

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Radio Broadcast at 9:30am on KMSR 1520 AM

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Sunday, December 29, 2024

First Sunday of Christmas

9:30 AM

PRELUDE

Pianist: Sarah Lovas

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

ELW 283

1) O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant! O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; come and behold him, born the king of angels:

***Refrain:** O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

2) The highest, most holy, light of light eternal, born of a virgin, a mortal he comes; Son of the Father now in flesh appearing! (Refrain)

3) Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God in the highest: (Refrain)

4) Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n! Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: (Refrain)

CHRISTMAS CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS L (Leader); C (Congregation)

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

C: **Amen**

L: Let us acknowledge Christ in our presence and ready our hearts for his grace, by confessing our sin against God and neighbor.

C: **Amen**

(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.**

SONG OF PRAISE: "We Will Glorify"

TOSB 142

1) We will glorify the King of Kings; We will glorify the Lamb; We will glorify the Lord of Lords, Who is the great I Am.

2) Hallelujah to the King of Kings; Hallelujah to the Lamb; Hallelujah to the Lord of Lords, Who is the great I Am.

3) Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty; We will bow before His throne; We will worship Him in righteousness; We will worship Him alone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Father God,
C: **You came to us, as a helpless baby to bring your unconditional love and salvation to a sinful and undeserving world. Thank you for loving us and bestowing your grace upon grace to all of humankind. Help us to embrace this Savior who first came to us as a babe in Bethlehem and then took on all of our sin and shame upon the Cross so that we could be free from those chains and have a joyful life with you for all eternity. In the Blessed Name of Jesus We pray, Amen**

FIRST READING: Galatians 4:4-7

⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶ And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷ So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir through God.

PSALM: Psalm 145:1-13 (Read Responsively – L, C)

¹ I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

² **Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.**

³ Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

⁴ **One generation shall extol your works to another
and shall declare your mighty acts.**

⁵ On the glorious splendor of your majesty,

⁶ **The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed,**

⁷ They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

⁸ **The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

⁹ The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

¹⁰ **All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your faithful shall bless you.**

¹¹ They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power,

¹² **to make known to all people your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

The LORD is faithful in all his words and gracious in all his deeds.

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

SONG OF PRAISE: “Jesus, Name Above All Names”

TOSB 115

1) Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord, Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, living Word.

2) Jesus, loving shepherd, Vine of the branches, Son of God, Prince of Peace, Wonderful counselor, Lord of the universe, Light of the world.

3) Jesus, Way of salvation, King of kings, Lord of Lords, the way the truth, and the Life, Mighty creator, my Savior and friend.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SONG for the WORD: “The First Noel” Refrain

ELW 300

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.

WORD of the DAY: Isaiah 9:6-7

⁶ For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

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

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY: "The Bells of Christmas"

ELW 298 vs 1, 3-5

*1) The bells of Christmas chime once more; the heav'nly guest is at the door.
He comes to earthly dwellings still with new year gifts of peace, good will.*

*3) Now let us go with quiet mind, the swaddled babe with shepherds find, to gaze on him
who gladdens them, the loveliest flow'r of Jesse's stem.*

*4) Oh, join with me, in gladness sing, to keep our Christmas with our king,
until our song, from loving souls, like rushing mighty water rolls!*

*5) O patriarchs' Joy, O prophets' Song, O Dayspring bright, awaited long, O Son of Man,
incarnate Word, great David's Son, great David's Lord:*

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: "What Child Is This"

ELW 296 V. 1

*What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with
anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping? This, this is Christ the king,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe,
the son of Mary!*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

PRAYER SONG: "What Child Is This"

ELW 296 V. 2

*Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear;
for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the
cross be borne for me, for you; hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!*

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: "On Christmas Night"

ELW 274

1) On Christmas night all Christians sing to hear the news the angels bring. On Christmas night all Christians sing to hear the news the angels bring: news of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful king's birth.

2) Then why should we on earth be sad, since our redeemer made us glad? Then why should we on earth be sad, since our redeemer made us glad, when from our sin he set us free, all for to gain our liberty?

3) When sin departs before his face, then life and health come in its place. When sin departs before his face, then life and health come in its place. Angels rejoice with us and sing, all for to see the newborn king.

4) All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night. All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night: "Glory to God in highest heav'n; peace on earth, and goodwill. Amen."

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: Haley Smelden, Tasha Eberhardt

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:

ASSISTING MINISTER: Barb Hultin

EDUCATION PASTOR: Pastor Amanda Johnson, 218.556.8895

VISITATION MINISTER: Joy McSparron, 701.361.9990

HEAD USHER: Wayne Koering

ATTENDANCE: December 22, 2024 – (8:30) 57 and (10:30) 41

STEWARDSHIP REPORT: December 22, 2024: \$5,092.00; December to date: \$35,634.35; 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)

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

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).

Merry
CHRISTMAS
& Happy
NEW YEAR



WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Sunday, December 29

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

Wednesday, January 1 – New Year’s Day

Thursday, January 2

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

Sunday, January 5

8:30am Traditional Worship w/communion
9:30am Coffee/Fellowship
9:30am Sunday school
10:30am Contemporary Worship w/communion
11:30am **Council Meeting**
7:00pm AA Meeting



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