



January 1, 2023
Name of Jesus
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
1655 Main St.
Newington, CT 06111

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please prepare yourself for worship

PRELUDE

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Please stand as able. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity + The Creator and source off all that is, The Redeemer Who comes to reconcile us, and the Spirit who sustains and empowers us.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

C Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,

C We confess that though we are called by name as yours, we miss your presence often distracted by lesser things in our lives. We distort the image of God in which we are made with our self-centeredness, by the awful ways we often treat others, and the lack of care we often demonstrate both to those close to us and those whose names we do not know. Though we know better, we continue through individual and corporate practices, to destroy this beautiful and fragile environment-the air, the water, the animals, all of which we depend upon for our survival and the survival of those who come after us. Forgive us and empower us to be Christs to family members and our neighbors near and in distant lands. Empower us to be faithful stewards with all of the gifts of creation.

P The God of all creation and the redeemer Christ has shown incomprehensible love to us and through Jesus the Christ forgives us of all we have done against neighbor and creation. You have been empowered through Christ to be free of your limitations resulting from sin. You have been free to be co-creators with God and to be Christ's body in the world to be about hope, restoration, and reconciliation in a broken world. May you be strengthened to that end by the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Gathering Hymn:

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

ELW #283

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Holy and loving one known by many names; Yaweh, Elohim, El Shaddai, Allah who now blesses us through the incarnate one Yeshua or Jesus, help us to be attentive to how we have been called and blessed by you so as not to miss your messages to us and the opportunities you place before us.

C Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMONETTE

FIRST LESSON IN SONG

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

ELW #270

SECOND READING: Galatians 4:4-7

L A reading from Galatians.

⁴When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand as able.

"What Child Is This"

ELW #296

GOSPEL: Luke 2:15-21

P The holy gospel according to Luke.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

P ¹⁵When 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." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

²¹After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Hymn of the Day:
Please stand as able.

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

ELW #279

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 INTERCESSION

☩ As we celebrate the coming of God in our time and history, let us pray for a world that is in need of his presence and healing.

A brief silence.

☩ Holy one, source of all life beginning and end, We pray for your one church on earth here and throughout the world. May it be united, be enriched, and strengthened to be the message it proclaims. We pray for all pastors and leaders especially our presiding bishop Elizabeth Eaton and our synod bishop James Hazelwood. God in your mercy,

☩ hear our prayer.

☩ We pray for our nation which is divided and politically polarized and tribalized. We pray for clarity of how and the will to do what is right for the common good and for the seeking of justice and world peace. God, in your mercy,

☩ hear our prayer.

☩ We pray for our world that is broken by war, hunger, hate, misuse of nature. We pray particularly for the people of Ukraine who have been so severely victimized by war. May we, as your people, seek to do all we can do to set things right, to be your hands and feet, to be your comforters, healers, and voices of hope and Love. God in your mercy,

☩ hear our prayer.

☩ We pray for this congregation of Our Savior's Lutheran Church. May we pay attention to where you are leading us. Help us to grow in faithfulness and numbers, that we may effectively serve you in this community. God in your mercy,

☩ hear our prayer.

☩ We pray for all in this community of faith, especially those who are in need of assurances, who are afflicted with illness, physical, mental, and spiritual. We pray for those without work and those who find it difficult to overcome their addictions, compulsions, broken hearts, separation, and loneliness. We name in particular the following: Sarah W., Shirley, Joyce and family, Esther, Gail, Colleen, Bev, Doug, Gene, Lee, Pat B., Candy, Noreen, Elaine, Carolyn, Alice, our homebound members: Sue, Marguerite, Lynn, and Holly and also for those we now name (call out the names of those you pray for). God in your mercy,

☩ hear our prayer.

☩ We pray for veterans and for those currently serving in our armed forces, including Lt. Laurin Smith Teegarden. We also pray for all others who professionally seek peace and the well-being

of others in our city, state, and nation, and our world - diplomats, elected leaders, social workers, teachers, first responders, and medical professionals, and therapists. God in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For what else shall we pray? (*pause for individual petitions from the congregation*) God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P 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.

C Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING *ushers come forward.*

OFFERTORY

"In the Bleak Midwinter"

ELW #297

OFFERING PRAYER *Please stand as able.*

P Holy one, we bring before you our gifts of money, our time, our talents, our hearts and our lives for your service. May we use all that we have to serve you through Jesus the Christ, the incarnate one.

C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our duty and joy that at all times and places we give thanks to you, Holy and Blessed One. You have come into our world as flesh and blood to suffer our existence, to free us from our sin and bring us to a new future, and so we celebrate you with the angels and all the saints in this time and all time.

Sing response

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

ELW #275

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy one, you are the source of all that is. In this season we remember that you have come into our world and our history as one of us through Jesus of Nazareth. Through your suffering, death, and resurrection, you bring us new life and ultimate hope.

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 "this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of

me. Again after supper, he took the cup and said: "This cup is the new promise in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me"

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

☩ Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.

☩ Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
Come among us.
Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.

☩ Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High,
one God, now and forever.

☩ Amen.

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, forever and ever. Amen.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

☩ Come to the table and know that through the bread and wine of this meal, Christ is mysteriously, and physically present to us.

☩ Amen.

Come forward for communion or blessing.

Communion Hymns:

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"
"Silent Night, Holy Night"
"Away in a Manger"

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING *Please stand as able.*

P Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior keep you in his peace now and forever.

C Amen.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Holy and blessed one, we thank you for sharing your life with us. May we go forth from this place strengthened in faith and with renewed determination to be your people in the world and a blessing to all.

C Amen.

THE BLESSING

P May the Holy One bless you and keep you. May the face of God shine on you with Grace and Mercy. May God look upon you with favor and + Peace.

C Amen.

Sending Hymn:

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

ELW #290

THE DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Year to Date (YTD) General Fund Income vs. Expense – Period Ending (PE) November 30, 2022

Actual Pledge Income Received YTD	\$58,820.00	\$58,820.00
Anticipated Budgeted Pledge Receipts YTD	(\$70,531.20)	
Actual Pledge Shortfall YTD	(\$11,711.20)	
Total General Fund Income YTD, including Other Income (Hall rental, loose offerings, fellowship, special donations, Grant, holiday offerings, St. Pauly Textile, United Way, etc).		<u>\$10,234.30</u>
Total YTD General Fund Income		\$69,054.30
Total YTD General Fund Expenses		(\$88,165.15)
YTD Loss		(\$19,110.85)

For Your Information

Welcome and Thank You!

We are so happy to have Pastor Darrell Urban here joining us and leading us in worship today. Thank you to David Marottolo for being our organist.

Save the Date!

The Epiphany Pageant will take place on January 8th. We are looking for volunteers to be shepherds, sheep, angels and kings. During the service, we will have the 2023 Church Council Installation.

A message from Pat Bourret

I can't believe Christmas is almost here and my cards will be late, as I am just getting ready to put them in the mail! I think of the wonderful people at Our Savior's often, and send my wishes for a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year for you, and your friends and families.

Newington Food Pantry/ Newington Human Services – ministry support

1 in 8 children, and 1 in 15 seniors face hunger. The Newington food pantry helps close this gap in food insecurity. We are collecting nonperishable food items especially beef stew and window cleaner, along with hygiene and household products. There is a list of suggested donations in the Narthex.

Clothing Shed – ministry support

Are your shelves and closets bursting at the seams? Donating your excess clothing to the St Pauly shed is a win-win for the environment, people in need, and the church. OSLC **receives funding** for donated clothing and we help keep clothing out of landfills! Accepted items: clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets, towels, sheets, curtains, pillowcases, and stuffed animals. Let your friends and neighbors know about this meaningful project.

'We Can' for Calumet – ministry support

Tired of returning those empty cans and bottles? Bring them here or contact Jan Levett OSLC is collecting bottles & cans for Calumet. Help support this great cause.

Next week

We are looking forward to having Pastor Joe McGarry leading us in worship.

Worship Assistants and Contacts

We could use help with worship assistants, please see the clipboard at the back of the church.

Organist: David Marottolo

Assisting Minister: Robin Aldieri

Lector: Becky Francolino

Altar Guild: Pat Mahoney

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