

WELCOME TO WORSHIP  
DECEMBER 07, 2025  
OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 A.M.  
<http://oursaviorslaurel.org/live>  
Text GIVE to 855-964-5321 to give electronically

**\*Lighting of the Advent Wreath- #253: He Came Down, 2<sup>nd</sup> verse**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure.  
**Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Long-expected God,  
**we confess that we look to ourselves  
for the peace and security only you can provide.  
We reach for swords and spears,  
reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war.  
We become impatient while waiting  
and weary of keeping awake.  
Free us from self-reliance,  
and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors.  
Increase our trust in God's timing,  
and awaken us to your advent among us,  
that we may abound in the hope you have promised.  
Amen.**

Hear the good news:  
God judges us not as we deserve,  
but according to God's own righteousness.  
☩ You are freed and forgiven,

saved by grace,  
and ready to welcome the Savior.  
**Amen.**

### **Gathering Song Hymn #254: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus**

#### **GREETING**

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.**

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

**Kyrie: ACS #12**

**Hymn of Praise ACS #12**

**First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10**

**Psalm: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19**

<sup>1</sup> Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;

<sup>2</sup> **that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;**

<sup>3</sup> that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

<sup>4</sup> **Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**

<sup>5</sup> May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

<sup>6</sup> **Let him come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.**

<sup>7</sup> In his time may the righteous flourish; and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

<sup>18</sup> **Blessed are you, LORD God, the God of Israel; you alone do wondrous deeds!**

<sup>19</sup> And blessed be your glorious name forever, and may all the earth be filled with your glory.

Amen. Amen.

**Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13**  
**Gospel Acclamation ACS #14**

**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12**  
The Gospel of Our Lord.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Robert Leaverton**

**Hymn of the Day #249: On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's cry**

**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.**  
Please greet one another with Christ's peace

**Offertory Hymn ACS #300: The First Noel**

**Offertory Prayer:**

Nourishing God,  
you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert.  
Through this meal, satisfy our parched places,  
that we may rejoice and be for the world  
signs of your kingdom come.  
Amen.

### **Holy Communion**

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

**And also with you.**

**We lift them to the Lord.**

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **Holy, Holy, Holy: ACS #20**

**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.**

**Communion: ACS #25: Lamb of God**

**Communion Hymn ACS #905: We Are Waiting for Jesus**

### **Post Communion Blessing**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen, keep and unite us in God's grace.

### **Prayer after communion**

**God our host,**

**at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness.**

**Send us forth, eager to share the feast,**

**welcome the stranger,**

**and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus.**

**Amen.**

### **Benediction**

**Sending Hymn #264: Prepare the Royal Highway**

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

**Thanks be to God.**

Announcements			
Tuesday	12/09	11:00 a.m.	Silver Crowns
Sunday	12/14	10:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship

Every **Monday at 1:00** we would like to invite anyone interested to come tie quilts for Luther World Relief

The Preschool is selling Butter Braids and Cookies Dough to help raise funds for next year. Order forms are on the table in the Narthex, the last day to order is **Monday December 8<sup>th</sup>**.

Advent Service this week on **Dec.10**, there will be **soup/supper at 5:30** followed by **worship at 7:00**

The Church is participating in the “mitten” project this year to help provide gifts to low income children who otherwise will not be receiving anything for Christmas. If you are interested in taking a mitten please ask **Vickie** or **Gretchen** to sign one out to you. **Michelle** will also be available during the week, Gifts need to be returned to the Church, wrapped, by **Sunday December 14<sup>th</sup>**.

Anyone who would like to add extra decorations, such as poinsettias, may do so at their own expense since the church will not be purchasing any this year.

A big thank you to everyone who stayed to decorate the church last Sunday. Many hands make fast work!