

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024

9:00am

*Hope for Those
Who Wait*





OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH **"CONNECTING FAMILIES TO JESUS"**

WELCOME to this place of worship and prayer as we gather as part of the family of our heavenly Father. . If you are **visiting**, please complete a yellow witness of worship card, placing it in the offering plate. We no longer need attendance cards filled out by current members.

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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

*Confession and Absolution

[P] We gather together in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[C] **Amen**

[P] If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

[P] Most merciful God,

[C] **We confess that we are in bondage 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.**

[P] Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

[C] **Amen**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Advent Music – “Christ Be Our Light” (B. Farrell)

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

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

Hope for Those Who Wait

Responsive Litany

Advent is a time for the human heart to wait,
while trusting God’s eternal time.

How long, O Lord, how long?

For those waiting for answered prayer:

Grant your steadfast patience.

For those waiting in the face of uncertainty:

Grant unshakable confidence in your sovereign provision.

For those waiting for justice and mercy to reign:

Grant a glimpse of your glory in our wounded world.

For all of us waiting for God’s kingdom to come:

**Grant that we might have the peace of Christ as we wait,
the love of Christ as we act,
and the grace of Christ as we speak.**

Candle lighting

This morning we light the **first candle** which reminds us that throughout history, God’s people have spent time waiting, wandering and wondering about the timing of God’s eternal plan. Like the people of old, we long for God’s presence to illuminate the areas of life where we are called to wait. This morning we echo the words of

the Psalmist, “Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!”
(Psalm 27:14)

Advent Music – “Christ Be Our Light Chorus” (B. Farrell)

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

Advent Prayer

[P] Let us pray together:

[C] God of all creation, we declare that you are the Eternal One. We confess to you, O Lord, that we easily grow impatient, when your word to us is to wait. Ignite within us a new and everlasting hope. We pray this in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Gathering Hymn – LBW #23 “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”**
(green hymnal)

***Apostolic Greeting**

[P] 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.

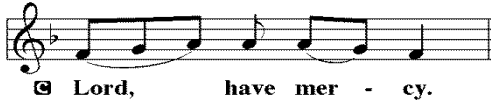
***The Kyrie**

[P] In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

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



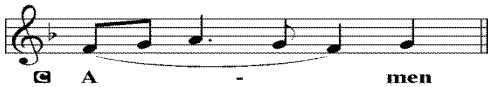
[P] For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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



[P] Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



*The Salutation

[P]The Lord be with you.



*Prayer of the Day

[P] Stir up your power, O Lord, and come.

[C] Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Catechism

[P] The Ninth Commandment

[C] You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

[P] What does this mean?

[C] We should fear and love God, so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

God's Word

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

[L] The Word of the Lord

[C] Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

²**O my God, in you I trust;
do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.**

³Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

⁴**Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.**

⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.

⁶ **Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.**

⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

⁸ **Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

⁹ He leads the humble in what is right
and teaches the humble his way.

¹⁰ **All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

Second Reading: I Thessalonians 3: 9-13

⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹² And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³ And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.^[a]

[L] The Word of the Lord.

[C] **Thanks be to God.**

*Alleluia



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Proclamation of the Gospel

[P] The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 21st chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

*Gospel: Luke 21: 25-36

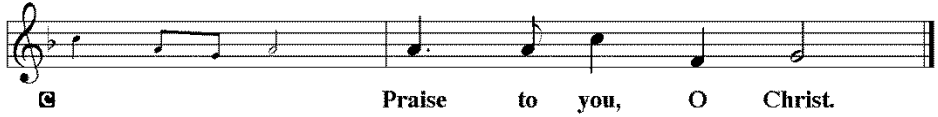
²⁵ “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶ People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”^[a]

²⁹ Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰ as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴ “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵ like a trap. For it will come upon all who

live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place and to stand before the Son of Man.”

[P] The Gospel of the Lord.



Sermon

Rev. Dr. Nicholas Hopman

Hymn of the Day – LBW #34 “O Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel” (*green hymnal*)

***The Apostles’ Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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 the Church**

[P] Lord, in your mercy,

[C] **Hear our prayer.**

Offering

Special Music - "Thank You Lord" (J. Carter)

(OSL Choir)

*Offertory Response



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

*Offertory Prayer

[P] Merciful Father,

[C] we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Sacrament of the Altar

***The Lord's Prayer**

**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**

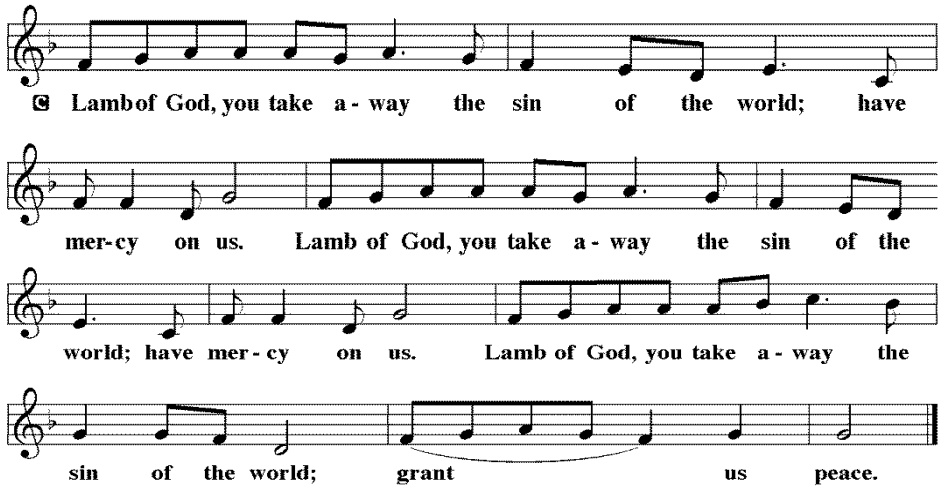
***Words of Institution**

Our Lord Jesus Christ on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples and said: "Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way he also took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and said: "Drink you all of it. This cup is the New Testament in my blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink of it, in remembrance of me."

(Be Seated)

Lamb of God



☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

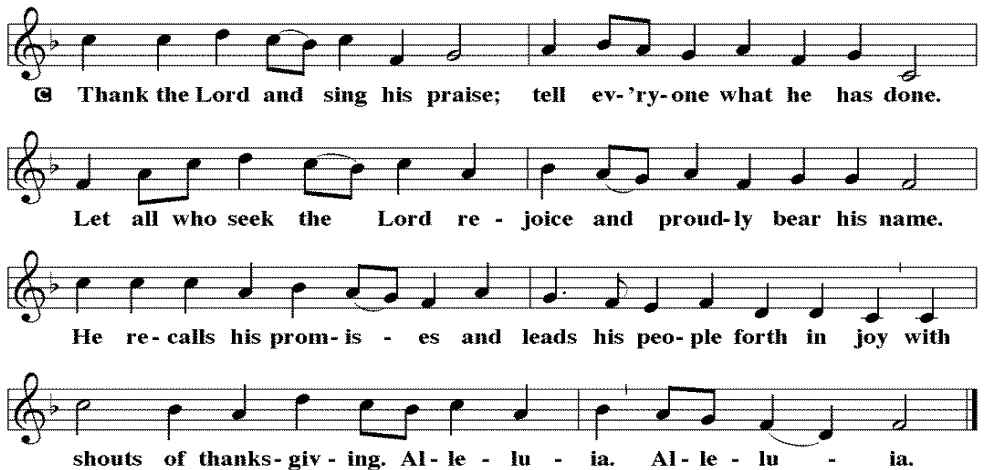
Distribution of the Lord's Body and Blood

Communion Hymns

LBW #70I "What Feast of Love"

LBW #71I "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

*Post Communion Canticle



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - joyce and proud-ly bear his name.
He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***Post Communion Prayer**

[P] Let us pray together:

[C] We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Benediction**

***Closing Hymn – LBW #27 “Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending”** (*green hymnal*)

***Dismissal**

[P] Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

[C] Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Pastor	Rev. Dr. Nicholas Hopman
Organist	Karen McCorkle
Music	Tom Nelson
In-Charge	Dave Bradley
Lector	Lucas Davidson
Ushers	Bruce Buckman Doug Luoma Kalie Johnson Michele Johnson
Acolytes	Katelyn Strickler Nicole Kreh
Sound	Justin Cowen

Announcements

HOLIDAY MARKET – The Quilters’ Holiday Market will be open Sundays after worship service Dec 1st & 8th.

CHRISTMAS COOKIES FOR SHUT-INS – While doing your holiday baking, remember to bring your finished cookies to the church kitchen **before 10am on December 12th** to be packaged for the shut-ins.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – No Sunday School today.

YOUTH GROUP – No Youth Group today.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL – No Adult Sunday School today.

BIBLE STUDY – Bible Study with Pastor Nick will meet in the Gathering Room at 10am on Thursday.

CONFIRMATION CLASS – No Confirmation class this week.

STATEMENT OF GIVING – If anyone would like a statement of giving at any time, feel free to contact the church office. Annual giving statements will still be sent out in January.

USHERS NEEDED – Looking for a way to serve our church family? Why not consider ushering on a Sunday morning. We welcome singles, couples or families to fill this important ministry. If interested please call the church office.

PRISON MINISTRY – The prison ministry is growing quickly. There are currently 547 members at this time! Please consider giving to this important ministry to help with the cost of bibles, weekly letters and stamps. Those with Thrivent Insurance, please consider giving your Choice Dollars to the Prison Ministry!

CHEMO BAG COLLECTION – We are still collecting items for our “Chemo Bags” for those undergoing chemotherapy at our local hospital. Please place items in the collection box inside the church office. For a full list of items needed, see the Carillon or the church office bulletin board.

TEACHING MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY – This year is a transitional year for our first communion class. We thank Karen Baij, who retired after the 2024 class, for her many years of dedicated teaching. This year Karen's longtime co-teacher, Jan Buckman, will be teaching with her husband Bruce. This will be the Buckmans' final year teaching the class. Therefore, we are looking for a new teacher or two to lead the class in 2026 and, hopefully, beyond. It would be great if volunteers stepped forward before the class begins in January of 2025. New teachers would merely be assisting this year and able to watch and learn the curriculum from Jan so that they can confidently begin leading the class in 2026. Thank you for considering a call to this important teaching ministry.

HOLY COMMUNION- Jesus Christ offers this sacrament to baptized Christians who have received instruction regarding the sacrament and who trust Christ's words that the sacramental bread and wine are in fact his body and blood, given and shed for the forgiveness of your sins [1 Corinthians 11:24-25, Matthew 26:28]. St. Paul teaches us that as often as we receive the Lord's Supper, we are proclaiming Christ's death [1 Corinthians 11:26]. This means that when we receive the Lord's Supper we are confessing what the Bible teaches about Christ's death, as faithfully witnessed to in the Evangelical-Lutheran Confessions of Faith, that sinners are justified before Almighty God by faith alone in Christ's blood alone [Romans 3:25]. Children, others who have not received instruction concerning the sacrament, and anyone not receiving the sacrament for any reason are invited to come forward for a benediction. Please fold your arms across your chest to indicate your desire to receive a benediction. If you have any questions about this, please feel free to speak with the pastor.

This Week at Our Saviour's Lutheran

<p>Sunday, Dec 1st First Sunday of Advent</p>	<p>9:00 Communion Worship 10:15 No Adult Sunday School 10:15 No Sunday School 11:30 No Youth Group</p>
<p>Monday</p>	<p>Pre-K 5:30 Girl Scouts</p>
<p>Tuesday</p>	<p>Preschool</p>
<p>Wednesday, Dec 4th</p>	<p>Pre-K 8:30 Sewing Bee 1:00 Quilters of Grace 6:30 No Confirmation Class 6:30 Advent Service</p>
<p>Thursday</p>	<p>10:00 Bible Study Class</p>
<p>Friday</p>	
<p>Saturday</p>	<p>5:00 Communion Worship</p>
<p>Sunday, Dec 8th Second Sunday of Advent</p>	<p>9:00 Praise & Worship 10:15 Sunday School 10:15 Adult Sunday School 11:30 Youth Group</p> <p>In Charge – David Bradley Lector – None Acolyte – Baya Buchcuski Acolyte – Tanner Veale Usher – Fred Shoquist Usher – Terri Shoquist Usher – Steve Faust Usher – Todd Veale Sound – Bruce Buckman</p>



Please prayerfully consider volunteering as a worship assistant for one of the following Christmastime services.

Please detach this page from your bulletin and drop it in either the offering plate, one of the offering boxes around the church, or directly in the church office.

Sunday, Dec 22 9:00am
4 Ushers:
Tuesday, Dec 24 3:00pm
2 Ushers: 2 Acolytes: Lector: In-Charge:
Tuesday, Dec 24 8:00pm
3 Ushers: 2 Acolyte: Lector: In-Charge:
Wednesday, Dec 25 10:00am
4 Ushers: 2 Acolyte: In-Charge:
Sunday, Dec 29 9:00am
2 Acolyte: 2 Ushers:

Prayer Concerns

Members

Carol Bates, **Michael** Weber, **Lois** Martonen, **Bev** Wadke, **John** Chiamulera, **Jessica** Battan, **Andy & Susie** Tyrcha, **Betty** Senatori, **Susan** Veale, **Sally** K, **Lydia** Ohlsen, **Debi** Phelps, **Marge** Simbob, **Moria** Cowling, **Pat** Wickman

Family Members

Anita & Bill Neuburg, **Micah** Lerman, **Jonah** Lerman, **Erika** Niebla, **Tyler** Hiller, **Derek** Lindstrom, **Justin** Bouche, **Frank** Bergan, **Lori** Brown, **Austin** Meier, **Connie** Veale-Jarrett, **Sonny & Judi** Querio, **Marsha**, **Bethany** Merrill, **Laura** Lobner, **Iris** Gaffey, **Crissy** Buckman, **Julie**, **Barb & Dave** Schleuter

Friends of Members

Kelly Bianco, **Kevin** Richtig, **Jodi** LaVarnway, **Heather** Huntley, **Jennifer** Romano, **Linda** J., **Amy** Johnson Brackett, **Holt** family, **Mindy** Valone, **Don & Janet** Conners, **Matthew** Everson, **Xander**, **Gemma**, **Louise** Witlock, **Dale** Race, **Larry** Clark, **Todd**, **Brady**, **Kristi & family**, **Pam**, **Patty**, **Paul** Guth, **Mary** Hamrick, **Bill** Hamrick, **Karen** Daft, **Michelle** Beauchamp, **Brian** Conery, **Bessy** Brightman, **Steven** Hoostal & Family, **Jessica**, **Ray** Heibel, **Rex** Kolar, **Linda** J., **Troy** LaFave, **Pastor Steve & Debbie**, **Jen**, **Karen** Peronto, **Kim** Bronk, **Roger** LeDuc, **Matthew**

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All those serving in the armed forces in the U.S. and overseas:
Andrew Perla, **Asher & Emily** Boyd, **Neil** Bradley, **Claire** Oberthaler, **Max & Iris** Robare Gaffey, **Luke** Benbow, **Chris** Carlson, **Travis** Smith, **Zachariah** Groskretz, **Connor** Milbrath, **Sam** Carlson, **Nick** Schroeder, **Bryce** Nault

To add a name, please call the church office or visit our website! Names stay on the list for one month unless requested. Please be sure that you have asked their permission.

