

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Joe Johnson

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Sunday, December 14, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM

PRELUDE

Organist: Vicky Grothmann

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)

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.*

*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)*

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 healing,

C: **We will praise you, O Lord, for you have lifted us up. In a season of joy, we grieve. Walk with us in our sorrow, and bring us joy. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Psalm 30:1-5

¹ I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

² O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

³ O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

⁴ Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.

⁵ For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG for the WORD: "Angels We Have Heard on High" Refrain

ELW 289

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the refrain of the hymn "Angels We Have Heard on High". The music is in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody starts on a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, and then a series of eighth notes: B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4. A slur covers the first six notes. The lyrics "Glo - - - - ri - a in ex-cel-sis De - o;" are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, and then a series of eighth notes: B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4. A slur covers the first six notes. The lyrics "glo - - - - ri - a in ex-cel-sis De - o." are written below the notes. The piece ends with a double bar line.

WORD of the DAY: Isaiah 9:2-7

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

³ You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴ For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵ For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

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 Great will be his authority, 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: "In the Bleak Midwinter"

ELW 294

1) In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter, long ago.

2) Heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain; heav'n and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign; in the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed the Lord God almighty, Jesus Christ.

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.

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: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

ELW 257 V. 1

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

PRAYER SONG: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

ELW 257 V. 2

O come, O Wisdom from on high, embracing all things far and nigh: in strength and beauty come and stay; teach us your will and guide our way. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING / OFFERTORY: "What Child Is This"

ELW 296 V. 3

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him. The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him. Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby; joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

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: "Joy to the World"

ELW 267 vs 1-2

1) Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king; let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

2) Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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: Janelle Habeck, Sally Stock

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: *The family of Patty Porter*

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HEAD USHERS: (8:30) Glen Hultin (10:30) Katie and Levi Reese

ACOLYTES: (8:30) Colbie Hatlestad, Bridger Longthorne
(10:30) Cayden Olson, Mason Ouellette

ATTENDANCE: December 7, 2025 – 40 (8:30); 195 (10:30)

STEWARDSHIP REPORT: December 7, 2025: \$5,086.01; Dec. to date: \$5,086.01.

Income through Oct. 31, 2025: \$305,233.70; Expenses through Oct. 31, 2025:

\$350,497.35 Income less Expense: -\$45,263.65

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:

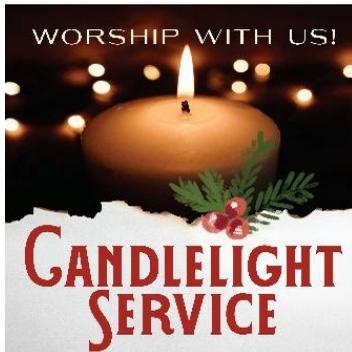
“Hope Was Born This Night”

Sunday, 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

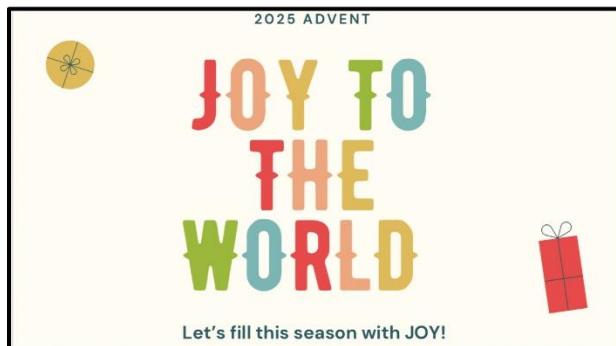


Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2025:

1:30 PM at Hillsboro Care Center

3:30 PM at Our Savior’s

5:30 PM at Our Savior’s



WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Sunday, December 14

8:30am Worship Service
9:30am Coffee/Fellowship
9:30am Christmas Carnival
10:30am Contemporary Worship
7:00pm Community Christmas Concert

Monday, December 15

9:00am W.O.W. Bible Study

Tuesday, December 16

7:00am Text Bible Study
-at Hillsboro Café

Wednesday, December 17

7:00am Men's Bible Study
-at Hillsboro Café
5:30pm Meal
6:00pm Confirmation
7:30pm Youth Group

Thursday, December 18

10:45am Worship Service
-at Hillsboro Care Center

Sunday, December 21

8:30am Worship Service
9:30am Coffee/Fellowship
10:30am Contemporary Worship
7:00pm AA Meeting

ND State Hospital Gifts: Two boxes of gifts were sent to the volunteers at the State Hospital to dispense at Christmas to clients there. THANK YOU to those of you who donated; we had many nice gifts to share. It is our small way of letting them know someone remembers them and cares about them. Thank You, WELCA



The Offering

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