

# **GOD'S BETTER FUTURE**



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2022



# Welcome to Church of the Savior

**If You Are Visiting**: We'd love to meet you! Please connect with Fr. Kevin and Mtr. Karen after the service, to introduce yourself and learn more about Church of the Savior.

**About Our Worship:** We use an Anglican liturgy. Liturgy simply means that everyone gets to participate, so please join in as you feel comfortable.

**Masks Are Optional:** Following CDC and state guidelines, wearing masks during the service is optional (unless you have tested positive). During the Peace and after the service, "If you see a mask, please ask" whether that person would like a handshake or hug.

**Children's Worship:** Nursery is available for children 6 months through 4 years. Children's Worship classes are available for children Kindergarten through 2nd Grade, and 3rd to 5th Grade. You may choose to keep children with your family, and coloring pages will be available to all. The Fireside Room will be open for anyone who needs extra space.

**Today is the First Week of Advent:** For roughly the last 1,500 years, Christians have taken the four Sundays before Christmas to prepare spiritually to celebrate the birth of Christ. We call this season "Advent," which means "Coming," and during Advent, we anticipate the two comings of Christ. We remember the long wait for his first coming, when he came to deliver the world from sin; we also look forward to his second coming, when he will come to create a new world. During this season we pray for deliverance from our sin and for our broken world.

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### PRELUDE & WELCOME

Please enjoy a few moments of silence during the prelude as we quiet our minds and prepare our hearts for worship.

# THE WORD OF GOD

### **PROCESSIONAL**

You may stand.

### O Come O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel; That mourns in lonely exile here. until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind; Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease; Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.

### THE PRAYER FOR LIGHT

Celebrant: Our King and Savior now draws near.

All: Come let us adore him.

Celebrant: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we give you thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of the vesper light; and we implore you of your great mercy that, as you enfold us with the radiance of this light, so you would shine into our hearts the brightness of your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# The Lord is My Light

During the song, acolytes will light candles in the Advent wreath and on the altar.



Children from kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to follow the acolyte to Children's Worship during the next song.

# **Waiting Here For You**

If faith can move the mountains, let the mountains move.
We come with expectation, waiting here for You, waiting here for You.

You're the Lord of all creation, and still You know my heart; The Author of salvation, You've loved us from the start.

Waiting here for You, with our hands lifted high in praise. And it's You we adore, singing Alleluia.

You are ev'rything You've promised; Your faithfulness is true. We're desp'rate for Your presence; All we need is You.

We will wait for You Lord, in step with You Lord. We will sing alleluia. Singing: Alleluia; Alleluia,

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

#### THE FIRST LESSON

**ISAIAH 2:1-4** 

<sup>1</sup> The word which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> Now it will come about that

In the last days

The mountain of the house of the Lord

Will be established as the chief of the mountains,

And will be raised above the hills;

And all the nations will stream to it.

<sup>3</sup> And many peoples will come and say,

"Come, let's go up to the mountain of the Lord,

To the house of the God of Jacob;

So that He may teach us about His ways,

And that we may walk in His paths."

For the law will go out from Zion

And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup> And He will judge between the nations,

And will mediate for many peoples;

And they will beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning knives.

Nation will not lift up a sword against nation,

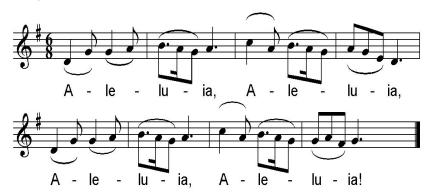
And never again will they learn war.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God

THE PSALM PSALM 122

- <sup>1</sup> I was glad when they said to me, \*
  "Let us go to the house of the Lord."
- Now our feet are standing \* within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- <sup>3</sup> Jerusalem is built as a city \* that is at unity with itself;
- <sup>4</sup> To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, \* the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the Lord.
- <sup>5</sup> For there are the thrones of judgment, \* the thrones of the house of David.
- <sup>6</sup> Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \*
  "May they prosper who love you.
- <sup>7</sup> Peace be within your walls \* and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sake, \* I pray for your prosperity.
- <sup>9</sup> Because of the house of the Lord our God, \* I will seek to do you good."

You may stand.



### THE GOSPEL

**MATTHEW 24:36-44** 

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>36</sup> "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup> As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; <sup>39</sup> and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup> Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. <sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

<sup>42</sup> "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. <sup>43</sup> But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup> So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

### ALLELUIA

Please be seated.

# Our Messiah, the LORD of the Nations

Robert Gallagher Savior Attender

We take a few minutes of silence to reflect, pray, and listen for what God may be saying

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You may stand.

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor: Come, Lord Jesus. Come, light of the world! All:



The celebrant concludes the Prayers of the People.

# THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please sit or kneel for a time of silence.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

#### THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

At this time, parents should pick up their children from the nursery and Children's Worship.

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

Please be seated.

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

### THE OFFERTORY

Piano solo Hanna Park

### THE DOXOLOGY



### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

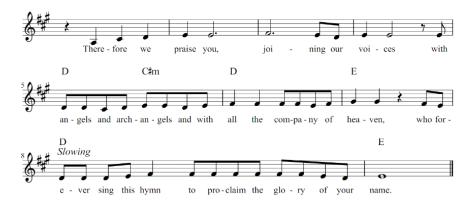
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice tobehold his appearing.

# All:



# Sanctus



Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

A11:



Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

Celebrant: All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ:

All: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing:



#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in

remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in

your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Please join us for Communion: all who are baptized and seeking to follow Jesus are welcome. If that doesn't describe you, simply say "Blessing," or cross your arms, and the minister distributing bread will pray a short prayer for God's favor on your life. The first tray contains wine; the second contains grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Ushers will release you row by row, beginning with the Fireside Room.

### Savior Of All

You became hungry, yet, You're the Bread of Life. You became thirsty, yet, You're the River of God. You became lowly, yet, You're seated on high. You became silent, yet, You're the Word of God.

You're the Savior of all, the Word became flesh. Emmanuel, You're God with us. You're the Savior of all, the Word became flesh. Emmanuel, You're God with us.

Jesus, Jesus.

# Here I Am To Worship

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You.

So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that You're my God. And You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above. Humbly You came to the earth You created, all for love's sake became poor.

And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross. And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.

# How Great Is Our God

The splendor of the King, Clothed in majesty; Let all the earth rejoice, All the earth rejoice. He wraps Himself in light, And darkness tries to hide, And trembles at His voice, And trembles at His voice.

How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God! And all will see how great, How great is our God!

And age to age He stands, And time is in His hands; Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End. The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son, The Lion and the Lamb, The Lion and the Lamb.

Name above all names, Worthy of all praise. My heart will sing: How great is our God!

# **Everlasting God**

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord, We will wait upon the Lord, We will wait upon the Lord. Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord, We will wait upon the Lord, We will wait upon the Lord.

Our God, You reign forever. Our Hope, our strong Deliv'rer.

You are the everlasting God, The everlasting God, You do not faint, You won't grow weary. You're the defender of the weak, You comfort those in need. You lift us up on wings like eagles.

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Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# THE BLESSING

Celebrant: May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

You may be seated for announcements.

### RECESSIONAL

### Celtic Benediction

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,

Wherever he may send you.

May he guide you through the wilderness,

Protect you through the storm.

May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you,

May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

# THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the

Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Our next Prayer & Praise is this Tuesday, November 29, from 7-8 at PHCC. Fr. Kevin will be speaking on "The Power of Plain Asking." Future dates (all Tuesdays, from 7-8): January 31, February 28, March 28, May 2.

**Volunteering at Savior**: Deb Nickerson is looking for people willing to lead the Prayers of the People. If you're interested, please contact Deb at drdebnick@gmail.com.

# **Advent and Christmas at Savior**

Save the dates for our Christmas Eve service at 5 pm on Saturday, December 24, and for a prayer and praise service, with Communion, at 5 pm on Saturday, December 31st.

# **Advent Materials**

As Advent approaches, we are providing sticker devotional books, countdown candles, and the Jesse Tree devotional books for those of you who are interested. The suggested donation per household is \$10.

# **Gingerbread Nativities**

Please join us for our annual tradition of building Gingerbread Nativities together. It will take place on Saturday December 10th, at PHCC after the service. A light dinner will be provided. Please let us know if you will be attending in person or if you would like a kit to build at home. Fill out the online form found on our website. https://friendsofthesavior.org/event-details/gingerbreadnativities

### **Outreach Christmas Store**

We are once again excited to support the Outreach Christmas Store, a one-day event hosted by Outreach Community Ministries that allows local low-income families to purchase Christmas gifts at reduced cost. You can support the store in two ways: first, donate one (or more!) gifts – either purchase from the list available at the Info Table and bring the gift to Savior by Saturday, December 3rd, or order online from Amazon or Target (search for "Christmas Store at Outreach Carol Stream" to find their registry) and have gifts shipped directly to Outreach by Monday, December 5th. Second, consider volunteering either at the store on December 10th or in a variety of other roles preparing for the store – find the volunteer application online at weareoutreach.org/events/christmas-store/.

### CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**Nursery & Children's Worship:** We provide Nursery for children 6 months through 4 years and two Children's Worship classes. Kindergarten through 2nd Grade may attend Young Children in Worship, and 3rd to 5th Grade may attend Following Jesus.

**Youth:** Last Youth Group meeting of the year will be held December 3rd after the service. Dinner included.

**Youth Confirmation:** Confirmation is now open to 7th and 8th graders (in addition to high schoolers). Classes will be held on Dec 3, Jan 7, and Feb 4, from 9:30am to 1:30pm at PHCC in the Fireside Room. Please contact Sydney to register. Please contact Pastor Steve to ask any questions.

#### **CURRENT SERMON SERIES**

God's Better Future

November 26, Robert Gallagher, Isaiah 2:1-4 "Our Messiah, the LORD of the Nations"

December 3, Kevin Miller, Isaiah 11:1-10

December 10, Kevin Miller, Isaiah 35: 1-10

December 17, Kevin Miller, Isaiah 7:10-16

### FINANCIAL UPDATE

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This Year's Giving Goal: \$325,000 As of November 19:

Budgeted Giving Goal = \$290,715 Actual Giving = \$255,574 Over/(Under) = (\$35,141)

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