

Sunday, December 21st, 2025; Fourth Sunday in Advent

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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9:00 a.m.

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Divine Service Four; LSB 203

**The Mission of Our Savior's Lutheran Church and School is
'connecting families in Christ' by proclaiming the forgiveness of
sin in the Gospel and the Sacraments.**

NOTES TO ENHANCE YOUR WORSHIP AT OSL:

It was once asked of me by our young confirmands, "Why do we need to take holy communion so often?" I said, "Because we need God's strength every week!" Martin Luther chimes in with insight saying, "God gives us the sacrament, because He knows we are assailed much by sin, and He doesn't want us to fight alone." In, with, and under the bread and wine; Christ Jesus is present as our source of strength and encouragement. Take heart and be bold. The Lord's great help is with you. As King David acknowledges, "Bread strengthens a man's heart." So in the sacrament we are given grace to feast upon the Bread of Heaven!

Preservice Music "Lift Up Your Heads, You Everlasting Gates" Bell Choir

Opening Hymn: "Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring" #353

1 Jesus came, the heav'ns adoring,
Came with peace from realms on high;
Jesus came to win redemption,
Lowly came on earth to die;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Came in deep humility.

2 Jesus comes again in mercy
When our hearts are worn with care;
Jesus comes again in answer
To an earnest, heartfelt prayer;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Comes to save us from despair.

3 Jesus comes to hearts rejoicing,
Bringing news of sins forgiv'n;
Jesus comes with words of gladness,
Leading souls redeemed to heav'n.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Hope to all the world is giv'n.

4 Jesus comes in joy and sorrow,
Shares alike our hopes and fears;
Jesus comes, whate'er befalls us,
Cheers our hearts and dries our tears;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Comforts us in failing years.

Text: Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, alt.
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Confession and Absolution

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P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God ... name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

+ Service of the Word +

Introit

Oh that you would rend the heavens | and come down,*
that the mountains might quake at your | presence.

I wait for the LORD, my | soul waits,*
and in his | word I hope;

my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the | morning,*
more than watchmen for the | morning.

O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is | steadfast love,*
and with him is plentiful re- | demption.

And he will redeem | Israel*
from all his in- | iquities.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Oh that you would rend the heavens | and come down,*
that the mountains might quake at your | presence.

Kyrie

LSB 204

C Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

G And also with you.

P Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 7:10-17

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, “Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father’s house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria.”

R This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of | Zion.*

Shout aloud, O daughter of Je- | rusalem.

Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;*

righteous and having sal- | vation.

Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the Lord.*

From the house of the Lord we | bless you.

Epistle

Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Hymn “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” Bell Choir

Holy Gospel

Matthew 1:18-25

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew , the first chapter.

G **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

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G **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of the Day “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” #357

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear. Refrain

**Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

2 O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
Who ord’rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go. Refrain

3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai’s height
In ancient times didst give the Law
In cloud and majesty and awe. Refrain

4 O come, Thou Branch of Jesse’s tree,
Free them from Satan’s tyranny
That trust Thy mighty pow’r to save,
And give them vict’ry o’er the grave. Refrain

5 O come, Thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heav’nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery. Refrain

6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death’s dark shadows put to flight. Refrain

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
And be Thyself our King of Peace. Refrain

Text: Latin, c. 12th cent.; Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum, 1710, Köln; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.
Text: Public domain

Sermon

Offering

(Children are welcome to come forward and leave their offering in the basket.)

Prayer of the Church

Guidance For Guests Regarding Communion:

We deeply regret the divisions that are so obvious today both among Christians and even among Lutherans. We believe that the faith confessed at our baptismal font, from the pulpit, and at our communion rail should be the same. For this to be true, we ask that those who commune with us first learn the faith confessed in this church and publicly declare an acceptance of it. If you would like to learn what we confess, please speak with Pastor Gadbaw. Communicant members in good standing in sister congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod or the American Association of Lutheran Churches are welcome to commune with us as our guests, but, as a courtesy, please make your intentions known to an elder or the pastor if you have never done so before.

+ Service of the Sacrament +

Preface

LSB 208

- 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 Him thanks and praise.
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary ... You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 208

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Lord's Prayer

LSB 209

- C** Our Father...

The Words of Our Lord

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Pax Domini

LSB 209

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.



1 O Jesus Christ, true
Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution

“Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord” #352

1 Let the earth now praise the Lord,
Who has truly kept His word
And at last to us did send
Christ, the sinner’s help and friend.

4 As Your coming was in peace,
Quiet, full of gentleness,
Let the same mind dwell in me
Which is Yours eternally.

2 What the fathers most desired,
What the prophets’ heart inspired,
What they longed for many_a year,
Stands fulfilled in glory here.

5 Bruise for me the serpent’s head
That, set free from doubt and dread,
I may cling to You in faith,
Safely kept through life and death.

3 Abram’s promised great reward,
Zion’s helper, Jacob’s Lord—
Him of twofold race behold—
Truly came, as long foretold.

6 Then when You will come again
As the glorious king to reign,
I with joy will see Your face,
Freely ransomed by Your grace.

Text: Heinrich Held, 1620–59; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
Text: Public domain

“Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread” #625

1 Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,
May I in grace possess You.
Let me with holy food be fed,
In hunger I address You.
Prepare me well for You, O Lord,
And, humbly by my prayer implored,
Give me Your grace and mercy.

3 O bread of heav’n, my soul’s delight,
For full and free remission
I come with prayer before Your sight
In sorrow and contrition.
Your righteousness, Lord, cover me
That I receive You worthily,
Assured of Your full pardon.

2 To pastures green, Lord, safely guide,
To restful waters lead me;
Your table well for me provide,
Your wounded hand now feed me.
Though weary, sinful, sick, and weak,
Refuge in You alone I seek,
To share Your cup of healing.

4 I do not merit favor, Lord,
My weight of sin would break me;
In all my guilty heart’s discord,
O Lord, do not forsake me.
In my distress this comforts me
That You receive me graciously,
O Christ, my Lord of mercy!

Text: Johann Rist, 1607–67; tr. Arthur T. Russell, 1806–74, alt.
Text: Public domain

“What Hope! An Eden Prophesied” #342

1 What hope! An Eden prophesied
Where tame live with the wild;
The lamb and lion side by side,
Led by a little child!

3 As banner of God's love unfurled,
Christ came to suffer loss,
That by His death a dying world
Would rally to the cross.

2 A shoot will sprout from Jesse's stem,
A branch from David's line,
A Prince of Peace in Bethlehem:
The fruit of God's design.

4 Come, Jesus, come, Messiah Lord,
Lost Paradise restore;
Lead past the angel's flaming sword—
Come, open heaven's door.

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Nunc Dimittis

C 1 O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.

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2 All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.

Post-Communion Collect

LSB 212

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Benedicamus

LSB 212

P Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 212

P The Lord ...
C Amen.

Closing Hymn: “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” #341

1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!
Behold, the King of glory waits.
The King of kings is drawing near;
The Savior of the world is here.
Life and salvation He doth bring;
Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.
To God the Father raise
Your joyful songs of praise.

2 A righteous Helper comes to thee;
His chariot is humility,
His kingly crown is holiness,
His scepter, pity in distress.
The end of all our woe He brings;
Therefore the earth is glad and sings.
To Christ the Savior raise
Your grateful hymns of praise.

3 How blest the land, the city blest,
Where Christ the ruler is confessed!
O peaceful hearts and happy homes
To whom this King in triumph comes!

The cloudless sun of joy is He
Who comes to set His people free.
To God the Spirit raise
Your happy shouts of praise.

4 Fling wide the portals of your heart;
Make it a temple set apart
From earthly use for heav’n’s employ,
Adorned with prayer and love and joy.
So shall your Sov’reign enter in
And new and nobler life begin.
To God alone be praise
For word and deed and grace!

5 Redeemer, come and open wide
My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!
O enter with Thy grace divine;
Thy face of mercy on me shine.
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on
Until our glorious goal is won.
Eternal praise and fame
We offer to Thy name.

Text: Georg Weissel, 1590–1635; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
Text: Public domain

+To God Alone be the Glory+



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Rev. Daniel Gadbow Pastor
Shirlee Landskroener Music Director
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Kathryn Vesely Childcare Team
Courtney Williams Childcare Team

Bulletin Blooper:

GOD IS GOOD! Dr. Hargreaves is better.

Happenings

Last Call on the 2026 Church Directory – There are two copies of the updated draft version of the 2026 church directory in the back of the sanctuary. Please review your entry to ensure all your information is listed correctly. If there are any errors, please contact Sherry in the church office by noon on December 23rd. Directories will be printed on the 26th.

2026 Offering Envelopes – are available for pickup in the back of the church sanctuary.

Scrip – We were able to order some extra cards for sale this holiday season. If you need to get a gift card for a stocking stuffer or other last-minute gift, consider purchasing from OSL. Examples of just some of the cards currently being offered include Cash Wise, Walmart, Target, Bath & Body, Shutterfly, Culvers, Starbucks, Dominos and Papa Murphy. See Sherry in the church office (9-2:30) during the week.

What is the OSL Red Stocking? It was developed by the Care Giving Ministry to collect funds that can be used to help OSL families at the discretion of the Pastor through difficult times. If you contribute, please make your checks out to OSL and slip them into the Red Stocking located at the rear of the sanctuary during the Christmas season.

Orphan Grain Train – The tree is up until Sunday, January 4th, to bring in your shoe, mitten, hat, scarf, sock or underwear donation for children or adults.

Thank Offering – for 2025 totaled \$4,285.00. It will be distributed as follows:

\$1,714.00	McLeod County Food Shelf
\$1,285.50	Lutherans for Life
\$1,285.50	Fort Wayne Seminary

OSL Chairman Still Needed - The OSL Chairman serves as the chief executive of the congregation and exercises general administrative responsibility for the entire organization of the congregation. He leads the congregational business meetings in the spring and fall of the year, as well as any special congregational meetings that are called throughout the year. He would also attend the monthly church council meetings that are held in the evenings of the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The OSL administrative assistant takes care of preparing the agenda for the meetings. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Pastor work closely together on projects as needed. The Chairman is an ex-officio member of all boards and committees but does not mean he has to attend all the meetings. If there are any questions, please contact Wayne Kuehl, Chairman or Kevin Mathews, Vice-Chairman.

Poinsettias - Thank you to all who ordered poinsettias to adorn our sanctuary for this Christmas season. Please feel free to take your plant home after the Christmas Day Church Service. Please cross your name off the list in the front pew by the organ when you take your flower. There will be bags to wrap your flowers in before you take them out into the cold. There is also a list of the flowers ordered in the narthex in case you do not remember what you ordered. Thank you again!

Thank You – to everyone who donated to the roof fund at the December 17th Advent soup supper. We are pleased to report that \$257 was raised to put toward the principal of the loan. A huge thank you also to Barb Field for the donation of a Thrivent card which went a long way towards the purchase of supplies for the meal. Marshall and Shelly Kranz

This Week's Highlights

Sunday (12/21) Loose Offering/ Lutherans for Life

6:00 a.m. Lutheran Hour, WCCO 830 AM
8:00 a.m. Bell Choir
9:00 a.m. Divine Service with Communion
9:00 a.m. Lutheran Hour on KDUZ
10:00 a.m. Coffee Time
10:15 a.m. Education Hour
11:00 a.m. Cable TV Broadcast; Channel 8-Mediacom, Channel 10-Nuvera

Monday (12/22)

8:00 a.m. Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Preconfirmation

Tuesday (12/23)

9:00 a.m. Chapel
9:30 a.m. Pastors' Greek

Wednesday (12/24) Office & ELC Closed/Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Service

Thursday (12/25) Office & ELC Closed/Christmas Day

9:00 a.m. Divine Service with Communion

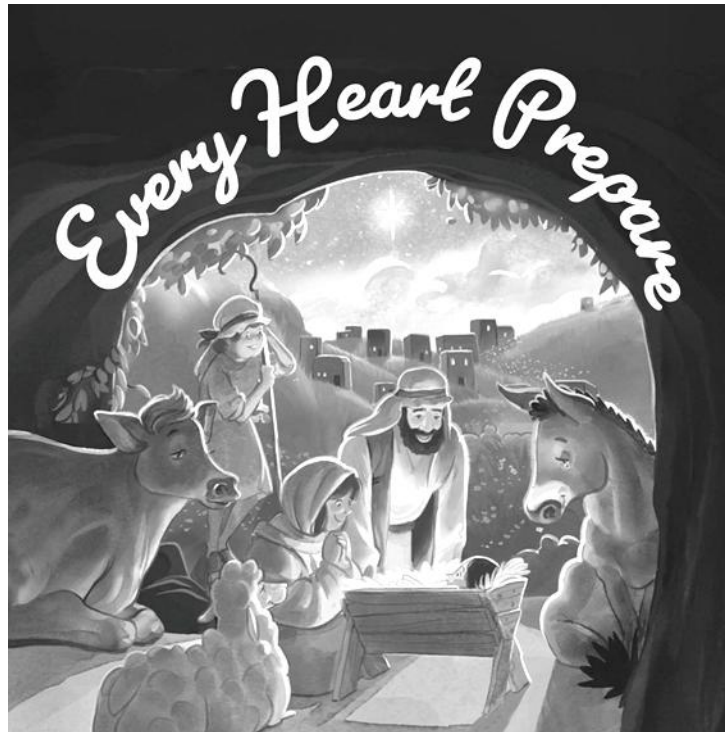
Friday (12/26)

5:00 p.m. Cable TV Broadcast; Channel 8-Mediacom, Channel 10-Nuvera

Saturday (12/27)

Sunday (12/28) Loose Offering -Seminarian

6:00 a.m. Lutheran Hour, WCCO 830 AM
8:00 a.m. Bell Choir
9:00 a.m. Divine Service with Communion
9:00 a.m. Lutheran Hour on KDUZ
10:00 a.m. Coffee Time
10:15 a.m. Education Hour
11:00 a.m. Cable TV Broadcast; Channel 8-Mediacom, Channel 10-Nuvera



Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 24th

Traditional Candlelight Service–5:00 p.m.

Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25th

Divine Service with Communion–9:00 a.m.

“Wrapped Presents

Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Daniel Gadbow
Organist: Shirlee Landskroener
Elder: Mike Smithers
Acolyte: Paisley Rannow
Ushers: Group 2
Altar Guild: Janet Mraz/Eldonna Rettman

Next Week's Worship Leaders

Elder: Jim Lauer
Acolyte: Jim Lauer
Ushers: Group 2
Altar Guild: Connie Huber/Barb Pischke/Donna Luhning

Happy Birthday This Week To:

Today, 12/21 Pamela Hensel, Mitch Messner, Lonnie Weerts
Wednesday, 12/24 Kaitlyn Mlinar
Thursday, 12/25 Allan Haley
Friday, 12/26 Bonnie Timm
Saturday, 12/27 Wally Erickson

Happy Anniversary This Week To:

Monday, 12/22 Dominic & Jamie Blumhoefer 19 Years