

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
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+Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 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 *O Come, Little Children* Schulz/Kinyon Handbells

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**

All Earth is Hopeful

#266 (ELW)

1. All the earth is hopeful, the Savior comes at last!
Furrows lie open for God's creative task: this,
The labor of people who struggle to see how God's truth and justice set
ev'rybody free.
2. People of Israel, you heard the prophet tell:
"A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel"; she conceived him, "God with us,"
Our brother, whose birth restores hope and courage to children of this earth.
3. Mountains and valleys will have to be prepared;
New highways opened, new protocols declared.
Almost here! God is nearing, in beauty and grace!
All clear ev'ry gateway, in haste, come out in haste!
4. We first saw Jesus a baby in a crib.
This same Lord Jesus today has come to live in our world;
He is present, in neighbors we see our Jesus is with us, and ever sets us free.

***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.

Hymn of Praise

p. 148 (ELW)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.
**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*Prayer of the Day

Stir up the wills of all who look to you, **Lord God, and strengthen our faith
in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Reading

Luke 1:46B-55

A reading from Luke.

⁴⁶And Mary said,
"My soul magnifies the Lord,
⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
⁴⁸for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
⁵⁰His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
⁵²He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
⁵⁵according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Harle Family

O people of hope, come, **let us rejoice in the faithfulness of the Lord. Amen.**

Sunday School Presentation

*Gospel Acclamation

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

*Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11

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

²When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" ⁴Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.'

¹¹Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

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

Sermon

Christmas Letters

Pastor Kevin Olson

***Hymn of the Day**

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

#311 (ELW)

1. Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed, your reign on earth begun!
You come to break oppression, to set the captive free,
To take away transgression and rule in equity.
2. You come with rescue speedy to those who suffer wrong,
To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light.
Whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in your sight.
3. You shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in your path to birth.
Before you on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go;
And righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow.
4. Kings shall fall down before you, and gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore you, your praise all people sing.
To you shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;
Your kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.

***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.

Gracious God, we rejoice in the gifts of your Spirit. Equip the global church to magnify your love and peace in every land. We pray for the work of the Lutheran World Federation and ELCA Global Mission.

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 *The Cradle* Gretchaninoff/Paxton Nadine Berg

***Offertory** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* #257 (vs 6, ELW)

O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer; O Sun of justice, now draw near
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight.

*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.**

* Lord's Prayer

*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** *Hark, the Glad Sound* #239 (ELW)

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 prs'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.

***Dismissal**

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

Postlude *From Heaven Above* David Schack

Nadine Berg

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Ushers: Jim Christian/Dan Ellefson, Greg & Donna Hoag
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Video Recorder: Dustin Davidson/John Law
Altar Guild: Peggy Graham

NEWS AND NOTES



Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Arlene Pacuzzi in honor of her Care Giver and Pastor Kevin & Sandi.

Thank you and God bless.

Best wishes to Beth Kimmes who will be celebrating her birthday on Friday.

Happy Birthday!!!

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 noon Friday, December 30, 2022.

Thank you for your generosity.

VOICES OF REASON

Presents

Voices of Reason is so proud to announce that on December 18th at 3:00 PM we will present "*The Gift of Christmas*" 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

Poinsettias and Mission Project

If you wish to donate for poinsettia plants to decorate the sanctuary and cheer our members and/or to the Simple Water Well Project make checks payable to OSLC. Each plant costs the church \$20, any dollar amount contribution is appreciated for either or both projects. Envelopes are available in the narthex and the office. Please make a note on the memo line of your check.

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. Blessings to you and on your generosity.



Place your order for Christmas Fudge now!!! OSLC youth will make fudge in 5 varieties. Our fudge 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.

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.

A recognition celebration of Nancy's ministry among us will take place immediately after worship on December 18th in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

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 radio broadcast for Christmas Eve will be live at 3:30pm and replayed on Christmas Day at 10:30am.

Opportunities for the Week

Today 11 th	9:00	Worship/Third Sunday in Advent Sunday School Presentation
	10:00	Coffee/Fellowship/ NO OSLCW meeting
	10:30	Radio Broadcast-WMFG 1240 AM
Monday 12 th	9:00	Quilting
Tuesday 13 th	1:00	Staff
	1:00	Mission Action
	4:00	Property Committee
	6:00	TV Broadcast—channel 805
	6:30	Church Council
Wednesday 14 th	8:00	TV Broadcast—channel 805
	8:30	Bible Study
	6:00	Handbells
	7:00	Confirmation 9 th & 10 th Gr
	7:00	Choir
Thursday 15 th	3:00	Guardian Angels
Friday 16 th	6:00	Fudge making
Sunday 18 th	9:00	Worship/Communion/Fourth Sunday in Advent
	10:00	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:30	Radio Broadcast-WMFG 1240 AM
	3:00	Voices of Reason Concert