd prefer to make a monetary donation. Any questions, or if you'd like to help please contact Ellen, Jan, or Jennifer.

**Advent Soup Suppers & worship** will be held on the Wednesday evenings of December 7<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup>. The Soup suppers will be held from 6:00-6:45p.m. All are invited to attend these simple and casual dinners. The Holden Evening worship service will be held from 7:00-7:30p.m. Plan to attend this time of food, fellowship, and worship. If you would like to provide soup or bread, please see the sign-up sheet that is on the bulletin board in the hallway to the Gym. Thank you.

**Christmas Cards:** We will have Christmas Cards available to sign from the congregation for our house bound members that are not able to attend worship service. We will have them available during coffee hour after worship service on December 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Learning Luke Sundays** - Become acquainted with a greater breadth of Luke's story and gain a fuller experience of the power of the Gospel truth in one another's lives. Join Pastor John Sunday mornings at 9:30am in the classroom. This week's topic is "Sinners and Saints" Luke 18:18-19:47 and next week's will be "An unholy Alliance" Luke 20:1-22:13.

**Josephine Christmas Gift Giving Tree:** This year Josephine is inviting you to consider two ways to share the spirit of Christmas with our 175 residents. Gift offering: A bundle gift consisting of 1) a throw blanket; 2) a neck pillow; and 3) a pair of non-skid socks. And/or Musical offering: weekday and weekend openings between Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> – Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> are available to provide live music for our residents. For more questions and information contact Shannon Terpak at (360) 629-2126. Thank you for your continued support of Josephine's residents.

The tree is in the entryway. We ask that you return your gift to Our Saviour's, no later than Monday, December 12th. Josephine asks that gifts be placed in gift bags (not boxes) with the tag attached to the handle. Thank you in advance for your generosity! May this be one way together we share the love of our church. If you have questions, please contact the church office 360-435-8921. Peace be with you.

**Worship Assistants needed!!**—if you have been looking to deepen your faith walk, there are many ways to serve. Please sign up today for the following: Communion Assistants, Lector, and A/V booth. The sign-up sheets are in the entryway. You can also call the church office. Thanks to those who have signed-up.

**OSYM** (Our Saviour's Youth Ministry) **Sundays** meet weekly on Sundays at 9:30a.m. Children are invited to come enjoy Bible lessons, fun games and service projects. OSYM Sundays is open to all children ages Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Questions, contact the church office 360-435-8921.

**North Snohomish County Outreach (NSCO) Laundry Project:** One of the outreach projects that Our Saviour's Lutheran Church participates in is the Laundry Dinner Project coordinated by the North Snohomish County Outreach organization. Our teams of 3-4 volunteers create Grab and Go sack meals once a month. The team delivers the meals to the laundromat on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. These meals are distributed to the folks who gather at the local laundromat. Once a week they have the opportunity to wash/dry one large load of laundry for free. NSCO teams on site provide information about available social services, personal hygiene products and cold weather items. If you feel called to be involved, contact the church office 360-435-8921.

**Outreach To The Vulnerable Team:** How can we help with those who need shelter, warmth and food? By providing food items such as canned meat, peanut butter, energy bars, or other non-perishable items that take little or no preparation. As winter approaches warm clothing such as gently used blankets, winter coats, gloves, knit hats, beanies, etc. will be needed. You can drop off these items at church from 9am to 2pm Monday to Thursday and I will take them to the Arlington Community Resource Center. For questions or more suggestions on how you can help please call the church office 360-435-8921. Thank you.

**Arlington Community Resource Center-**Right now, our immediate need is blankets. The weather turned so quickly this year, and the ACRC is now completely out of blankets. If you know anyone that would like to donate new or gently used blankets, please send them our way! Other cold weather needs are Hot Hands hand warmers, hats, gloves, and socks.

**Cocoon House:** Open your heart and home to a youth needing a safe, temporary place to stay!

Cocoon House Host Home Program is inviting community members(families and individuals) in Snohomish County to host a young person 12-17, facing homelessness for a short stay of up to 3 weeks. By opening your home and providing support and encouragement, you can make a significant difference to a teen going through an uncertain time in their life. Cocoon House staff will provide focused support for the youth during their time in a host home and ensure each host home has what they need as well, including training, 24/7 support and a stipend to offset costs. You can email [hosthomes@cocoonhouse.org](mailto:hosthomes@cocoonhouse.org) or call/text 425-539-1359 for more information.



**CONNECTIONS**



**HOST HOMES**

The Connections Host Homes Program is a short-term housing option for youth who are at risk of or experiencing homelessness. The goal of a volunteer host home is to provide a safe and welcoming space for up to 21 days while Connections staff work with the youth on basic needs, family reunification, and case management. Host homes receive ongoing support from the Connections program coordinator and a small stipend is available to help offset the costs of hosting. If you live in Snohomish County and want to make an immediate impact in a youth's life, please consider becoming a Connections Host Home!

Use this QR code to read Host Homes FAQ



Email [hosthomes@cocoonhouse.org](mailto:hosthomes@cocoonhouse.org) or call 425-737-5419 for more information

**About worship today** – the worship service is projected on the video screens.

\* *The assembly stands.*

## **Advent 2: “Sacred People”**

**We Gather**

**Welcome**

### **Reflecting the Sacred**

*The shiny additions to our Advent and Christmas visuals remind us that we are called to reflect the sacred each and every day. “Incarnation” is a word that means that God’s presence came to dwell among all people, and we believe this happened in a special way in the birth of Jesus. All creation has always been imbued with the Creator’s brilliance. This season, we will remember the call to shine with this holy light.*

### **Crossing the Threshold**

*P:* In our Advent series this year, we are slowing things down at the beginning of our worship. ....As you are ready, I invite you to stand in body or spirit and face the back as the Light of Love comes into our midst.

**Lighting of the Second Advent Candle**

**See Monitor**

**Theme Song:**

*“Reflecting the Sacred”*

**See Monitor**

**Hymn**

*People, Look East*

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### **Confession and Assurance**

Maker and Lover of all, forgive us when we are too preoccupied, self-involved, or worried to notice your presence in our lives...when we fail to stop and reside in peace with you in our depths.

**All: Open us, O God, free us to reflect the sacred. Touch us with your presence, we pray in your Holy Name: Christ, Anointed One. Amen.**

*P:* Hear this good news:

God is with us in our distress and in our faltering.

God is always and already closing the gaps we create.

You are forgiven and freed. You are not alone.

**All: You are forgiven and freed. You are not alone. Glory to God! Amen.**

### **Refracting the Sacred**

*As light passes through a medium, it can be redirected in ways that make its brilliance more visible, as in a prism. As we encounter the message today, we see the world and our own lives and loved ones in a different light, one that invites us to know more deeply the sacred nature of all things.*

**Time for Children**

## Scripture Readings

*L: When we look through the lens of the sacred, we prepare our senses to recognize ... We are inspired this week to see our own walk upon this earth as part of the call to be sacred people who usher in the presence of love.*

### First Reading: Romans 15:4-13

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the ancestors and that the gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the gentiles  
and sing praises to your name”;  
and again he says,

“Rejoice, O gentiles, with his people”;  
and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you gentiles,  
and let all the peoples praise him”;  
and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,  
the one who rises to rule the gentiles;  
in him the gentiles shall hope.”

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

### Choir Anthem

*“Joy of Longing Hearts”*

Words by Charles Wesley, Arranged by Mary McDonald

### Second Reading: Matthew 3:1-12

In those days, John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord;  
make his paths straight.’ ”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, and do not presume 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; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Pastor: “The Gospel of our Lord”

**Gospel Response: “Praise to you, O Christ”**

## Sermon

### Refilling the Sacred

*We are wells of the sacred. God's presence is poured into creation in a never-ending flow of love. We enter a time of prayer that invites us to be refilled in ways that can help us pour out our love throughout the week. All we must do in this moment is open our hearts to the Holy One.*

*sing*

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
his name is called Emmanuel.  
God with us, revealed in us,  
his name is called Emmanuel.**

**See Monitor**

### The Prayers of the People

...God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of our longing...gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children.

*spoken*

**Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,  
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise.**

*sing*

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
his name is called Emmanuel  
God with us, revealed in us,  
his name is called Emmanuel.**

**Giving of Tithes and Offerings** - *for those who give electronically, thank you for your offering already given.  
Offering basket is located at Church Sanctuary entrance.*

### \*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God all creatures here below  
Praise God all heavens and the earth  
reflecting the sacred story.**

**This, this is Christ the One  
who mirrors love for all of us.  
Haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the Word of time eternal.**

### \*Offering Prayer

## **\*The Prayers of Intercession**

P: ...Lord, in your mercy

**A: Receive our prayer.**

As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

*A brief silence.*

God, you renew the church in every age. We give thanks for hymn writers and theologians. Inspire teachers, writers, and musicians to delight and instruct your people. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

You give us a vision of creation in harmony, when hurting and destruction will be no more. Teach us to be stewards of the earth and companions to its creatures. Restore to balance and wholeness what human greed has harmed. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

You defend the cause of all who are poor and oppressed. Raise up leaders who will govern with equity and serve the common good. Guide judges, lawmakers, and public officials to protect the rights of those who cannot advocate for themselves. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

You deliver those in need from suffering and fear. Come to the aid of any who are exploited or abused, especially children, elders, and victims of human trafficking. Provide safety and help to our neighbors without shelter, refugees, and those fleeing violence, especially in Ukraine . God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

You urge your people to welcome one another as you have welcomed us. Nurture ministries of hospitality and care in this and every congregation (*local examples may be named*). We pray for people who are homebound, hospitalized, or separated from loved ones (*especially*). God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*For what else do the people of God pray? We will take a few moments to pray silently, and/or offer prayers in the chat box for those who are online*

You embrace all who have died trusting in your promises, and we give thanks for their faithful witness. Sustain us in hope until we are united with them in the joy of your eternal presence. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray.

**Amen.**

## Prayers of Concern and Thanks

**God of Resurrection you are our source of life and hope.** We give thanks for your gifts of love and life; inspire us to be your hands and voice in your world; grant us courage to joyfully share your Good News. **We pray for our world, nation, and local communities.** We hold in prayer those who have contracted the COVID-19 virus, and the families of those who have died. We pray for medical workers, care providers, and first responders. We lift up those who feel anxious and worried. We pray for all the world's refugees and for peace in Ukraine.

Adult caregivers caring for loved ones

Alan Boatman - diagnosed with Lymphoma, responding well to the treatment, Please pray for continued good response to treatment and for his family. (friend of Vickie & Bob Campbell)

Bradán Breon - cleft palate surgery is scheduled for Friday, the 2nd of December at Dornbecker's Children's Hospital in Portland. Please pray for success and an 'easy' recovery. (grandson of Laurie Breon)

Debbie Wold -Continuing to battle kidney and liver cancer, under new treatment protocol. Please continue to keep in your prayers. (friend of Robin Barker)

Diana Breon - health challenges

Donna Larson - prayers for healing

Dot Rambat - recovering from medical procedure

Douglas Prindle - suffered concussion from skiing accident (son-in-law of Dennis Heaton)

Ellen Winter - health challenges

Frank Gonzales - recovery from kidney transplant

Jessica Knoepfle - please keep her in your prayers as she continues to battle her cancer (daughter-in-law of Howard & Sharon Knoepfle)

Laurie Breon - recovering from knee surgery

Leslie Faxon - is continuing with Keytruda treatments and doing well. (friend of Ruth Gonzales)

Lincoln Crone - Thank you for prayers of healing. Lincoln is mending well and is now allowed to do PT.

Margaret Larson - health challenges

Michael Larson - continuing prayers during chemotherapy for liver cancer (brother-in-law of Susan Maxwell)

Patti Vincent - liver cancer, undergoing more treatment, continued prayers please (Liz & Steve Moore son's mother-in-law)

Rebekah - prayers of healing and strength & comfort for her family (friend of Schraan family)

Ron Gierhan - health challenges

Ryan Blacker - Battling very serious health issues (nephew of Toni Forsman)

Those serving in uniform.

Condolences to the family and friends of Lyle Hanson (brother of Elaine Lilgreen)

## **Great Thanksgiving**

### **\*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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Praise God, Praise God of pow'r and might, Praise God whose presence shines through our night. Praise God of glory, hosannas sing, reflecting the sacred story.**

**This, this is Christ the One who mirrors love for all of us. Haste, haste to bring him laud, the Word of time eternal.**

### **Words of Institution**

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

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is 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**

**Communion Song**

*Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*

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**Distribution of The Meal**

- All are welcome to receive a blessing especially infants, younger children, those not yet baptized of any age, or those inquiring about the Christian faith.
- We trust that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine.
- Those who are baptized and have undergone formal training and preparation are invited to the Lord’s Supper.
- Red Wine is in the individual cups, White Grape juice is located in the center of the serving tray.
- For questions or to undergo preparation please see the pastor.

**\*Communion Prayer and Blessing**

**Announcements**

**Reframing the Sacred**

*We too often think that something “sacred” is far away and not available to us. This Advent season, we are “reframing” the way we recognize the sacred reflected all around and through us. As we prepare to move into the world, we begin to reframe our view of the world and our circumstances, illuminating new ways of being the Christ (Anointed One), tangibly present.*

**Anointed to Sacred Time at Home**

Each morning as you look in the mirror while getting ready for your day, consider anointing yourself as you remember that you are a reflection of the sacred. If you live with others and they are comfortable with it, take one point during the week to anoint one another and to celebrate the ways that you reflect the sacred to each other. And –this is the harder one–whenever you encounter someone that you just cannot yet see their reflection as sacred– either in person or in the news, or other situation–just take a moment in your imagination to envision the anointing, or the emanating light like in our opening contemplative time, to cover them and pray a little prayer for Christ to open a way to get through them and open your eyes to see them in a different way eventually.

**\* Sending Song**

*On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry*

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**Benediction**

**Postlude**

**All are invited to the Gym for coffee and conversation.**



**Our Saviour's Lutheran  
Church Childcare and  
Preschool**

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**Our Saviour's  
Office Hours**

**Monday-Thursday  
9:00am - 3:00pm**

**Friday  
by appointment**

**Ministers:** All the baptized. We live out our ministry in our daily lives and in the Church.

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**This Week at Our Saviour's  
December 5<sup>th</sup> - December 11<sup>th</sup>**

Monday		
Tuesday	1pm-4pm	ACRC
Wednesday	6:00pm 7:00pm	Advent Soup Supper Worship
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday	9:30am 9:30am <b>10:30am</b> 11:45am 4:00pm	Learning Luke- Adult Class OSYM Sundays for Kids <b>Worship In-Person and Online via Facebook &amp; YouTube</b> Coffee & Conversation Basketball 10