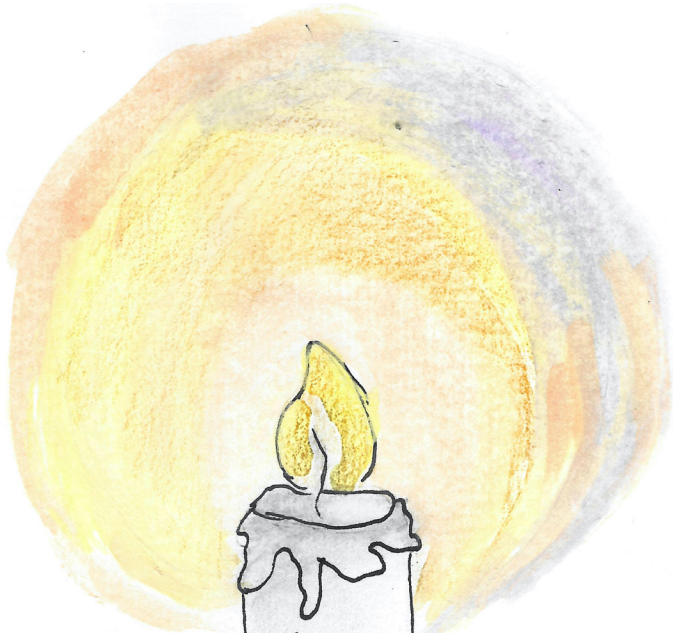


**ADVENT & CHRISTMAS
AT SAVIOR**



CHURCH OF THE
SAVIOR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2020



Welcome to Church of the Savior

If You are Visiting: We'd love to meet you, even if only virtually! Please email Fr. Kevin at kevin@friendsofthesavior.org 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. You can't make a mistake.

Children & Youth: While services are livestreamed, children and youth are strongly invited to join in alongside everyone else. For additional ideas to engage children, see Savior's family newsletter or contact Sarah Lindsay at sarah@friendsofthesavior.org. We also invite children to call Pastor Mary; email Mary at mary@friendsofthesavior.org to set up a time. Youth are meeting virtually; contact Fr. Andrew Unger at andrewdunger@gmail.com for details.

Fourth Week of Advent, which means for us – and for the children in our lives! – excitement builds as the waiting for Christmas is nearly over. As we count down to Christmas and celebrate Christ's first coming, let us also look forward to his second coming. As Jesus told his followers, "Stand straight and look up! For your salvation is near. All will see me, the Messiah, coming in the clouds with great power and glory. Keep a sharp lookout! Don't let me find you sleeping. Watch for my return!" (Luke 21:28; Mark 13:26, 35-37)

Want to Stay in Touch? Let us know how at FriendsOfTheSavior.org/visitor

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE & WELCOME

Officiant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.

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 Thou Wisdom from on high
And order all things far and nigh
To us the path of knowledge show
And cause us in her ways to go

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, Leaders will light candles in the Advent wreath and you can light your own candles at home.

*Theme I**



The Lord is my light, my light and sal-va-tion: in God I trust, in God I trust.

*Theme II**



The Lord is my light, my light and sal-va-tion: in God I trust, in God I trust.

**Both themes may be sung at the same time.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

¹ Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ² the king said to the prophet Nathan, “See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.” ³ Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.”

⁴ But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: ⁵ Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶ I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷ Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?” ⁸ Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹ and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰ And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹ from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house.

¹⁶ Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

- 46b “My soul magnifies the Lord,
 47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
 48 for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
 Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
 49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
 and holy is his name.
 50 His mercy is for those who fear him
 from generation to generation.
 51 He has shown strength with his arm;
 he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
 52 He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
 and lifted up the lowly;
 53 he has filled the hungry with good things,
 and sent the rich away empty.
 54 He has helped his servant Israel,
 in remembrance of his mercy,
 55 according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
 to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

ALLELUIA*Please stand.*

A - le - lu - ia, A - le - lu - ia,
 A - le - lu - ia, A - le - lu - ia!

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

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵ The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶ And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸ Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

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

ALLELUIA

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

Mary's Song For Her Sons

Becky Castle Miller

THE APOSTLES CREED

Officiant: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles Creed:

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

All:

Musical notation for the prayer "Kyrie eleison". The score is written in C major and 4/4 time. The melody is on a treble clef staff, and the accompaniment is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Lord have mer - cy on - us, Christ have mer - cy on - us." The melody is simple and repetitive, with a final cadence on a whole note.

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.

Officiant: 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

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

All: And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

O Come Let Us Adore Him

O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

ADMINISTRATION FROM THE RESERVED SACRAMENT

Officiant: Let us pray.

All: Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Officiant: Let us pray in the words our Savior Christ has taught us:

All:

Our Fa - ther, Who art in hea - ven, hal - lo - wed be Thy Name.
Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea - ven.
Give us this day our dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses, as
we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead us not in -
to temp - ta - tion, but de - li - ver us from e - vil. For Thine is the
king - dom and the po - wer and the glo - ry, for - e - ver. A - men.

Officiant: The gift of God for the People of God. Take it in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

At this point, all who have the Reserved Sacrament will eat it together. If you do not have the sacrament, you may pray the following prayer.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

COMMUNION SONGS

Come You People Of The Promise

Come you people of the promise
Sing for joy
The time is near
God the covenant fulfilling
Soon among us will appear
As proclaimed in prophet's story
Christ will come in humble glory
God with us Emmanuel
God with us Emmanuel

Long in darkness we have waited
Through the shadows made our way
Gloom and sorrow our companions
As we longed for signs of day
Great our need for hope and healing
Some great light our God revealing
God with us Emmanuel
God with us Emmanuel

God's own Son shall dwell among us
Shadows vanish in that Light
Earth shall know His peace and justice
Christ who comes shall rule in might
Let our joy dispel all sadness
He who comes turns tears to gladness
God with us Emmanuel
God with us Emmanuel

Mary's Song

My soul magnifies the Lord;
My spirit rejoices in God!
My Savior has seen his servant in need,
And behold the great things He has done:

He scatters the proud and rich;
He lifts up the humble and weak.
The kings of the earth, He casts from their thrones
And the hungry He welcomes to feast.

Oh, behold, my Savior has come!
And my soul will tell of His praise
For He who is strong has come to the weak
And at last He will reign as our King of Peace.

From now to the end of time
The nations will know me as blest
For God has made new His promise of love
And mercy through Abraham's seed

We Will Dance

Sing a song of celebration
Lift up a shout of praise
For the bridegroom will come
The glorious One and oh
We will look on His face
We'll go to a much better place

*And we will dance on the streets that are golden
The glorious bride and the great Son of Man
From ev'ry tongue and tribe and nation
We'll join in the song of the Lamb*

Dance with all your might
Lift up your hands and clap for joy
For the time's drawing near
When He will appear
And oh we will stand by His side
A strong pure spotless bride

Sing aloud for the time of rejoicing is near
The risen King our groom is soon to appear
The wedding feast to come is now near at hand
Lift up your voice proclaim the coming Lamb

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Officiant: 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.

All: Amen.

There will now be a few 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: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday Service LiveStream: We continue to worship on Saturday through Zoom. [Access our services here.](#) To assist with worship, a copy of our Order of Worship is available on our [Sermons webpage](#) and will be emailed out every Friday through Breeze by Whitney Burns, our Communications Director.

Lessons & Carols on Christmas Eve: Our Christmas Eve service begins at 7pm (note different time from our usual worship services). It includes a reading of the Bible story, familiar Christmas carols led by Pastor Esther, a special solo of “O Holy Night,” and of course, candles at home. Suitable for all ages, and under an hour.

End-of-Year Sharing Service: During the final worship service of the year (on Dec. 26 at our usual time of 5pm), we’ll have a “sharing time” for people to talk about ways they saw God at work in the joys and pains of 2020. We’d love for many of you to say something that could encourage other friends of the Savior. Simply use your phone or computer to make a short video (30-60 seconds), telling about how you saw God at work in the joys and pains of 2020. Then email that to Pastor Sarah (sarah@friendsofthesavior.org) no later than December 21.

Journey Into Savior Begins January 12: If you are new-ish to Savior, or want to learn more about the church and about Anglicanism, mark your calendars for our next “Journey into Savior” classes. All sessions are Tuesdays from 7:30 - 8:45 via Zoom.

Jan. 12 : Getting to Know Savior

Jan. 19: Answering Your Questions about Anglicanism

Jan. 26: Taking Your Next Steps to Connect

For those who then want to be received as new members, that will take place on Saturday, Jan. 30.

Wednesday Morning Prayer: We are hosting Morning Prayer at 8:00am on Wednesdays. Find the link to join the livestream service on our [Facebook Page](#) and weekly Newsletter.

Donations to Church of the Savior: There are two ways to give to Church of the Savior in this season: MAIL: Church of the Savior, PO Box 507, Wheaton, IL 60187 and ONLINE: Visit the [Giving page](#) on our website.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Zao Zoom Youth Room: Youth group calls take place on Sunday night and will resume on January 10. 6th-8th grade meets from 6:30-7:30pm and 9th-12th grade meets from 7:15-8:30pm. Email [Father Andrew Unger](#) for more information.

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

Advent & Christmas at Savior

1st Week of Advent (November 28): “Why Haven’t You Torn the Sky Open Yet?”
Fr. Josh Steele

2nd Week of Advent (December 5): Mark 1:1-8, “Wild Man: God sends the rough to get us ready,” Fr. Kevin Miller

3rd Week of Advent (December 12): John 1:6-8, 19-28, “A Voice for the Rejected God,” Fr. Kevin Miller

4th Week of Advent (December 19): Luke 1:26-38, “Mary’s Song For Her Sons,” Becky Castle Miller

December 24: Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols

December 26: End-of-the-Year Sharing Service

2nd Week of Christmas (January 2): Matt. 2:13-23 (Joseph, Mary, Jesus Escape to Egypt), Fr. Ron McGowin

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Thank you for your faithful giving!

As of December 12:

Actual = \$326,507

Budget = \$308,715

Over/(Under) = \$17,792

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To ask about a ministry or volunteer to get involved, please talk with its leader (emails at <https://friendsofthesavior.org/team-leaders>) or with Pastor Sarah Lindsay (sarah@friendsofthesavior.org).

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