



*Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
Worship Resources*

Week of November 27th - December 3rd, 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 or (360)435-8921 to set up a visit.

Advent Soup Suppers & worship will be held on the Wednesday evenings of November 30th December 7th, and 14th. The Soup suppers will be held from 6:00-6:45p.m. All are invited to attend these simple and casual dinners. The Advent evening worship service will be held from 7:00-7:30p.m. The Holden Evening worship service will, again, be used this year. 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.

Reader Board - We are looking for volunteers to periodically update the wording on the reader board. Please contact the church office if you are interested. Thank you.

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 "Looking for Signs" Luke 16:1-18:17 and next week's will be "Sinners and Saints" Luke 18:18-19:47.

Thanksgiving baskets were delivered to five families. Thank you to all those who provided items for the baskets! Thanks to all who contributed!! **Ellen Winter, Jen Ess & Jan Hopson.**

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. 14th – Jan. 1st 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 at 360-435-8921.

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 hallway in the Gathering Center. 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 5th grade. Questions, contact the church office at 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 at 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 at 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.



*****We are looking for a disco ball to borrow**, approximate 16 inches in diameter, but will consider other sizes. If you have one please contact the church office or Pastor John. Thanks!

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

* *The assembly stands.*

Advent 1: “Sacred Time”

Reflecting the Sacred

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: This year as we approach Christmas, what if we saw the presence of the holy in all that has been....As you are ready, I invite you to stand in body or spirit and face the back as the Light of Hope comes into our midst.

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

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Theme Song:

“Reflecting the Sacred”

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Hymn

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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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.

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.

Time for Children

Scripture Readings

L: The busy-ness of the holiday season can overrun the sense of the sacred. The irony is that setting apart time for connection...the gift of sacred time with God, with each other, and with those in need of hope.

First Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Make sure that you don't get so absorbed and exhausted in taking care of all your day-by-day obligations that you lose track of the time and doze off, oblivious to God. The night is about over, dawn is about to break. Be up and awake to what God is doing! God is putting the finishing touches on the salvation work he began when we first believed. We can't afford to waste a minute, must not squander these precious daylight hours in frivolity and indulgence, in sleeping around and dissipation, in bickering and grabbing everything in sight. Get out of bed and get dressed! Don't loiter and linger, waiting until the very last minute. Dress yourselves in Christ, and be up and about!

Choir Anthem

"The World Awaits Your Coming" - by Pepper Choplin

Second Reading: Matthew 24: 36-44

But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

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.**

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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

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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 hope for all of us.
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
the Word of time eternal.**

***Offering Prayer**

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***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 of all, your children everywhere cry out for mercy. Awaken the global church to the urgent needs of our time. Break down barriers of culture and custom and unite people of all faiths in your redemptive and healing work. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of wonder, the earth's beauty and abundance is your gift. Teach us your ways of sharing resources and caring for life. Guard fragile habitats, preserve the wild places, and protect endangered plants and animals. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of peace, you judge the nations. Beat our weapons into tools for serving the neighbor. Strengthen the resolve of all who work for an end to war. We pray for lasting peace in the land of Jesus' birth (*other places of conflict may be named*). God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of lovingkindness, you desire fullness of life for everyone. Fill those who hunger. Comfort the grieving and attend to those near death. Bring help and hope to any who are sick or needing your care (*especially*). God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of community, especially Faith Lutheran-Lakewood and Bethlem Lutheran Marysville, you are present when we gather in your name. Guide congregations in transition or conflict (*especially*). Give wisdom to congregational councils, call committees, and ministry leaders. Keep us alert to unexpected opportunities for mission. 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

God of promise, your goodness is everlasting. We give thanks for the lives of the faithful who now rest in you. We trust that you will bring us into the company of all the saints with rejoicing. 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.

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.

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 hope 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

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!

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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

Christ" means "anointed one." Anointing with oil has long been a sacred sign of holiness. The Christ is reflected in and through all things, including Sacred Time. This week, you are invited to take a bit of oil or lotion and touch it to your forehead or the back of your hand one time each day when you set aside some Sacred Time for awe and wonder. Perhaps it will be each morning as you get ready and you stop for a moment and say a prayer of gratitude. Perhaps it will be during a time of devotional reading or journaling. Perhaps it will be in your car before you head home on your commute from work. Or perhaps you will do this with your family just before bedtime. The way you set aside time is up to you. Repeating the same time frame each day is helpful to establish a rhythm. The anointing is a physical way to help us remember that we are One with Christ, the Anointed, and with each other and all of creation.

*** Sending Song**

Rise, O Sun of Righteousness

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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.

Pastor	John Schraan	Email: pastor@arlingtonwachurch.org Office Hours: Tue & Thu 12pm-1pm
Office Manager	Tammy DeWard	Email: office@arlingtonwachurch.org

**This Week at Our Saviour's
November 21st - November 27th**

Monday		
Tuesday	1pm-4pm	ACRC
Wednesday		
Thursday		Thanksgiving Day --Office Closed--
Friday		Office Closed
Saturday		
Sunday	9:30am	Learning Luke- Adult Class
	9:30am	OSYM Sundays for Kids
	10:30am	Worship In-Person and Online via Facebook & YouTube
	11:45am	Coffee & Conversation
	4:00pm	Basketball