



# OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Pastor Joe Johnson**

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**Sunday, December 22, 2024**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**10:30 AM**

**PRELUDE**

**Our Savior's Light**

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING SONG:** "Mary's Little Boy Child"

**TOSB 141**

*1) Long time ago in Bethlehem, so the Holy Bible say,  
Mary's boy child, Jesus Christ was born on Christmas day.  
Hark! Now hear the angels sing. New King is born today.  
And man will live forevermore because of Christmas day.*

*2) While Shepherds watched their flocks by night, they saw a bright new shining  
star, and heard a choir from heaven sing the music came from afar.  
Hark! Now hear the angels sing New King is born today.  
And man will live forevermore because of Christmas day.*

*3) Now Joseph and his wife, Mary, came to Bethlehem that night.  
They found no place to bear her child, not a single room was in sight.  
By and by they found a little nook in a stable all forlorn,  
and in a manger, cold and dark, Mary's little boy child was born.  
Trumpets sound and angels sing. Listen to what they say,  
that man will live forevermore because of Christmas 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: Name above all names,

**C: You have created, numbered, and named the stars in the sky, and you have named us and claimed us as your own. Great are you Lord, abundant in power, your understanding is beyond measure and your mercy is beyond contemplation. Thank you Lord, for your unending love. Amen**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Sarah Lovas and Phyllis Leraas

**FIRST READING: Luke 1:5-15**

<sup>5</sup>In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. <sup>6</sup>Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. <sup>7</sup>But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years.

<sup>8</sup>Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, <sup>9</sup>he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. <sup>10</sup>Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. <sup>11</sup>Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. <sup>12</sup>When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. <sup>13</sup>But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will **name** him John. <sup>14</sup>You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, <sup>15</sup>for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit.

**SECOND READING: Luke 1:26-33**

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.” <sup>29</sup>But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will **name** him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>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. <sup>33</sup>He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

L: The word of the Lord.     **C: Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE GATHERING SONG:** “Away in a Manger”     ELW 277 V. 1  
*Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

**SONG FOR THE WORD**

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glo - - - - ri - a in ex-cel-sis De - o.

**WORD of the DAY: Psalm 147:1-5**

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting. **(Continued...)**

<sup>2</sup>The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

<sup>3</sup>He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.

<sup>4</sup>He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their *names*.

<sup>5</sup>Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

L: The word of the Lord.    **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## MESSAGE

### SONG OF THE DAY: "From God's Heart"

1) *May our words and what we do be lived in gratitude to you Emmanuel, love has come in an unexpected lowly one.*

2) *Into this hungry, violent place your word's for ev'ry tribe and race. Let love increase, let hatred fall. Be peace on earth good will to all.*

3) *Grace revealed for humankind, good news for poor of ev'ry kind. The low raised up, the rich brought low so abundant life the world may know.*

4) *From God's heart a child arrives. Here hope abounds and joy abides. God with us, in the night; Glory to the One who brings the light.*

## 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: "From God's Heart" V. 1

*May our words and what we do be lived in gratitude to you Emmanuel,  
love has come in an unexpected lowly one.*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

(Repeat Prayer Song)

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

### OFFERING

“Offering” by Our Savior’s Light

### OFFERTORY: “Offering” Refrain

*I bring an offering of worship to my King;*

*No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing;*

*Jesus, may You receive the honor that You’re due; O Lord, I bring an offering to You.*

### 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 SONG: “Come On, Ring Those Bells”

**TOSB 30**

*1) Ev’rybody likes to take a holiday, Ev’rybody likes to take a rest  
Spending time together with the family, sharing lots of love and happiness.*

***Refrain:*** *Come on ring those bells, light the Christmas tree. Jesus is the King, born for you and me. Come on ring those bells, ev’rybody say, “Jesus we remember this your birthday.”*

*2) Celebrations come because of something good, celebrations we love to recall.  
Mary had a baby boy in Bethlehem, the greatest celebration of them all.  
(Refrain)*

### 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: Evelyn Johnson, Axel Lovas, Brenna Opdahl

## **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

**VISITATION MINISTER:** Joy McSparron, 701.361.9990

**8:30 PIANIST:** Sarah Lovas

**HEAD USHERS:** (8:30) Glen Hultin (10:30) Zach & Steph Hinkle family

**ATTENDANCE:** December 15, 2024 – (8:30) 57 and (10:30) 307

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT:** December 15, 2024: \$15,218.83; December to date: \$30,542.35; Income through November 30, 2024: \$332,344.32; Expenses through November 30, 2024: \$361,287.27. Income less Expense: -\$28,942.95

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

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

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

**3:30 PM at Our Savior's – Candlelight Service (OSLC)**

**5:30 PM at Our Savior's – Candlelight Service (OSLC)**

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

*A big **THANK YOU** to those of you who donated gifts for the ND State Hospital clients. 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*

**HILLSBORO KIWANIS FOOD PANTRY:**

**Items needed include:**

Peanut Butter, Stove-top stuffing, Hamburger Helper, Canned Tuna, Canned Chicken, Canned vegetables, Pork Beans, Pasta Products, Spaghetti Sauce, Salad Dressing, Jello, Brownie Mix, Flour, Coffee & Tea, Ketchup, Mustard  
Toothpaste, Body Wash, Deodorant, Shampoo/Conditioner, Laundry Soap, Dish Soap, Feminine Hygiene Products, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Kleenex, Napkins

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.

**REMINDER:** End of the year Annual Reports are due by Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. The OSLC Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 26, 2025 following the 10:30am worship service (approx. 11:30am).

## **WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

### **Sunday, December 22**

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

### **Sunday, December 29**

9:30am Worship Service  
10:30am Coffee/Fellowship  
7:00pm AA Meeting

### **Monday, December 23**

Meal Delivery Week (Not 12-25)  
Steeple Talk news for Jan. due!

### **Tuesday, December 24**

1:30pm Worship at HMC Care Center  
3:30pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (OSLC)  
5:30pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (OSLC)

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