

WELCOME TO WORSHIP
DECEMBER 21, 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, 4th 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 #265: The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

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 7:10-16

Psalm: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

¹ Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

² **In the presence of** Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, **stir up your strength** and come to help us.

³ Restore us, O God; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

⁴ **O LORD** God of hosts, **how long** will your anger fume when your people pray?

⁵ You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

⁶ **You have made us the** derision of our neighbors, **and our enemies laugh** us to scorn.

⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

¹⁷ **Let your hand be upon** the one at your right hand, **the one you have made so strong** for yourself.

¹⁸ And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name.

¹⁹ **Restore us, O LORD** God of hosts; **let your** face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7
Gospel Acclamation ACS #14

Thanks be to God

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25
The Gospel of Our Lord.

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

Sermon

Cindy Linse, LPA

Hymn of the Day ACS #906: No Wind at the Window

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 #257: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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 #267: Joy to the World

Dismissal

Go in peace. Keep awake.

Thanks be to God.

Announcements			
Tuesday	12/23	11:00 a.m.	Silver Crowns
Sunday	12/28	10:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship

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

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. Please inform
Michelle if they are in honor of/ in memorial of by **Tuesday 23rd**.

Christmas Eve Service will begin at **5:00 on Wednesday 12/24**

Annual Congregation meeting **Sunday, Jan 18** after service, potluck lunch, will include
synod required constitution changes.