

# Welcome to All Saints Lutheran Church

*Our mission is....*

*"to bring people the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ."*

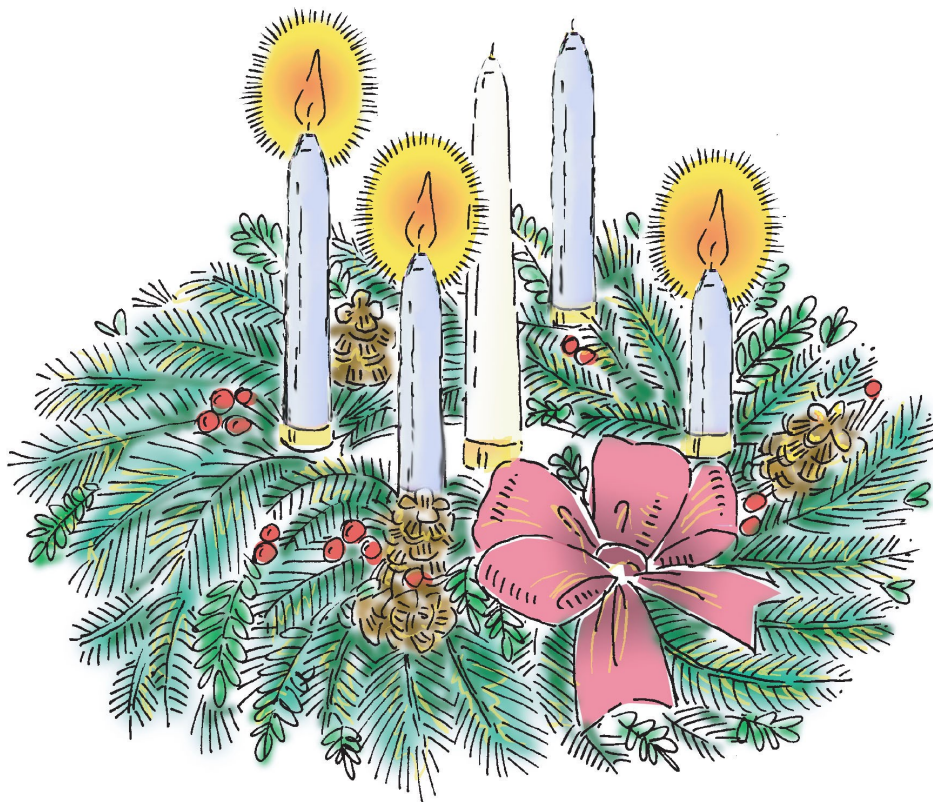
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## **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

### **December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

### **9:00am † 11:00am**

*Third Sunday of Advent*



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The nursery is open for care of children 6 months to 3 years old during the 9am service.  
Busy Bags are available in the sanctuary for children attending service.

*Members, Friends & Guests please sign the burgundy welcome pad and pass it to those sitting next to you. When all have signed please pass it back and welcome guests after worship.*

**First time guests please fill out a Welcome Card and place in the offering plate.**

*\* (Denotes when congregation is invited to stand.)*

**(BOLD PRINT: ALL will respond.)**

## GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\* GATHERING HYMN: # 249**

**ON JORDAN'S BANK THE BAPTIST'S CRY**

**On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh.  
awake and harken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!**

**Then cleansed be every life from sin; make straight the way for God within,  
and let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.**

**We hail you as our Savior, Lord, our refuge and our great reward;  
without your grace we waste away like flow'rs that wither and decay.**

**Stretch forth your hand, our health restore, and make us rise to fall no more;  
oh let your face upon us shine and fill the world with love divine.**

**All praise to you, eternal Son, whose advent has our freedom won,  
whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Spirit, evermore.**

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749. Music: European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621. UBP OneLicense.Net #A-707486

**\* PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. **Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## THE WORD

LESSON

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN # 253**

**HE CAME DOWN**  
VERSES 1 & 2

**He came down that we may have love . . . (3 times)  
Hallelujah forevermore.**

**He came down that we may have light . . . (3 times)  
Hallelujah forevermore.**

THE ADVENT WREATH

Praise to you, O God, who holds our joy and sorrow. You bring water to parched ground and life out of death. Bless us as this light grows, and send sorrow and sighing to flee away. Give us strength and patience, trusting that you are true to your promises. Transform the lives of all who suffer with your wonders near at hand. **Amen.**

**\* HYMN # 253**

**HE CAME DOWN**  
VERSES 3 & 4

**He came down that we may have peace . . . (3 times)**  
**Hallelujah forevermore.**

**He came down that we may have joy . . . (3 times)**  
**Hallelujah forevermore.**

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**\* HOLY GOSPEL**

**LUKE 3:7-18**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The Gospel is read.*

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**YOUR GENTLENESS**  
**PASTOR DAN HOEGER**

**\* HYMN OF THE DAY: # 242**

**AWAKE! AWAKE, AND GREET THE NEW MORN**

**Awake! Awake and greet the new morn, for angels herald its dawning.**  
**sing out your joy, for soon he is born, behold! The Child of our longing.**

**Come as a baby weak and poor, to bring all hearts together,**  
**He opens wide the heavenly door, and lives now inside us forever.**

**To us, to all in sorrow and fear, Emmanuel comes a-singing,**  
**His humble song is quiet and near, yet fills the earth with its ringing.**  
**Music to heal the broken soul and hymns of loving-kindness,**  
**the thunder of his anthems roll to shatter all hatred and blindness.**

**In deepest night Christ's coming shall be, when all the world is despairing,**  
**as morning light so quiet and free, so warm and gentle and caring.**  
**One without voice breaks forth in song, a lame one leaps in wonder,**  
**the weak are raised above the strong, and weapons are broken asunder.**

**Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night, though cold the winter and cheerless,**  
**the rising sun shall crown you with light, be strong and loving and fearless;**  
**Love be our song and love our prayer, and love, our endless story,**  
**may God fill every day we share, and bring us at last into glory.**

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**\* THE APOSTLES' CREED**

People of God, what do you believe?

**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.**

**\* SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Hear us, O God . . .



**THE MEAL**

**OFFERING**

We now gather an offering to support our mission of bringing people the Good News of God's love in Jesus Christ.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SINGERS (9AM)

LOOK TO THE LIGHT

**\* RESPONSE HYMN: # 248**

**PEOPLE, LOOK EAST!**

VERSES 1 & 4

**People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look east and sing today: Love, the Guest, is on the way.  
Angels announce with shouts of mirth him who brings new life to earth.  
Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.  
People look east, and sing today: Love, the Lord is on the way.**

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**\* OFFERING PRAYER**

Creator God, you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us. We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with this food, that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**\* GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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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 God thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes again. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*(p. 190)* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory,  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
“This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

**\* LORD’S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

*(sing)* **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.**

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION: ALL ARE WELCOME

*The bread is gluten free, and grape juice is available.*



**LAMB OF GOD**

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**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, Lamb of God.**

**HYMN # 487**

WHAT FEAST OF LOVE

**What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come from heaven?**

**What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given?**

**This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven.**

**Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!**

**What light of truth is offered here, what covenant from heaven?**

**What hope of everlasting life, what wondrous word is given?**

**This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heaven.**

**Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is given!**

**What wine of love is offered here, what crimson drink from heaven?**

**What stream of everlasting life, what precious blood is given?**

**This, this is Christ the king, the sweetest wine of heaven.**

**Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is given!**

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**HYMN # 247**

COME NOW, O PRINCE OF PEACE

**Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one body.**

**Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.**

**Come now, O God of love, make us one body.**

**Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.**

**Come now and set us free, O God, our Savior.**

**Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.**

**Come, Hope of unity, make us one body.**

**Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.**

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**\* TABLE BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

Generous God, we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation. We thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace. We thank you for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world. Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in your name. **Amen.**

## **THE SENDING**

**\* BENEDICTION**

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. **Amen.**

**\* SENDING HYMN: # 298**

**THE BELLS OF CHRISTMAS**

VERSES 1-4

**The bells of Christmas chime once more; the heav'nly guest is at the door.  
He comes to earthly dwellings still with new year gifts of peace, good will.**

**This world, though wide and far outspread, could scarcely find for you a bed.  
Your cradle was a manger stall, no pearl nor silk nor kingly hall.**

**Now let us go with quiet mind, the swaddled babe with shepherds find,  
to gaze on him who gladdens them, the loveliest flow'r of Jesse's stem.**

**Oh, join with me in gladness sing, to keep our Christmas with our king,  
until our song, from loving souls, like rushing mighty water rolls.**

Text: Nikolai Grundtvig, 1783-1872, tr. C..P. Krauth, 1823-1883. Music: C.N. Balle, 1806-1855.

**\* DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel, God with us.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TALK OR PRAY WITH A STEPHEN MINISTER AFTER WORSHIP,  
LOOK FOR THEM ON CAMPUS. (THEY WEAR A BLUE NAME BADGE)**

**ETERNAL LIGHT: PAM ABBOTT  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF HER BROTHER, TODD STONER**



**Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

**3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm & 9:00pm**



**ALL services with Holy Communion,  
carol singing, candlelight, and  
beautiful vocal  
and instrumental music.**

**Nursery care available at the  
3pm, 5pm, and 7pm services.**

**The Sanctuary Choir will sing at  
the 5pm and 7pm services.**

## Nutcracker Sweets Bake Sale

**TODAY** the Culinary Team  
is selling sweets at both  
entrances to the Sanctuary.  
They have cookies, bars,  
rum balls,  
pumpkin logs,  
breads etc.

**This year they  
also have  
treats for your  
pets!**



## All Youth Holiday Party

for Grades 6 thru 12 TODAY December 15<sup>th</sup>

6:00pm – 8:30pm

Fun, Food, and Fellowship  
White Elephant Gift Exchange

Contact Donald Wade for more information.



## Mission Support Relief Offering



**Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Benefits: Vida Nueva  
Lutheran Church**

**Check out their latest newsletter  
by scanning the QR code.**

## Sign-Up to be a Worship Volunteer

**Dates through February 2025**

**now available!**

Trained volunteers can now visit  
[allsaintsphoenix.org/volunteer](https://allsaintsphoenix.org/volunteer) to  
sign-up as a worship volunteer.  
Please contact the office with any  
questions or to schedule training.



## Upcoming Ways to Get Involved

We are currently looking for nominees to join the church  
Council, the Endowment Committee and to represent All Saints  
at the 2025 Synod Assembly in Las Vegas, NV.

Interested? Do you want to nominate a fellow member?  
Or do you want to know more about council before deciding?  
Please contact the church office at 602-866-9191  
for more information.

**YOUTH MUSICIANS:  
Play Carols as Prelude  
on Christmas Eve!**

To sign up call the  
office at 602-866-9191.  
The deadline to sign up is  
TODAY December 15<sup>th</sup>.

# 2024 All Saints Angel Tree

ALL Angel gifts are due back TODAY

Today is also "Controlled Chaos" immediately following the 11:00 service. Pat Dilk aka your All Saints Angel Tree Lady needs lots of helpers.



Delivery Day is tomorrow, Monday December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am. We start at the church. Many vehicles are needed of all sizes to get these deliveries to our agencies. We are usually done by 9:30am.

## All Saints' Festival of Carols

Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00am & 11:00am

Be sure to attend this annual All Saints favorite, an inspiring Advent/Christmas "celebration in song." Presented by All Saints' Sanctuary Choir, Bell Choir, Instrumentalists, and a Professional String Quartet. Please invite others to come and experience the wonder of Christ's Incarnation.

## Sponsor a Poinsettia to Decorate the Altar at Christmas

Help decorate our altar and sponsor a poinsettia in memory of a loved one, honoring a special someone or to the Glory of God.

**The deadline is TODAY Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**Stop by the church office to place your order.**



## What Do Stephen Ministers Do? Expressing Christ's Care for Others

Stephen Ministers bring distinctively Christian care to those in need. They express Christ's care for others by listening and comforting, calling on their training and employing the tools of faith.

**If this description interests you, consider joining our next training class starting January 23, 2025.**

To register contact Leaders:

Scott Hagen, Diane Lensch, Tammy Follensbee,  
Pastor Dan or the church office to learn more.

## Advent Around the Fire

**Join us for our last  
Wednesday gathering  
December 18<sup>th</sup>  
6:00pm - 7:30pm**

Includes dinner, devotions,  
faith activities, and s'mores.



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