

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Radio Broadcast at 8:30am on KMSR 1520 AM and KMAV 105.5 FM
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Sunday, December 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM

PRELUDE

Organist: Vicky Grothmann

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn"

ELW 242

1) Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn, for angels herald its dawning. Sing out your joy, for soon he is born, behold! the Child of our longing. Come as a baby weak and poor, to bring all hearts together, he opens wide the heav'nly door and lives now inside us forever.

2) To us, to all in sorrow and fear, Emmanuel comes a-singing, his humble song is quiet and near, yet fills the earth with its ringing; music to heal the broken soul and hymns of lovingkindness, the thunder of his anthems roll to shatter all hatred and blindness.

3) In darkest night his coming shall be, when all the world is despairing, as morning light so quiet and free, so warm and gentle and caring. Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in wonder, the weak be raised above the strong, and weapons be broken asunder.

4) Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night, though dark the winter and cheerless, the rising sun shall crown you with light, be strong and loving and fearless. Love be our song and love our prayer and love our endless story; may God fill ev'ry day we share and bring us at last into glory.

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: Gracious God,

C: **Prepare our hearts in this season of Advent to receive the gift of joy. May your joy be in us, and our joy may be complete. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 61:10

¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the Lord;
my whole being shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

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

GOSPEL READING: John 15:11

¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

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

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers” ELW 244

1) Rejoice, rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear; the evening is advancing, and darker night is near. The bridegroom is arising and soon is drawing nigh. Up, pray and watch and wrestle; at midnight comes the cry.

2) *The watchers on the mountain proclaim the bridegroom near; go forth as he approaches with alleluias clear. The marriage feast is waiting; the gates wide open stand. Arise, O heirs of glory; the bridegroom is at hand.*

3) *The saints, who here in patience their cross and suff'rings bore, shall live and reign forever when sorrow is no more. Around the throne of glory the Lamb they shall behold; in triumph cast before him their diadems of gold.*

4) *Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear; arise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this benighted sphere. With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see the day of earth's redemption that sets your people free!*

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!

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: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"
"Away in a Manger"

ELW 283
ELW 277

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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: Channing Koehn, Blaire Miller, Nick Preston,
Matthew Remore

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

HEAD USHERS: (8:30) Wayne Koering (10:30) Dera and Eric Johnson

ACOLYTES: (8:30) Trygg Torgerson, Lydia Tweten
(10:30) Tenley Dickhoff, Logan Fitzner

ATTENDANCE: November 30, 2025 – 39 (8:30); 97 (10:30)

STEWARDSHIP REPORT: November 30, 2025: \$4,982.38; Nov. to date: \$51,344.98.

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)

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 (oslcelca@rrv.net) or send your written request -for where you would like to see these available funds distributed- to the Church Office **prior to Monday, Dec. 8, 2025.**

THE ANGEL TREE is set up in the narthex for the Hillsboro Care Center residents. Monetary donations are still being accepted to help with gifts and treats.

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 today! **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, 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

Monday, December 8

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

6:30pm Community Choir practice

7:30pm Handbell practice

Tuesday, December 9

7:00am Text Bible Study @ Café

Wednesday, December 10

7:00am Men's Bible Study @ Café

5:30pm Meal

6:00pm Confirmation

7:30pm Youth Group

Thursday, December 11

10:45am Worship Service at HMC

Sunday, December 14

Communion Sunday

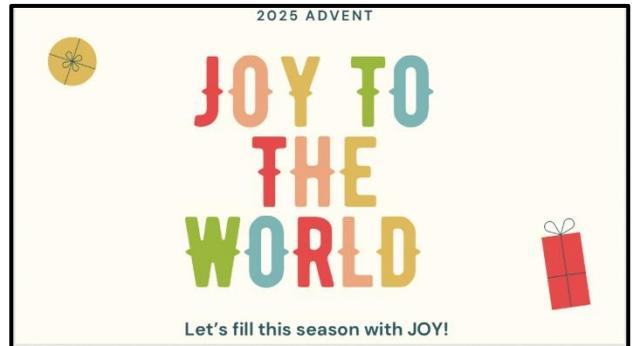
8:30am Worship Service

9:30am Coffee/Fellowship

9:30am Christmas Carnival

10:30am Contemporary Worship

7:00pm Community Christmas Concert



A promotional graphic for "The Offering" mobile app. The top part shows a close-up of hands holding a gold offering plate with a dollar bill being placed inside. Below this, the text "The Offering" is written in a large, white, sans-serif font. Underneath is a logo consisting of a purple square with a white 'V' inside. To the right of the logo is a white box containing the text "VANCO Mobile Faith Engagement". To the right of this box are two logos: "get it on Google Play" and "Download on the App Store". Below the logo is the text "Scan here" followed by a QR code. To the right of the QR code is the text "or Text \$ amount to: 833-460-2876".