

Sunday, December 7th, 2025; Second Sunday in Advent

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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9:00 a.m. Divine Service

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Divine Service Three; LSB 184

**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:

Martin Luther describes the Church as being connected to Christ in such a way that we share in the spiritual possessions one of another. He explains how this is the image painted by St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 12:24-27. "The members of the body of Christ have the same care for one another. This is obvious if anyone's foot hurts him, yes even the little toe: the eye looks at it, the fingers grasp it, the face puckers, the whole body bends over to it, and all are concerned with this small member." As an overview of the congregation, this makes perfect sense, because the many members make one body. However, Luther is actually drawing a connection to Holy Communion! For in the sacrament, we are united to Christ and all His saints, so if one suffers, we all suffer, and if one is honored, we all rejoice.

Preservice Music "E'en So, Lord Jesus" Jason and Paula Coyle

Opening Hymn: "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" #347

1 "Comfort, comfort ye My people,
Speak ye peace," thus saith our God;
"Comfort those who sit in darkness,
Mourning 'neath their sorrows' load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem
Of the peace that waits for them;
Tell her that her sins I cover
And her warfare now is over."

2 Yea, her sins our God will pardon,
Blotting out each dark misdeed;
All that well deserved His anger
He no more will see or heed.
She hath suffered many_a day,
Now her griefs have passed away;
God will change her pining sadness
Into ever-springing gladness.

3 Hark, the herald's voice is crying
In the desert far and near,
Calling sinners to repentance,
Since the Kingdom now is here.
O that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way;
Let the valleys rise to meet Him
And the hills bow down to greet Him.

4 Make ye straight what long was crooked;
Make the rougher places plain.
Let your hearts be true and humble,
As befits His holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord
Now o'er earth is shed abroad,
And all flesh shall see the token
That His Word is never broken.

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+ Confession and Absolution +

Invocation

LSB 184

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Exhortation

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

"Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination."

Confession of Sins

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Absolution

LSB 185

- P** Upon this your confession, ... name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

+ Service of the Word +

Introit

In the wilderness prepare the way | of the LORD;*
make straight in the desert a highway | for our God.
Seek the LORD | and his strength;*
seek his presence con- | tinually!
Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,*
his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered,
O offspring of Abraham, his | servant,*
children of Jacob, his | chosen ones!
He is the | LORD our God,*
his judgments are in | all the earth.
He remembers his covenant for- | ever,*
the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- | ations.

**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.**

In the wilderness prepare the way | of the LORD;*
make straight in the desert a highway | for our God.

Kyrie **LSB 186**

C Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day **LSB 189**

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading **Isaiah 11:1-10**

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C 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 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name."

And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."

And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him."

And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

R This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn

"Once He Came in Blessing"

Adult Choir

Paula Coyle, Violin

Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

LSB 191

☩ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” #344

1 On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of kings!

2 Then cleansed be ev’ry life from sin;
Make straight the way for God within,
And let us all our hearts prepare
For Christ to come and enter there.

3 We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord,
Our refuge and our great reward;
Without Thy grace we waste away
Like flow’rs that wither and decay.

4 Lay on the sick Thy healing hand
And make the fallen strong to stand;
Show us the glory of Thy face
Till beauty springs in ev’ry place.

△5 All praise, eternal Son, to Thee
Whose advent sets Thy people free,
Whom with the Father we adore
And Holy Spirit evermore.

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Sermon

Offering

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

Offertory

LSB 192

☩ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

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 Gadbow. 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 194

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C **It is meet and right so to do.**

P It is truly meet, right, and... praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

C **Our Father...**

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

Pax Domini

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

C **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of
the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of
the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

Distribution

“Once He Came in Blessing” #333

1 Once He came in blessing,
All our sins redressing;
Came in likeness lowly,
Son of God most holy;
Bore the cross to save us;
Hope and freedom gave us.

2 Now He gently leads us;
With Himself He feeds us
Precious food from heaven,
Pledge of peace here given,
Manna that will nourish
Souls that they may flourish.

3 Soon will come that hour
When with mighty power
Christ will come in splendor
And will judgment render,
With the faithful sharing
Joy beyond comparing.

4 Come, then, O Lord Jesus,
From our sins release us.
Keep our hearts believing,
That we, grace receiving,
Ever may confess You
Till in heav'n we bless You.

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“Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray” #623

1 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray
That we may feast on You today;
Beneath these forms of bread and wine
Enrich us with Your grace divine.

2 Give us, who share this wondrous food,
Your body broken and Your blood,
The grateful peace of sins forgiv'n,
The certain joys of heirs of heav'n.

3 By faith Your Word has made us bold
To seize the gift of love retold;
All that You are we here receive,
And all we are to You we give.

4 One bread, one cup, one body, we,
Rejoicing in our unity,
Proclaim Your love until You come
To bring Your scattered loved ones home.

5 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray:
O keep us steadfast till that day
When each will be Your welcomed guest
In heaven's high and holy feast.

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“Arise, O Christian People” #354

1 Arise, O Christian people!
Prepare yourselves today;
Prepare to greet the Savior,
Who takes your sins away.
To us by grace alone
The truth and light were given;
The promised Lord from heaven
To all the world is shown.

2 Prepare the way before Him;
Prepare for Him the best.
Cast out what would offend Him,
This great, this heav’nly guest.
Make straight, make plain the way:
The lowly valleys raising,
The heights of pride abasing,
His path all even lay.

3 The humble heart and lowly
God raises up on high;
Beneath His feet in terror
The haughty soul shall lie.
The heart sincere and right,
That heeds God’s invitation
And makes true preparation—
It is the Lord’s delight.

4 Prepare my heart, Lord Jesus;
Turn not from me aside,
And help me to receive You
This blessèd Adventtide.
From stall and manger low
Come now to dwell within me;
I’ll sing Your praises gladly
And forth Your glory show.

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Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

☩ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

**☩ O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
☩ and His mercy endureth forever.**

Post-Communion Collect

LSB 201

**☩ 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.
☩ Amen.**

Salutation & Benedicamus

LSB 201

**☩ The Lord be with you.
☩ And with thy spirit.
☩ Bless we the Lord.
☩ Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

LSB 202

**☩ The Lord bless you...
☩ Amen, amen, amen.**

Closing Hymn "Prepare the Royal Highway" #343

1 Prepare the royal highway;
The King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley
A level road appear!
Then greet the King of Glory
Foretold in sacred story: Refrain

**Refrain: Hosanna to the Lord,
For He fulfills God's Word!**

2 God's people, see Him coming:
Your own eternal king!
Palm branches strew before Him!
Spread garments! Shout and sing!
God's promise will not fail you!
No more shall doubt assail you! Refrain

3 Then fling the gates wide open
To greet your promised king!
Your king, yet ev'ry nation
Its tribute too should bring.
All lands, bow down before Him!
All nations, now adore Him! Refrain

4 His is no earthly kingdom;
It comes from heav'n above.
His rule is peace and freedom
And justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding
For kindness so abounding: Refrain

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+To God Alone be the Glory+



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Today's Thought --

The Magi were probably the most famous trio to attend a baby shower.

Happenings

Monday Morning Bible Study Guide – The new study guide for the Epistles of John is available in the church office. The cost is \$11.

Wednesday Advent Services – continue on December 10th at 6:30 p.m. You are invited to the soup supper preceding the service at 5:00 p.m. hosted by the Guild. I hear Harvest Hamburger Bean soup is on the menu this week.

All ladies of the congregation - are invited to the LWML OSL Women's Guild December meeting this Tuesday, December 9, 2025 in the Commons beginning at 11:30 a.m. with a Christmas Potluck lunch. Bring your favorite dish to pass and join us for Bible Study with Pastor Gadbow following lunch. Just a reminder that the Red Stocking for OSL Social Ministry will be available for contributions at the meeting. Come and join us to celebrate the birth of Our Lord and Savior.

Thank you – for your generous donations to Common Cup through the 30 Days of Thankfulness which just concluded. We are so blessed to have such a giving and thoughtful church family.

ELC Christmas Program – will be on Thursday, December 11th at 4:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to this short program to hear the children sing some Christmas songs.

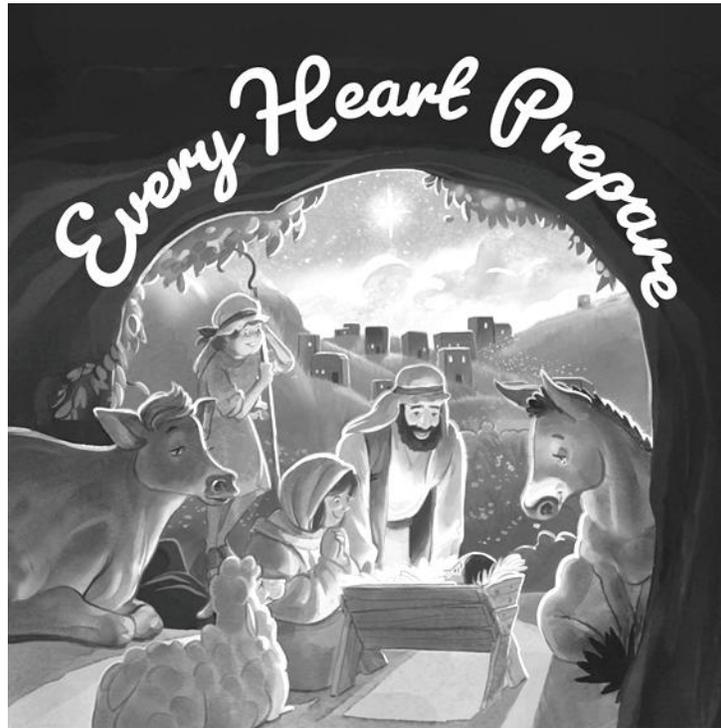
Seasonal Paraments: Thanks to money donated to the Memorial Fund, paraments for the seasons of Advent (blue) Christmas & Easter (white), Lent (violet), and Sundays after Pentecost (green) are now complete. Only the paraments for the special occasions of Pentecost, Reformation, and Ordination (red) are left and are currently being planned. Thanks also to Nancy Hecksel for altering what were our altar paraments for use as pulpit falls. A word of thanks is also extended to the elders for having given their approval for this project. It's a project that not only further beautifies our worship setting, but also, by the symbols on them, helps teach why they're being used during that particular season or on that particular day.

2026 Church Directory – There are two copies of the 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. The new directories will be printed mid December.

Welcome – We have three new families joining OSL – the Ortloffs, the Rohys, and the Mrkvickas. Please be sure to introduce yourself and help them get acquainted.

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





“Every Heart Prepare”

Wednesday, December 10th

Soup Supper 5 p.m.–6:15 p.m.

hosted by the Guild

Advent Service – 6:30 p.m.

“Lights”

Wednesday, December 17th

Soup Supper 5 p.m.–6:15 p.m.

hosted by Marhsall & Shelly Kranz

Advent Service – 6:30 p.m.

“Crèche”

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”

This Week's Highlights

Sunday (12/7) Loose Offering/Habitat for Humanity

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

Monday (12/8)

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

Tuesday (12/9)

9:00 a.m. Chapel
9:30 a.m. Pastors' Greek
11:30 a.m. Guild
4:30 p.m. ELC Committee

Wednesday (12/10)

5:00 p.m. Soup Supper
5:30 p.m. Adult Choir
6:30 p.m. Advent Service

Thursday (12/11) Pastor's Day Off

8:45 a.m. Bethesda
9:00 a.m. Pastors' Winkel
4:30 p.m. ELC Christmas Program

Friday (12/12)

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

Saturday (12/13)

Barchenger/Filk Wedding

Sunday (12/14) Loose Offering -Common Cup

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

Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Daniel Gadbow
Organist: Shirlee Landskroener
Elder: Mark Bening
Acolyte: Seth Gadbow
Ushers: Group 2
Altar Guild: Roxann Siedschlag/Elizabeth Gadbow

Next Week Worship Leaders

Elder: Marshall Kranz
Acolyte: Andrew Barchenger
Ushers: Group 2
Altar Guild: Cathy Burns/Wanda Rannow

Happy Birthday This Week To:

Today, 12/7 Tyler Esser, Cindy Teichert, Zach Wegner
Wednesday, 12/10 Seth Gadbow, Glen Jorgensen
Thursday, 12/11 Ken Binder
Saturday, 12/13 Kathy Monson