



FIRST SUNDAY OF
ADVENT



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.

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OUR 9:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE is broadcast live each week on **WZNL 94.3 FM radio** and is available on our You Tube channel.

WE WELCOME YOU TO HOLY COMMUNION All who seek the benefits of this sacrament are welcome at the communion table. Grape juice & gluten free bread are available upon request. Thanks for worshipping with us today!

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Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

1st Sunday of Advent

Prelude

We would like to welcome all of our listeners & viewers at home to be a part of our worship today. Your physical presence is missed, but your presence in the Spirit is among us always.

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship

Pray for an open heart to experience the presence of Jesus, for your family, for your family of faith, for the worship team

The Celebration of God's Presence

***Confession & Forgiveness**

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

[C] Amen.

[P] Gathered by the Holy Spirit, let us confess our sin.

[C] Lord God who makes all things new, 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, God 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)

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 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.

Preparation for the Word

***Opening Hymn – #32 “Fling Wide the Door”**

**Fling wide the door, unbar the gate;
The King of glory comes in state;
The Lord of lords and King of kings,
The Savior of the world who brings
His great salvation to the earth.
So raise a shout of holy mirth
And praise our God and Lord,
Creator, Spirit Word.**

**He is the rock of our belief,
The heart of mercy’s gentle self.
His kingly crown is holiness;
His scepter is his loveliness;
He brings our sorrows to an end.
Now gladly praise our king and friend,
And worship him with song,
For saving us from wrong.**

**O, happy towns and blessed lands
That live by their true king’s commands,
And blessed be the hearts he rules,
The humble places where he dwells.
He is the rightful Son of bliss
Who fills our lives and makes us his,
Creator of the world,
Our only strength for good.**

**Come, Lord, our Savior, Jesus Christ;
Our hearts are open wide in trust.
Oh, show us now your lovely grace,
Upon our sorrows shine your face,
And let your Holy Spirit guide
Our journey in your grace so wide.
We praise your holy name,
From age to age the same.**

*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.

*Prayer of the Day

[P] Let us pray together:

[C] Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

8:30am - Special Music "Advent Celebration" (*J. Paige*) Tom Nelson

God's Word Guides

First Reading – Isaiah 2:1-5

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ²In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. ³Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

[L] The word of the Lord.

[C] Thanks be to God.

Psalm 122

¹I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."
²**Now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

³Jerusalem is built as a city
that is at unity with itself;

**⁴to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.**

⁵For there are the thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the house of David.

**⁶Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
⁷"May they prosper who love you.**

⁷Peace be within your walls
and quietness within your towers.

**⁸For the sake of my kindred and companions,
I pray for your prosperity.**

⁹Because of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek to do you good."

Second Reading - Romans 13:11-14

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

[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.

Offertory Hymn – #25 “Rejoice, Rejoice Believers”

**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.**

**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.**

**The saints, who here in patience
Their cross and suffrings 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.**

**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!**

***The Apostles' Creed**

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

**We 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**

**We 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] ... Hear, us O God.

[C] **Your mercy is great.**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

***Words of Institution**

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink,
saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

*The Lord's Prayer

[P] Let us pray together the prayer our Lord taught us:

**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.**

[P] The gifts of God for the people of God.

[C] Thanks be to God.

Distribution of Holy Communion

(We practice open communion which means everyone is welcome at the table of the Lord. Please approach with your hands cradled left over right to accept the bread and then take a cup of red wine or white grape juice. There are baskets on each side of the church to receive empty cups.)

*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.

*Post-Communion Blessing

[P] And now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you forever in his grace. **Amen.**

*Post Communion Prayer

[P] Let us pray together:

[C] **Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, given for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. Amen**

*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 - jice 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.

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn – #33 “The King Shall Come”

The King shall come when morning dawns
And light triumphant breaks,
When beauty gilds the eastern hills
And life to joy awakes.

**Not as of old a little child,
To bear and fight and die,
But crowned with glory like the sun
That lights the morning sky.**

**Oh, brighter than the rising morn
When Christ, victorious, rose
And left the lonesome place of death,
Despite the rage of foes.**

**Oh, brighter than that glorious morn
Shall dawn upon our race
The day when Christ in splendor comes,
And we shall see his face.**

**The King shall come when morning dawns
And light and beauty brings.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray:
Come quickly, King of kings**

***Dismissal**

[P] Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Postlude

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICE OF HEALING will be held on Wednesday, November 30th at 6:30pm with Pastor Steve Cowen. People will be invited to come forward for a laying on of hands if they choose.

YOU ARE INVITED TO BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Ryan Flunker. Come to our evening Bible Study where no questions are too small and no subjects too big. We meet on most Mondays in the Gathering Room at 5:30 - all are welcome!

SUNDAY SCHOOL for ages 3yrs – 6th graders meets downstairs in the fellowship hall from 10am – 11am. There will be no Sunday School on November 27th.

BASIC TRAINING for our 7th and 8th graders will meet in the upstairs youth room from 10am - 11am. There will be no BASIC on November 27th.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP will not meet November 27th.

CONFIRMATION will not meet November 30th and will resume on December 7th at 6pm. Confirmation Students are encouraged to attend the Advent Service of Healing on Wednesday.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR FAMILIES to volunteer to be part of the service each week during advent and at each Christmas Eve Service. Families would come up front during the lighting of the wreath, read a short script, light the candle(s) and then return to their seats. Please let the church office know if your family is interested in participating!

PRAYER CONCERNS

Weekly Prayer Petition from Call Committee:

Gracious Lord, we, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, ask that you will open our hearts to the patience we need while we wait for our next pastor. We know that you have already chosen our next pastor who will shepherd our congregation. Help us to call upon you for strength and patience during this call process.

Members: Lois Martonen, Geno Schinderle, Jeanette Granquist, Bev Wadke, Cherie Cerasoli, Ed (Steve) Simbob, Sally Karttunen, Tori Walters

Family Members: Micah Lerman, Jonah Lerman, Susan Wolfgram, Derold Harder, Billy, Dianna Weum, Tyler Hiller, Rick, Jen, Jacob, & Dean Cerasoli, Joe Hiller, Justin Bouche, Jinny Hrdlicka, Freddie Husing

Healthy Pregnancy & Delivery: Dana Giguere

Friends of Members: Joey Eaton, Linda J., Danika, Todd, Kristi, Rosemary

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All those serving in the armed forces in the U.S. and overseas: Andrew Perla, Emily Bradley, Neil Bradley, Claire Oberthaler, Max & Iris Robare Gaffey, Nicholas Schroeder, Chris Carlson, Travis Smith, Dennis Vassar, Zachariah Groskreutz

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