



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 8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE is broadcast live each week on **WZNL 94.3 FM radio** and is available on our YouTube 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) **Tom Nelson**

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 – #26 “Prepare the Royal Highway”**

**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:**

**REFRAIN: Hosanna to the Lord,
For he fulfills God's Word!**

**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!
REFRAIN**

**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: REFRAIN**

**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: REFRAIN**

***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

Tom Nelson

“Above the Hill the Advent Light” (*W. Hutson*)

God's Word Guides

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 25:1-10

¹To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.

**²My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

**⁴Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.**

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

**⁶Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

**⁸You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

**¹⁰All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

Second Reading - I Thessalonians 3:9-13

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

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you.

¹³And 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.

[L] The word of the Lord.

[C] Thanks be to God.

***Proclamation of the Gospel**

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

[C] Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel Reading - Luke 21:25-36**

[Jesus said:] 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. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

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

³⁴Be 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, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be 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.

[C] **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Meditation on the Word

Message - Pastor Paul Strom

Offertory Hymn – #22 “ The Advent of Our God”

(If at this time you would like to bring forth an offering to the baskets at the front or back of the church, please do so.)

**The advent of our God
Shall be our theme for prayer;
Come, let us meet him on the road
And place for him prepare.**

**The everlasting Son
Incarnate stoops to be,
Himself the servant's form puts on
To set his people free.**

**Come, Zion's daughter, rise
To meet your lowly king,
Nor let your faithless heart despise
The peace he comes to bring.**

**As judge, on clouds of light,
He soon will come again,
And all his scattered saints unite
With him on high to reign.**

**Before the dawning day
Let sin be put to flight;
No longer let the law hold sway,
But walk in freedom's light.**

**All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity.**

***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] ... Lord in your Mercy.

[C] Hear our prayer.

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

***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.**

***Benediction**

***Closing 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!

***Dismissal**

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

[C] Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Senior Pastor – Rev. Paul Strom
Organist – Betty Soderberg
Saturday Pianist – Gretchen Strom
Music – Tom Nelson

	<u>Saturday</u> 5:00pm	<u>Sunday</u> 8:30am	<u>Sunday</u> 10:45am
In Charge	Larry Swartout	Todd Veale	Doug Luoma
Lector	Mary Hiltonen	Vicki Faust	Marge Sparapani
Ushers		Brett & Karen Baij	Doreen Olsen Molly Gustafson

This Week at Our Saviour's

Sunday	<i>1st Sunday of Advent</i> 8:30 Communion Worship 10:45 Communion Worship
Monday	8:15 Preschool 4 & 5's
Tuesday	8:30 Preschool 3 & 4's
Wednesday	8:15 Preschool 4 & 5's 8:30 Sewing Bee 1:00 Hospice Quilters
Thursday	8:30 Preschool 3 & 4's
Friday	8:15 Preschool 4 & 5's
Saturday	5:00 Evening Worship
Sunday	<i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i> 8:30 Communion Worship 9:30 Sunday School/Basic 10:45 Communion Worship

THIS WEEK'S FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Tom by Verna Hower.

THIS WEEK'S RADIO is given to the glory of God by Marjorie Bantle.

THANK YOU to all who came to help decorate our beautiful church this week!

FELLOWSHIP is a wonderful time between services for coffee, snacks and conversation. We are looking for volunteers to bring treats to share and/or help clean up after fellowship hour. There is a signup sheet in the fireside room.

CHRISTMAS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Volunteers are needed to serve as ushers, and readers for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. We do not schedule anyone for the holiday services as many people are out of town or have a particular preference for which service they will attend.

We encourage individuals or family teams of volunteers to help out for the Christmas services, even if you have never done it before. We need to have our volunteers lined up by Monday, December 20th. There will be a sign up sheet in the fireside room or you can call or e-mail the church office to volunteer.

THE ANGEL TREE PROGRAM is back and Our Saviour's will again be sponsoring children during the upcoming Christmas season. Share the hope of Jesus with a child in your community as we deliver a Christmas present and a personal message of love on behalf of their parent in prison.

Call or stop by the church office to sign up, get gift suggestions, sizes, etc. Each child should receive 2 gifts that have a value of approximately \$20 each. If you prefer to give a monetary donation we will gladly find someone to do the shopping.

JOIN US IN A PAPER PRODUCTS DRIVE! During the month of November, the women of the Lydia Circle are sponsoring a month-long, church-wide paper products drive and will be multiplying your donations with a \$250 Thrivent Financial grant! We are asking for donations of:

- Paper Toweling
- Bathroom Tissue
- Kleenex/Facial Tissue
- Large (plastic) Garbage Bags

Watch for the big box, at church, labeled “**CARING HOUSE.**” With your help, we hope to be able to deliver a nice load of items to the Caring House each week of November.

BIBLE STUDY will meet December 2nd, 9th & 16th and then will break for the holidays. Bible Study will resume January 6th.

YOUTH MINISTRY

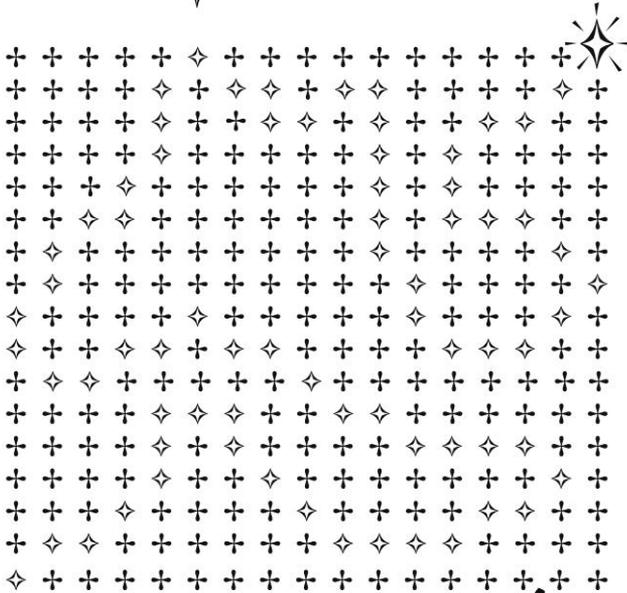
SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be on December 12th at 4:00pm. The kids will have Christmas Program practice on December 5th and December 12th at 9:30 and then the children will be singing the first 3 songs at the 10:45 service with our praise team that morning.

Sunday School will then be on break until January 9th, 2022.

HIGHSCHOOL YOUTH GROUP will meet December 8th & 15th at 6:00pm in the upstairs youth room. Please join us for pizza, soda, snacks, bible study and games!

Puzzle!

Starting in the lower-left corner, help the wise men follow the ✦ path that leads to baby Jesus.



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START



Now unscramble these words to discover what gifts the wise men brought Jesus.

L D O G

N C A K N R I E N F S E

R Y H M R

Answer: gold, frankincense, myrrh

PRAYER CONCERNS

Members: Lois Martonen, **Geno** Schinderle, **Chris** Prost, **Jay** Gareau, **Rebecca** Hirthe, **Kay** Conery, **Cris** Hamlin, **Carol** Christesen

Sympathy to RoseAnne & Ronald Aman & family on the death of her sister Ronda Lucas.

Family Members: Micah Lerman, **Jonah** Lerman, **Linda** I., **Rosemary** Mitchem, **Justin** Bouche, **Derek**, **Jena & Rick** Baker, **Dan** Porter, **Bobbi Jo**, **Rita** Leaman

Healthy Pregnancy & Delivery: Ivy Anderson, **Katie** Porter

Friends of Members: **Bob** Markell, **Joey** Eaton, **Mike & Debbie** Julian, **Rosemary & Al** DeJuliannie, **Blake** Sternhagen, **Cathy**, **Bob** Chartre, **Lynn** Marin

Kijitonyama Lutheran Church, sister congregation, Tanzania especially **Emeria**

All those serving in the armed forces in the U.S. and overseas: **Andrew** Perla, **Kaleigh** Farrell, **Emily** Bradley, **Neil** Bradley, **Claire** Oberthaler, **Iris** Robare, **Nicholas** Schroeder, **Chris** Carlson, **Travis** Smith, **Dennis** Vassar

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