



OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday, December 1, 2024

First Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM

PRELUDE

Pianist: Sarah Lovas

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

ELW 244

1) Rejoice, rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear; the evening is advancing, and darker night is near. The bridegroom is arising and soon is drawing nigh. Up, pray and watch and wrestle; at midnight comes the cry.

2) The watchers on the mountain proclaim the bridegroom near; go forth as he approaches with alleluias clear. The marriage feast is waiting; the gates wide open stand. Arise, O heirs of glory; the bridegroom is at hand.

3) The saints, who here in patience their cross and suff'rings bore, shall live and reign forever when sorrow is no more. Around the throne of glory the Lamb they shall behold; in triumph cast before him their diadems of gold.

4) Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear; arise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this benighted sphere. With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see the day of earth's redemption that sets your people free!

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

4) Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom; sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. Oh, star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright; westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

ADVENT CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who comes to wake us from sleep, who leads us into the light of grace.

C: Amen.

L: Let us prepare the way of the Lord by confessing our sin against God and neighbor.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

L: God of all time,

C: we confess that we have not prepared for your merciful reign among us. We ignore our neighbors in need and fail in the labor of justice and peace. In your mercy forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your light and to seek the things that will endure until Christ comes again in glory. Amen.

L: Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. In Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven and all things are made new. Rejoice in this good news!

C: Amen.

GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: God of all,

C: You sent your child into this world to be a light for all people. This Advent season, open our eyes to Christ's light and guide us to your will in the world. So that we may know the hope, peace, joy, and love that is in you. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG for the WORD: "Go Tell It on the Mountain" Refrain

ELW 290

*Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;
go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 2:1-12

The Visit of the Magi

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, ² asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage." ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶ 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah,
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.' "

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

ELW 815

1) I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain: *In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

2) I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus. Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. (Refrain)

3) I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. (Refrain)

HOLY BAPTISM

ELW p. 227

Baptized today is Jovie Rose Miller, daughter of Gannon and Mariah Miller.

Jovie was born on July 30, 2024 in Fargo, North Dakota.

Her Godparents are Nathan and Emily Kaiser.

PRESENTATION

PROFESSION OF FAITH:

L: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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.

L: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT / BAPTISM

WELCOME:

L: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER SONG: "Away in a Manger"

ELW 277 V. 3

*3) Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

(Repeat Prayer Song)

PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING / OFFERTORY: "In the Bleak Midwinter"

ELW 294 V. 3

3) *What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb; if I were a wiseman I would do my part; yet what I can I give him, give my heart.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER *ELW p. 154*

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.

HOLY COMMUNION *All are Welcome at the Lord's table. Note that all the communion wine is alcohol-free and the communion bread is gluten-free.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: "Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn" ELW 242
"Your Little Ones, Dear Lord" ELW 286

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING HYMN: "The First Noel"

ELW 300 vs 1-3

1) *The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.*

Refrain: *Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.*

2) *They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far; and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. (Refrain)*

3) *And by the light of that same star three wisemen came from country far; to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went. (Refrain)*

BLESSING / THREE BELLS

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Helping people experience the Love of God.**

POSTLUDE

BAPTIZED TODAY at the 10:30am service is *Amelia Marie Bonnema*, daughter of *Camran and Ashley Bonnema*. *Amelia was born on July 22, 2024 in Fargo, North Dakota. Her Godparents are Carter and Savana Bonnema.*

O Lord, Hear Our Prayers

Praise & Thanksgiving to God for...

The people of Our Savior's.

Those celebrating birthdays today: Travis Doeden, Dylan Grinde, Lauren Spokely, Mike Willison

God's Healing Presence for...

Clarice Satrom
Vicki Dahlstrom
Sonja Diehl
Larry (Butch) Lovas
Patrick Flanagan
Carol Christianson
Kenna Kappes
Becky Foss
Peggy Gilbertson
Deb Kritzberger
Liz Hanson
Karen Paulson
Susie Anderson
Charlie Anderson

Tim Klocke (Mike Tweten's friend)
Robert Thompson (Isaac, Ava, Mia's grandpa)
Dennis Sollid (Anne Kittelson's dad)
Steve Rinke (Stacy Dickhoff's step-dad)
Todd Donner (Tanya Buethner's brother)
Scott Berry (Benjamin Strand's uncle)
John (Veronika Pawlikowski's dad)
Dennis Taus (Phyllis Leraas' brother-in-law)
Elaina Mueller (Bonnie Mueller's granddaughter)
Lindsey Gilbertson (Kathy Duval's brother)
Kim Olson (Pastor Joe's cousin)
Hunter Gordon (Eunice Morlock's grandson-in-law)
Asher Madsen (Vicki Madsen's great grandson)
Tom Wait (friend of Jon Bertsch)
Barry Sailor (Tara Fandrich's uncle)
Marta Datsik (McSparron's Exchange Student-Ukraine)
Dr. Rich Martin (Cheri and family)

Safety for those serving in the Military... especially those serving in combat areas:

Our Sympathy to... Those in our church family who have experienced the death of a family member or friend: *The family of Monica Webster*

EDUCATION PASTOR: Pastor Amanda Johnson, 218.556.8895

VISITATION MINISTER: Joy McSparron, 701.361.9990

HEAD USHERS: (8:30) Chris McInnes (10:30) Bob & Maggie Wilson family

ACOLYTES: (8:30) Jade Habeck, Emmett Hamre (10:30) Owen Holte, Ethan Johnson

ATTENDANCE: November 24, 2024 – (8:30) 59 and (10:30) 108

STEWARDSHIP REPORT: November 24, 2024: \$2,114.41; November to date: \$29,069.83;
Income through October 31, 2024: \$293,761.85; Expenses through October 31, 2024:
\$328,201.03. Income less Expense: -\$34,439.18

ANNOUNCEMENTS: (Due in the church office by 9am Thursdays)

CHRISTMAS DECORATING: Come and help decorate the church on Wednesday, Dec. 4 from 6:30pm - 7:30pm. Many hands make light work!

The **December WELCA Meeting** will be held on **Thursday, December 5** at Our Savior's, with a business meeting and Bible Study at **10:00 AM** and a **Christmas Potluck** meal to follow. All women of the church and guests are invited to join us!

W.O.W. BIBLE STUDY began an Advent study on Monday, Nov. 25th entitled "Prepare the Way for the Lord: Advent and the Message of John the Baptist" by Adam Hamilton. This is a four-week study, so should finish on Monday, December 16th. This study has a DVD.

"No other figure in Scripture is more closely associated with this idea of preparation, of making people ready for the Coming of Christ, than John the Baptist." ~Adam Hamilton

Welcome one and all! We will resume the study of David on January 6, 2025 at 9 AM. ~Senora Almquist, Leader

Samaritan's Purse OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

THANK YOU to everyone who brought filled shoeboxes to the church this year! 36 shoeboxes were collected and delivered! A SPECIAL THANKS to Connie Anderson for leading this WELCA project and delivering the shoeboxes.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church has the following dollars available to be distributed in 2024: **OSLC Endowment Fund - \$1,700.00 and Blanchard Endowment Fund - \$675.00**. Please email (oscelca@rrv.net) or bring your written request -for where you would like to see these available funds distributed- to the Church Office prior to Friday, December 13, 2024. They can be used for programs at OSLC, education and outreach into the community, EaND Synod missions, and ELCA worldwide missions. Thank you!

The Community Christmas Concert "He Was Born For You" will be held on Sunday, Dec. 8th at 7:00 pm at Our Savior's Church. *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."* John 3:16. Join us for an evening of musical worship with refreshments following the concert. **All are Welcome!**

The SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM will be held on Dec. 15th during the 10:30am service. 3 year old through 6th grade children need to be at the church by 9:30am to get ready. Thanks!

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Sunday, December 1

Communion Sunday
Food Pantry donations
8:30am Traditional Service
9:30am Coffee/Fellowship
9:30am Sunday school
10:30am Contemporary Service
4:00pm Community Choir practice
7:00pm AA Meeting (OSLC)

Monday, December 2

9:00am WOW Bible Study
6:30pm Choir practice
7:30pm GosBELLS practice

Tuesday, December 3

7:00am Text Bible Study
(Hillsboro Cafe)

Wednesday, December 4

7:00am Men's Bible Study (Hillsboro Cafe)
5:30pm Meal
6:00pm Confirmation
6:30pm Christmas Decorating
7:30pm Youth Group (9-12 gr)

Thursday, December 5

9:30am WELCA Exec. meet
10:00am WELCA Meeting & Christmas
Potluck
10:45am Worship Service at HMC
2-3 pm Kiwanis Bldgs communion

Sunday, December 8

Communion Sunday
8:30am Traditional Service
9:30am Coffee/Fellowship
9:30am Sunday school
10:30am Contemporary Service
11:30am Council Meeting
7:00pm Community Christmas Concert

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