

Our Savior's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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December 24th, 2025

Service of The Word 5:00 PM



Christmas Eve

Welcome to Our Savior's on this holy Christmas Eve. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Light of the world, may this candlelit night fill your hearts with peace, hope, and joy. Merry Christmas.

Prelude

“He is Born” Praise Ringers

Welcome/Announcements

Advent Candle Lighting

Advent Candle Lighting: The Promise of Arrival



Reader: Advent is a time for God's people to reawaken their longings

All: Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!

Reader: Tonight, we long to worship the newborn king

All: Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!

Reader: Tonight, we long to hear the good news proclaimed by the angels.

All: Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!

Reader: Tonight, we long to receive the promise foretold

All: Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!

“Christmas Medley” Praise Singers and Congregation

“O Come, Let us Adore Him”

O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord

We'll give him all the glory.
We'll give him all the glory.
We'll give him all the glory, Christ the Lord.

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

V1 Hark! The herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King!

V2 Christ by highest heav'n adored, Christ the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel,
Hark! The herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King!

V3 Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the songs of earth, born to give them second birth,
Hark! The herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King!

O Come, let us adore him; O come let us adore him
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Prayers of the People

Response: **Hear our prayer**

Prayer of the Day

All: Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn of Prayer

"Away in a Manger" #277 Red V 1 & 3

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: **Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
Whose steadfast love is everlasting.**

All: **Amen**

Pastor: **Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. God-with-us...**

All: We confess that we have turned away those seeking shelter, claiming there is no room when we have plenty. We have made power and wealth our idols, while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger. We have overlooked the shepherds, expecting good news in prettier packaging. Too often, we have valued violence instead of your peace. Turn us from our ways to your ways. Grant us the grace to begin again. Free us from all that keeps us bound, and forgive our sin, through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us. Amen.

Pastor: **Hear the good news and rejoice! You are God's chosen ones,
Holy and beloved, forgiven in Christ, and freed to respond in joy.**

All: **Amen.**

Luke 2:1-20

The Birth of Jesus

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place in the guest room.

The Shepherds and the Angels

Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

**"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"**

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them, and Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told them.

Sermon/Discussion - Pastor Casey

Hymn of the Day

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" #279 Red V1 & 2

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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 life everlasting.
Amen.

Peace - Sharing the Peace

Offering

"The First Noel"

Praise Ringers

Offering Hymn

"Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming" #272 **Red** V1 & 2

Verse 1 in German - Alex Gmeinder

Congregation join V1 in English

Communion - All are welcome to the table.

Words of Institution



The Lord's Prayer
Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in 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,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

Distribution Music

"O Holy Night"

Alex Gmeinder

Benediction

Pastor: God of endings and beginnings, God in the darkness and the light, God, our hope for the journey, Bless and keep you now and forever.

All: Amen

Closing Hymn

“Peace, Peace w/Silent Night” Praise Singers with Congregation
Light candles while the choir sings Peace, Peace

Verse One

Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin, mother and child
Holy infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Verse Two

Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
heav’nly hosts sing alleluia
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born

Verse Three

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love’s pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

Dismissal

Pastor Casey, “Go in peace, share the good news.”
ALL: “Thanks be to God.”

Postlude



Christmas Poinsettias

The following poinsettias have been given in honor or memory of loved ones:

Matt and Meg Feyen – In memory of Audi Feyen and family, who have passed

Suzanne Timmer – In memory of her husband, Bill Timmer

Tony and Christa Mollgaard – In memory of Tony's sister

Susan and John Weiss – In memory of their parents and in honor of their children and grandchildren

Sue Rechagl – In memory of Bill and Helen Anderson

The Zeller Family – In honor of their loved ones

Dean Littlejohn

Scott and Lisa Dettmann – In honor of Dana, Joe, Bryan, Teresa, Max, and Angela

Scott and Lisa Dettmann – In honor of Heidi, Rob, Karl, Dave, and Rachel

Scott and Lisa Dettmann – In memory of Helen, Leo, Beverly, and Karl

Whether you are a long-time member or visiting for the first time, you are welcome here. May this Christmas Eve service bring you peace, hope, and joy.



New members are invited to join in Sunday worship, adult Bible studies and faith groups, coffee and fellowship after worship, vibrant music programs: choir, handbells, and instrumental music, worship support ministries, community outreach and service projects, prayer and care ministries, and church committees and volunteer opportunities. There's a place for you here at Our Savior's.

Serving in Worship

December 24th, 2025

Two Communion Stations

Reader: Scott Dettmann

Communion Assistance: Lori Zeller, Tim Rice, Dave Christman

Ushers: Tony and Christa Mollgaard, Jim Tremaine, and Peter Jensen

Greeter: Lori Zeller

Intinction/Cleanup: Carol Emmel

Today

December 28th, 2025

Reader: Lori Zeller

Communion Assistance: TBA

Usher: Deb Fisher

Greeter: Diana DuFresne

Intinction/Cleanup: Mary Kay Carroll

Music: A Little Bit of Heaven



Luke 2:1-20

The Birth of Jesus

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 Joseph
 Messiah
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 Shepherds

Augustus
 Census
 Firstborn
 Manger
 Nazareth
 Quirinius
 Syria

Bethlehem
 David
 Glory
 Mary
 Peace
 Savior

Connect | Christmas Eve

We're glad you're here this holy night. If you're visiting or would like to learn more about Our Savior's, our leadership team would love to connect with you.

2025 Leadership Team

Past President: Jeff Hand

President-Elect: Matt Feyen

Treasurer: Lori Zeller

Secretary: Megan Anderson

Members at Large: Scott Dettmann, Tom Carroll,

John Weiss

Pastor Casey

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The Leadership Team is seeking new members to join us in shaping the decisions, future growth, and redevelopment of our church as we continue discerning how God is calling Our Savior's to serve our community. We invite each of you to pray and reflect on how your gifts, time, and talents might support this important work.

If you are interested or have questions, please reach out to any Leadership Team member or to Pastor Casey. We would love to have you be part of the team!

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