



OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday, December 8, 2024

Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM

PRELUDE

Pianist: Sarah Lovas

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "Prepare the Royal Highway"

ELW 264

1) Prepare the royal highway; the King of kings is near! Let ev'ry hill and valley a level road appear! Then greet the King of glory, foretold in sacred story: Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!

2) God's people, see him coming: your own eternal king! Palm branches strew before him! Spread garments! Shout and sing! God's promise will not fail you! No more shall doubt assail you! Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!

3) Then fling the gates wide open to greet your promised king! Your king, yet ev'ry nation its tribute too may bring. All lands will bow before him; their voices join your singing: Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!

4) His is no earthly kingdom; it comes from heav'n above. His rule is peace and freedom and justice, truth, and love. So let your praise be sounding for kindness so abounding: Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!

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,

C: With shouts of joy at all you have done and created, help us to prepare our hearts for the inbreaking of your son that we might receive and know him.

FIRST READING: Job 38:1-7 The Lord Answers Job

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

²"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?"

³ Gird up your loins like a man;
I will question you, and you shall declare to me.
⁴ “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell me, if you have understanding.
⁵ Who determined its measurements—surely you know!
Or who stretched the line upon it?
⁶ On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone
⁷ when the morning stars sang together
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

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 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: Luke 3:2-6 The Proclamation of John the Baptist
² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,
“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight.
⁵ Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth,
⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’ ”

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

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Hark, the Glad Sound!"

ELW 239

*1) Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes, the Savior promised long;
let ev'ry heart prepare a throne and ev'ry voice a song.*

*2) He comes the pris'ners to release, in Satan's bondage held. The gates of
brass before him burst, the iron fetters yield.*

*3) He comes the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure, and with the
treasures of his grace to enrich the humble poor.*

*4) Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace, your welcome shall proclaim, and
heav'n's eternal arches ring with your beloved name.*

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.*

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: "What Child Is This"

ELW 296

"I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve"

ELW 271

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING HYMN: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

ELW 288

1) Good Christian friends, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice; give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today; ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now. Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

2) Good Christian friends, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice; now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this! He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore. Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

3) Good Christian friends, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice; now ye need not fear the grave; Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall. Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

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: Wyatt Torgerson

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) Ed Laxdal (10:30) Randy & Janelle Habeck family

ACOLYTES: (8:30) Callie Kozojed, Lane Nelson
(10:30) Mason Stauss, Eli Thompson

ATTENDANCE: December 1, 2024 – (8:30) 80 and (10:30) 105

STEWARDSHIP REPORT: December 1, 2024: \$8,241.77; December to date: \$8,241.77;
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)

TONIGHT! SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH
The Community Christmas Concert “He Was Born For You”
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!

OSLC ANGEL TREE for HMC Care Center Residents

The Angel Tree is set up in the Narthex at Our Savior’s. It is adorned with item and cash donation cards for the HMC Care Center residents. Choose a card off of the tree, purchase the item and bring the unwrapped item, or cash donation, back to Our Savior’s Church by December 10th. Gifts will be delivered to the residents before Christmas. Please contact Joy McSparron with questions or to help out, 701.361.9990



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

Our Savior’s Lutheran Church has the following dollars available to be distributed in 2024:

OSLC Endowment Fund - \$1,700.00

Blanchard Endowment Fund - \$675.00

Please email (oslcclca@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!

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

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 at OSLC

Monday, December 9

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

Tuesday, December 10

7:00am Text Bible Study
at Hillsboro Cafe

Wednesday, December 11

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

Thursday, December 12

10:45am Worship Service at HMC

Sunday, December 15

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

The SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM will be held on December 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!

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!

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