

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
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+Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022

Prayer request and visitor cards can be found in the pew rack.

(*) Denotes when to stand, if you are able. **Boldface** readings are spoken together.

Prelude *Of the Father's Love Begotten* arr. by Lani Smith Nadine Berg

Welcome and Announcements

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Confession and Forgiveness

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

***Gathering Hymn**

Prepare the Royal Highway

#264 (ELW)

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!

***Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

***Kyrie**

p.147 (ELW)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

Amen.

Refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.

Refrain

2. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

Final refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

***Prayer of the Day**

Stir up our hearts, **Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Reading

Isaiah 40:1-8

A reading from Isaiah.

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.

²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

³A voice cries out:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

⁵Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

⁶A voice says, "Cry out!"

And I said, "What shall I cry?"
All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.
⁷The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.
⁸The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand forever.
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *"Waiting for a King"* Joseph Martin Temple Choir

Waiting for a king; when will he come? Waiting for a king: God's holy One.
Will the world be ready? Is his advent near? Waiting for a king: when will he appear?
Waiting for a King; when will he come? Waiting for a king: God's only Son.
Will the world receive him? Will he stand alone? Waiting for a king to come and take his throne.
In the fullness of time the Prince of Peace will come, the promised Messiah, God's chosen One.
For those who are righteous, hope will be restored. Their eyes will be opened; they will know the Lord.
Waiting for a king, ruling in might. Waiting for a king to shine in our night.
Will the world be ready when he comes to stay? Waiting for a king; will this be the day?

Children's Message Lighting of the Advent Wreath Pastor Kevin Olson

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Oberhelman Family
O people of hope, come, **let us rejoice in the faithfulness of the Lord. Amen.**

***Gospel Acclamation** p. 151a (ELW)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.'"

⁴Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Parking Lot Repentance

Pastor Kevin Olson

***Hymn of the Day**

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

#249 (ELW)

1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!
2. Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin; make straight the way for God within,
And let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.
3. We hail you as our Savior, Lord, our refuge and our great reward;
Without your grace we waste away like flow'rs that wither and decay.
4. Stretch forth your hand, our health restore, and make us rise to fall no more;
Oh, let your face upon us shine and fill the world with love divine.
5. All praise to you, eternal Son, whose advent has our freedom won,
Whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Spirit, evermore.

***Apostles' Creed**

Along with the church, we confess our faith.

**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 to the dead.
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.**

***Prayers of Intercession**

As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

A brief silence.

God, you renew the church in every age. We give thanks for hymn writers and theologians (*especially John of Damascus, whom we commemorate today*). Inspire teachers, writers, and musicians to delight and instruct your people.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

***Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Reception of Offering *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* arr, by George Lachenauer

***Offertory** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* #257 (vs 1, ELW)

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.

***Offering Prayer**

God of abundance, **we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Communion

All who believe that God is present in this meal are invited to share in the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Grape juice is available upon request. With their parents permission, all children are also invited to commune. Come forward with your hands cupped to receive. Children not communing are encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing. Communion will be brought to those unable to come to the chancel in the front pew and handicap row.

***Great Thanksgiving** p. 152

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***Holy, Holy, Holy** p. 153

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who come in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

***Lord's Prayer** p. 154b

Lamb of God p. 154

Communion Hymns *Lost in the Night*

#243 (ELW)

1. Lost in the night do the people yet languish,
Longing for morning the darkness to vanquish.
Plaintively sighing with hearts full of anguish.
Will not day come soon? Will not day come soon?
2. Must we be vainly awaiting the morrow?
Shall those who have light no light let us borrow.
Giving no heed to our burden of sorrow?
Will you help us soon? Will you help us soon?
3. Sorrowing wand'ers, in darkness yet dwelling,
Dawned has the day of a radiance excelling,
Death's deepest shadows forever dispelling.
Christ is coming soon! Christ is coming soon!
4. Light o'er the land of the needy is beaming;
Rivers of life through its deserts are streaming,
Bringing all peoples a Savior redeeming.
Come and save us soon! Come and save us soon!

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

#244 (ELW)

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 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!

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

#256 (ELW)

1. "Comfort, comfort now my people; tell of peace!" So says our God.
Comfort those who sit in darkness mourning under sorrow's load.
To God's people now proclaim that God's pardon waits for them!
Tell them that their war is over; God will reign in peace forever.
2. For the herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near,
Calling us to true repentance, since the reign of God is here.
Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God away.
Valleys, rise to greet the Savior; hills, bow down in humble favor.

3. Straight shall be what long was crooked, and the rougher places plain.
Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits God's holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord now on earth is shed abroad,
And all flesh shall see the token that God's word is never broken.

***Prayer after Communion**

God for whom we wait, **in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

***Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn**

People, Look East

#248 (ELW)

1. People, look east, the time is near of the crowing of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east, and sing today Love, the Guest, is on the way.
2. Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there.
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
that in course the flow'r may flourish. People look east,
and sing today Love, the Rose, is on the way.
3. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.
People look east, and sing today Love, the Star, in on the way.
4. Angels announce with shouts of mirth him who brings new life to earth.
Set ev'ry peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.
People look east, and sing today Love, the Lord, in on the way.

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Masters in This Hall

arr. by Robert Hughes

Nadine Berg

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

Pastor: Kevin Olson

Acolytes: Sam Pinkoski/Naomi Ronning

Lector: Heather Pinkoski

Cantor: Sue Rudberg

Choir Director : Roy Berg

Organist: Nadine Berg

Ushers: Fred & Phyllis Fawkes/David Fawkes/Scott Fawkes/Scott Jackson

Tellers: Jim Christian/Cliff Rasch

Videographer: Dustin Davidson/John Law

Altar Guild: Peggy Graham

NEWS & NOTES



Our radio broadcast today is sponsored by Beth Kimmes, Mark, Dan & Terri Bursheim in loving memory of Allan Bursheim.

Thank you and God bless.

Best wishes to Lloydine Pietila who will be celebrating her birthday on Monday. *Happy Birthday!*

We extend our sympathy to Ginny Evans on the death of her sister, Ardis Knutson. Ardis lived in Blooming Prairie, MN. She died on November 10th. *God bless.*

We extend our sympathy to the family of Vickie LaFreniere. Vickie died on November 29th. *God bless.*

Poinsettias and Mission Project

As in past years, members and friends of Our Savior's are being offered the opportunity to donate funds for the Christmas season to poinsettia plants and/or the mission project. Each plant costs the church \$20, any dollar amount contribution is appreciated. If you wish to donate for poinsettia plants to decorate the sanctuary and cheer our members and/or the Simple Water Well Project make checks payable to OSLC. If you wish to have your dedication, for poinsettias or our mission project listed in the Christmas Eve bulletin your contribution must be in the office by Wednesday, Dec. 14th. Contributions are appreciated at any time and in any amount, please indicate on the memo line of your check or on the envelope which fund you wish to support. Blessings to you and on your generosity.

VOICES OF REASON

Presents

"*The Gift of Christmas*" on December 18th at 3:00 PM at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Hibbing. Please plan to join us, and encourage others, in our special Christmas celebration! The Concert will showcase a HARPSICHORD built by Roy Berg and will include strings to accompany the choir. You are all invited to this free concert

Roy Berg, Director

We are selling Inspirational Calendars this Advent season!

Calendar costs are the same as in the past:

1 calendar - \$8 2 calendars - \$15 each additional calendar - \$5

We also have sets of 12 **Inspirational Greeting Cards for \$6.**

Proceeds from these sales help pay the fees for our youth to go to Camp Hiawatha or Camp Vermilion.



We are making Christmas Fudge!! OSLC youth will make fudge in 5 varieties. Our fudge still sells for \$5.00 per half pound. Pick-up in the Fellowship Hall, Sunday, December 18th, between 10-11am. Please put your order form in the offering plate or bring it to the Church

Office. To place a phone order, call the Church Office, 263-7422.

Also, please place your orders by Friday, December 16th.

Note from our Financial Secretary:

If you wish to have a donation recorded for the fiscal year 2022 please have your contribution into the office on or before Friday, December 30, 2022

Thank you for your generosity.

Mark your calendar: Annual meeting – Sunday, January 29, 2023

Worship Service at 9 am with the Annual Meeting following

***Committee Reports need to be completed by Tuesday, January 3rd.**

The Personnel Committee is in the process of considering resumes' for the position of Administrative Assistant for the congregation. This is one of several crucial roles in our congregation. It requires strong organizational skills, accounting and word processing expertise and utmost attention to care and confidentiality. If you or someone you know would be interested in being considered for the role, please submit a resume' to the personnel committee via email (oslchibb@mchsi.com), by mailing it to the church or placing it in the Ministry and Personnel mailbox outside the office. See www.oslchibbing.org for the complete job description.

Opportunities of the Week

Today 4 th	9:00	Worship/Communion/Second Sunday of Advent
	10:00	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:30	Radio Broadcast 1240 AM WMFG
Monday 5 th	9:00	Quilting
Tuesday 6 th	1:00	Staff
	5:00	Foundation
	6:00	TV Broadcast—channel 805
Wednesday 7 th	8:00	TV Broadcast—channel 805
	8:30	Bible Study
	10:00	LEE Center
	6:00	Handbells
	7:00	Confirmation 9 th & 10 th Gr
	7:00	Choir
Thursday 8 th	10:00	Women's Bible Study
Sunday 11 th	9:00	Worship/Third Sunday of Advent
	10:00	Coffee/Fellowship/OSLCW meeting
	10:30	Radio Broadcast 1240 AM WMFG