



OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday, December 22, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:30 AM

PRELUDE

Pianist: Sarah Lovas

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "Once in Royal David's City"

ELW 269

- 1) Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.*
- 2) He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor and meek and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.*
- 3) And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;
for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heav'n above;
and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.*
- 4) Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,
we shall see him; but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high;
there his children gather round, bright like stars, with glory crowned.*

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

FIRST READING: Luke 1:5-15

⁵In 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. ⁶Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. ⁷But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years.

⁸Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, ⁹he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. ¹⁰Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. ¹¹Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. ¹²When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. ¹³But 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. ¹⁴You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, ¹⁵for 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

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will **name** him Jesus. ³²He 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. ³³He 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

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

WORD of the DAY: Psalm 147:1-5

¹Praise the LORD! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

²The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

³He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.

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

⁵Great 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

HYMN OF THE DAY: "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came"

ELW 265

1) *The angel Gabriel from heaven came, with wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame: "All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary, most highly favored lady." Gloria!*

2) *"For know a blessed mother thou shalt be, all generations laud and honor thee; thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold, most highly favored lady." Gloria!*

3) *Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head; "To me be as it pleaseth God," she said. "My soul shall laud and magnify God's holy name." Most highly favored lady, Gloria!*

4) *Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born in Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn, and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say: "Most highly favored lady." Gloria!*

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: "Love Has Come"

ELW 292

*1) Love has come, a light in the darkness! Love shines forth in the Bethlehem
skies. See, all heaven has come to proclaim it; hear how their song of joy arises:
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior! Love! Love! Glory to God on high.*

*2) Love is born! Come, share in the wonder. Love is God now asleep in the hay.
See the glow in the eyes of his mother; what is the name her heart is saying?
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers; Love! Love! Jesus, Immanuel.*

*3) Love has come and never will leave us! Love is life everlasting and free. Love
is Jesus within and among us. Love is the peace our hearts are seeking. Love!
Love! Love is the gift of Christmas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!*

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:

EDUCATION PASTOR: Pastor Amanda Johnson, 218.556.8895

VISITATION MINISTER: Joy McSparron, 701.361.9990

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)

PLEASE JOIN US for Coffee Hour following the service TODAY- 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 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 1st and 3rd 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 6th. 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)

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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