

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday, November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

10:30 AM

PRELUDE

Our Savior's Light

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

ELW 815

1) I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain: In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2) I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus. Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. (Refrain)

3) I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. (Refrain)

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

CANDLE LIGHTING HYMN: "Christ Be Our Light"

ELW 715 vs 1-2

1) Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

(Continued...)

*2) Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice.*

Refrain: *Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.*

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: O God, our eternal redeemer,

C: by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21

¹ I will exalt you, my God and king, and bless your name forever and ever.

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

³ Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised! There is no end to your greatness.

⁴ One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power.

⁵ I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty and all your marvelous works.

¹⁷ You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.

¹⁸ You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call up on you faithfully.

¹⁹ You fulfill the desire of those who fear you; you hear their cry and save them.

²⁰ You watch over all those who love you, but all the wicked you shall destroy.

²¹ My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE GATHERING SONG: "Oh, How I Love Jesus"

*Oh, how I love Jesus, Oh, how I love Jesus. Oh, how I love Jesus,
Because He first loved me.*

SONG FOR THE WORD

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written on a treble clef. The first staff begins with a whole note G4, followed by a half note F4, and then a series of eighth notes: E4, D4, C4, B3, A3, G3, F3, E3, D3, C3. The lyrics 'Glo - - - - ri - a in ex-cel-sis De - o;' are written below the notes. The second staff begins with a whole note G4, followed by a half note F4, and then a series of eighth notes: E4, D4, C4, B3, A3, G3, F3, E3, D3, C3. The lyrics 'glo - - - - ri - a in ex-cel-sis De - o.' are written below the notes. A fermata is placed over the final note of each staff.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 20:27-38

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] ²⁸ and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother.

²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless.

³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

³⁴ Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage,

³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection

from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac,

and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive."

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

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Canticle of the Turning”

ELW 723

1) My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great, and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You fixed your sight on your servant’s plight, and my weakness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain: *My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.*

2) Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me, and your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be. Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. (Refrain)

3) From the halls of pow’r to the fortress tow’r, not a stone will be left on stone. Let the king beware for your justice tears ev’ry tyrant from his throne. The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn; there are tables spread, ev’ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn. (Refrain)

4) Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast: God’s mercy must deliver us from the conqueror’s crushing grasp. This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around. (Refrain)

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: “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

ELW 759 V. 1

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away, oh, let me from this day be wholly thine!

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

(Repeat Prayer Song)

PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING / OFFERTORY: "Give Thanks" ending

And now, let the weak say "I am strong," let the poor say "I am rich," because of what the Lord has done, for us. Give thanks!

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: "Soon and Very Soon"

ELW 439

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King, soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King, soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King. Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

No more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King, no more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King, no more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King. Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King, no more dying there, we are goin' to see the King, no more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King. Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King, soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King, soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King. Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King! Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

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:

God's Healing Presence for...

Bryan Mueller	Lindsey Gilbertson (Kathy Duval's brother)
Bonnie Spicer	Marilyn Hall (Sarah Lovas' mom)
Jeanie Swenson	Connie Fillion (Phyllis Leraas' sister)
Mya Oelrich	Asher Madsen (Vicki Madsen's great grandson)
Dan Bjorklund	Tim Klocke (Mike Tweten's friend)
Clarice Satrom	Robert Thompson (Isaac, Ava, Mia's grandpa)
Vicki Dahlstrom	Dennis Sollid (Anne Kittelson's dad)
Jerry Boeddeker	Steve Rinke (Stacy Dickhoff's step-dad)
Becky Foss	Todd Donner (Tanya Buethner's brother)
Deb Kritzberger	Scott Berry (Benjamin Strand's uncle)
Carol Christianson	Jon Pawlikowski (Veronika Lee's dad)
Kenna Kappes	Dennis Taus (Phyllis Leraas' brother-in-law)
Peggy Gilbertson	Elaina Mueller (Bonnie Mueller's granddaughter)
Susie Anderson	Marta Datsik (McSparron's Exchange Student-Ukraine)
Charlie Anderson	Barry Sailor (Tara Fandrich's uncle)
	Hunter Gordon (Eunice Morlock's grandson-in-law)

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:

SENIOR PASTOR: Pastor Joe Johnson, 701-430-3787

EDUCATION PASTOR: Pastor Amanda Johnson, 218.556.8895

VISITATION MINISTER: Joy McSparron, 701.361.9990

WORSHIP LEADER TODAY: Nadia Robb-Kern

HEAD USHERS: (8:30) Chris McInnes (10:30) Chris and Amy Redland

ACOLYTES: (8:30) Brea Hovey, Aislin Myers
(10:30) Parker Redland, Lilah Sandberg

ATTENDANCE: November 23, 2025 – 65 (8:30); 89 (10:30)

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

You are Invited!

The Community Choir and Bell Choir will be presenting an evening of music and fellowship to kick off the Christmas Season:

“Hope Was Born This Night”

Sunday evening, December 14th at 7:00 pm

Our Savior’s Church, 204 E Caledonia Ave, Hillsboro

Refreshments will be served following the concert

All are welcome-please join us! Free admission, food pantry donations accepted

NOTE: Any YOUTH, Elementary through Junior High ages, are welcome to join the youth choir for a song sung with the adult choir during the Community Christmas Concert! Rehearsals are approx. 25 min., and will be held on Sundays: November 23 @ 3 PM, November 30 @ 3:15 PM, and December 7 @ 3:30 PM.

WELCA is collecting gifts for the “**Christmas Gift Program for ND State Hospital Clients.**” A collection box is in the courtyard at Our Savior’s with a list of suggested gifts; such as games, art & craft supplies, activity books, puzzles, blankets, pjs, socks, winter hats, and gloves. *Please have all gifts to OSLC by Sun., Dec. 7, so that WELCA members can ship them in time for the volunteers & staff members who run the program to get them ready for Christmas.*

ENDOWMENT FUNDS: OSLC has the following dollars available to be distributed in 2025: OSLC Endowment Fund \$1,450.00 and Blanchard Endowment Fund \$675.00. Please email (oslcclca@rrv.net) or send your written request -for where you would like to see these available funds distributed- to the Church Office **prior to Friday, Dec. 8, 2025.**

W.O.W. (Women of the Word) MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

W.O.W. Bible Study meets on Monday mornings at 9 AM in the 2nd floor lounge at Our Savior’s Church. They have begun an Advent Study. All women are Welcome!
~Senora Almquist, Leader

WELCA (women of the church) This year we again discussed the Christmas Luncheon and decided the Christmas season might be too busy. We decided to give it another try at Valentines {February} next year. We encourage you to be thinking about this idea and be ready to respond with your opinion when we contact you in the New Year. Or feel free to contact me with your opinion now. Sylvia Hansen, WELCA President: 701-430-0820 or 636-5378.

THE OSLC DEACONS have put together communion bags so those who head south for the winter can continue to commune with us while joining the online service. If you would like one or know someone who would, please reach out to Pastor Joe, Pastor Amanda or one of the Deacons (Dawn 218-790-6621, Teresa 701-430-2037, Krista 701-238-6624 or Brad 701-739-4171).

ANNUAL MEN'S POTATO DUMPLING DINNER on **Sunday, Dec. 7th** at Halstad Lutheran Church, 304 5th St E, Halstad, MN from 11:30am-1:30pm. Potato Dumplings, Ham, Jiffy Corn Casserole, Lefse & Dessert. \$15-Adults; \$10-Children; Dine-In or Take-Out. We will also have a silent auction with many things to bid on. Thrivent Funded. Money raised for the general church fund.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Sunday, November 30

8:30am Worship Service
9:30am Coffee/Fellowship
9:30am Sunday school
10:30am Contemporary Worship
3:15pm Youth Choir practice
3:30pm Community Choir practice
7:00pm AA Meeting

Monday, December 1

9:00am W.O.W. Bible Study
6:30pm Community Choir practice
7:30pm Handbell practice

Tuesday, December 2

7:00am Text Bible Study @ Café

Wednesday, December 3

7:00am Men's Bible Study @ Café
5:30pm Meal
6:00pm Confirmation
6:30pm Decorate the Church
7:30pm Youth Group

Thursday, December 4

9:30am WELCA Exec meet
010:00am WELCA
Meeting/Christmas Potluck
10:45am Worship Service at HMC
2-3pm Kiwanis Bldgs communion

Sunday, December 7

Communion Sunday
8:30am Worship Service
9:30am Coffee/Fellowship
9:30am Sunday school
10:30am Sunday school
Christmas Program
11:30am Council Meeting
3:30pm Community Choir & Youth
Choir practice
7:00pm AA Meeting

