



# OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Pastor Joe Johnson**

**Pastor Amanda Johnson**

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**Sunday, December 15, 2024**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**8:30 AM**

**PRELUDE**

**Pianist: Sarah Lovas**

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN:** "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

**ELW 272**

- 1) *Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming as seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.*
- 2) *Isaiah had foretold it, the rose I have in mind; with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind. To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior, when half spent was the night.*
- 3) *This flow'r, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air, dispels with glorious splendor the darkness ev'rywhere. True man, yet very God, from sin and death he saves us and lightens ev'ry load.*
- 4) *O Savior, child of Mary, who felt our human woe; O Savior, king of glory, who dost our weakness know: bring us at length, we pray, to the bright courts of heaven and into endless day.*

**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING**

**CANDLE LIGHTING HYMN: "We Three Kings of Orient Are"**

WOV 646 V. 1

*1) We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar, field and fountain,  
moor and mountain, following yonder star. 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 Light,

**C: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Lead us and guide us with the true light of the world, so that we never walk in darkness, but in the light of life. Amen**

**FIRST READING: Daniel 12:3**

Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**SONG for the WORD:** "Go Tell It on the Mountain" Refrain  
*Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

ELW 290

### **GOSPEL READING: John 1:1-18**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup>(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

L: The gospel of the Lord.

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

## MESSAGE

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** "I Wonder As I Wander"

WOV 642

*1) I wonder as I wander, out under the sky, how Jesus the Savior did come for to die for poor ord'n'ry people like you and like I. I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.*

2) *When Mary birthed Jesus, all in a cow's stall, came wise men and farmers and shepherds and all, and high from the heavens a star's light did fall; the promise of the ages it then did recall.*

3) *If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing, a star in the sky or a bird on the wing, or all of God's angels in heav'n for to sing, he surely could have had it, 'cause he was the king.*

4) *I wonder as I wander, out under the sky, how Jesus the Savior did come for to die for poor ord'n'ry people like you and like I. I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.*

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**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 into hell.**

**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.**

**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.**

**PRAYER SONG:** "Away in a Manger"

ELW 277 V. 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

*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.*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

**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.**

**SENDING HYMN:** "As with Gladness Men of Old"

**ELW 302 vs 1-2, 5**

*1) As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold; as with joy they hailed  
its light, leading onward, beaming bright; so, most gracious Lord, may we  
evermore be led by thee.*

*2) As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to thy lowly bed, there to bend the knee  
before thee, whom heav'n and earth adore; so may we with willing feet ever seek  
thy mercy seat.*

*5) In the heav'nly country bright need they no created light; thou its light, its joy,  
its crown, thou its sun which goes not down; there forever may we sing alleluias  
to our king.*

## **BLESSING / THREE BELLS**

### **DISMISSAL**

**L:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

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

## **POSTLUDE**

# *O Lord, Hear Our Prayers*

## **Praise & Thanksgiving to God for...**

The people of Our Savior's.

Those celebrating birthdays today: Phyllis Leraas, Luke Leshuk, Karen Thompson

## **God's Healing Presence for...**

Clarice Satrom	Tim Klocke (Mike Tweten's friend)
Vicki Dahlstrom	Robert Thompson (Isaac, Ava, Mia's grandpa)
Sonja Diehl	Dennis Sollid (Anne Kittelson's dad)
Larry (Butch) Lovas	Steve Rinke (Stacy Dickhoff's step-dad)
Patrick Flanagan	Todd Donner (Tanya Buethner's brother)
Carol Christianson	Scott Berry (Benjamin Strand's uncle)
Kenna Kappes	John (Veronika Pawlikowski's dad)
Becky Foss	Dennis Taus (Phyllis Leraas' brother-in-law)
Peggy Gilbertson	Elaina Mueller (Bonnie Mueller's granddaughter)
Deb Kritzberger	Lindsey Gilbertson (Kathy Duval's brother)
Liz Hanson	Kim Olson (Pastor Joe's cousin)
Karen Paulson	Hunter Gordon (Eunice Morlock's grandson-in-law)
Susie Anderson	Asher Madsen (Vicki Madsen's great grandson)
Charlie Anderson	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:

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**EDUCATION PASTOR:** Pastor Amanda Johnson, 218.556.8895

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**HEAD USHERS:** (8:30) Peter Lovas (10:30) Trish Mueller

**LECTOR:** (8:30) Rita Fandrich

**ACOLYTES:** (8:30) Brayden Ambuehl, Keagan Ambuehl (10:30) N/A

**ATTENDANCE:** December 8, 2024 – (8:30) 64 and (10:30) 101

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT:** December 8, 2024: \$7,081.75; December to date: \$15,323.52; Income through November 30, 2024: \$332,344.32; Expenses through November 30, 2024: \$361,287.27. Income less Expense: -\$28,942.95

*Baptized today after the 10:30am service is Ivron Kasie Folstrom, daughter of Callie Folstrom. Ivron was born on August 2, 2024 in Fargo, North Dakota. Her Godparents are Kassie and Josue Jean Pierre, Richard Berg, Robert Berg, and Jacie Folstrom. Her Sponsors are Otto Bertsch and Kasey Hannestad.*

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

**The SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM will be held TODAY, December 15<sup>th</sup> during the 10:30am service! All are welcome and invited to attend!**

**PLEASE JOIN US on Sunday, December 22** at the 8:30am worship service- and Coffee Hour following the service- as we **Honor our Organist, Karen Alfson** for 47 years of playing music for us at Our Savior's Lutheran Church!

**Tuesday, December 24th CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE:**

**1:30 PM at HMC Care Center** (NO service on 12-26)

**3:30 PM at Our Savior's Church – Candlelight Service**

**5:30 PM at Our Savior's Church – Candlelight Service**

NOTE: Sunday, December 29 there will be one service at 9:30 AM at Our Savior's with Coffee/Fellowship following.

**HILLSBORO KIWANIS FOOD PANTRY:**

**Items needed include:** Green Beans, Juice (orange, grape, apple, cranberry), Flour, Laundry Detergent, Dish Soap, Jelly (strawberry, grape), Ketchup, Mustard, Cooking oil, Cooking Spray, Dry Mashed Potatoes, Crunchy Peanut Butter, Paper Towels, Coffee, Cereal, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Crackers.

Place your items in the wood crate located inside and to the west of the front door of the church. The Hillsboro Kiwanis Food Pantry is located at the Hillsboro Armory. Open the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month from 4-6 pm. THANK YOU for your generous donations for those in need. If you have any questions please contact Rich G. at 701-436-5777 or Dan C. at 701-430-1595.

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

### **Sunday, December 15**

8:30am Traditional Service  
9:30am Coffee/Fellowship  
9:30am Sunday school  
10:30am Contemporary Service  
with Sunday school program  
7:00pm AA Meeting

### **Monday, December 16**

9:00am WOW Bible Study

### **Tuesday, December 17**

7:00am Text Bible Study  
at Hillsboro Cafe

### **Wednesday, December 18**

7:00am Men's Bible Study  
at Hillsboro Cafe  
5:30pm Meal  
6:00pm Confirmation  
7:30pm Youth Group

### **Thursday, December 19**

10:45am Worship Service at HMC

### **Sunday, December 22**

8:30am Traditional Service  
9:30am Cake & Coffee in Honor of  
Organist, Karen Alfson  
9:30am Sunday school  
10:30am Contemporary Service  
7:00pm AA Meeting

*A big **THANK YOU** to those of you who donated gifts for the State Hospital patients. We sent 2 large boxes of wonderful gifts. I have already had a thank you from the volunteers who operate the program. Those who receive the gifts will know that someone is thinking of them at Christmas. Sylvia Hansen, WELCA Chair*

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