

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

JANUARY 3, 2021

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 a.m.

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WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

**GATHERING SONG HYMN #289: ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH**

Angels we have heard on high,  
sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply,  
echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain

Gloria in excelsis Deo;  
gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see  
him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn king. Refrain

Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, The Crown of Jesus Music, 1864

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
Silence is kept for reflection.

**Faithful God, have mercy on us.  
We confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.  
We turn from your loving embrace  
and go our own ways.  
We pass judgment on one another  
before examining ourselves.  
We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.  
We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.  
Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,  
and turn us again to life in you  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,  
and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own.  
Hear the truth that God proclaims:  
Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.  
Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness  
to do God's work in the world. **Amen.**

#### **GREETING**

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-14**

**Psalms: Psalm 147:12-20**

**Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14**

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia.

**Gospel: John 1:[1-9] 10-18**

#### **SERMON**

**PASTOR JAYSON NICHOLSON**

## SONG OF THE DAY HYMN #726: LIGHT DAWNS ON A WEARY WORLD

Light dawns on a weary world  
when eyes begin to see  
all people's dignity.  
Light dawns on a weary world:  
the promised day of justice comes.

### Refrain

The trees shall clap their hands;  
the dry lands, gush with springs;  
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!  
We shall go out in joy,  
and be led forth in peace,  
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

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## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.\* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. **Amen**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### PEACE

☞ The peace of the Lord be with you always. ☞ **And also with you.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

- P** The Lord be with you.                      **C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.                      **C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
- P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER

### LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Benediction

**SENDING SONG #288: GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICE**

Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
give ye heed to what we say:  
Jesus Christ is born today;  
ox and ass before him bow,  
and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today!  
Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye need not fear the grave;  
Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all  
to gain the everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save!  
Christ was born to save!

Text: Medieval Latin carol; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866

**DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**G** Thanks be to God.

**Announcements**

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>01/05</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Silver Crowns</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>01/10</b>	<b>09:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Education Hour</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>01/10</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday Worship</b>

- Until further notice, to follow state guidelines we ask that if you would like to attend church in person to please make sure you're wearing a face mask in all settings. Social distancing guidelines still apply.
- Please share with other members that have not been attending but would like to stream the services, you can stream worship services every Sunday by visiting [oursaviorslaurel.org/live](https://oursaviorslaurel.org/live)
- It just keeps getting easier, if you would like to give to Our Savior's you can simply text give to 855-964-5321
- Anyone that has reports for the Annual Meeting please turn these into the office by January 5th.
- The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 17th following worship service. Streaming via zoom will be available, details to come!