

**We, Our Savior's family of believers, welcome all to share Christ's love, to grow in faith and to live a life of service glorifying God.**

**Wednesday, December 18** – 13<sup>th</sup> Annual "Sounds of the Season," 12:10 p.m. at Our Savior's Sanctuary. Cyndi Hill and Erik Johnson will be the featured performer. Bring your lunch or just come to listen to the music and enjoy provided refreshments.

**A Blood Drive** will be at Our Savior's on Wednesday, December 18 from 8:00-1:00 and Thursday, December 19 from 11:00-6:00. Call Liz Marthaler at 490-2439 to sign up for a time to donate.

**January is Our Savior's turn to deliver food for the Backpack Food Program.** Can you help pull out packages on Wednesday and deliver food from Epworth United Methodist Church to school on Thursdays? Sign up on the information counter, and we'll be in touch with details.

**Check out the Good Gifts Giving Tree** near the information counter. Pick out an ornament. Send a donation to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal and give a good gift this Christmas.

**Lutheran World Relief Baby Care Kit Items** are being collected in December. A list of needed items is available in the bassinet near the information counter. Bring a baby gift to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

**Christmas Worship Times**

**Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve**

3:00 and 4:30 p.m. Festive Candlelight Worship – A music filled, celebratory service.

9:00 p.m. Contemplative Candlelight Worship - A cozier, more reflective service with Holy Communion.

Broadcast at 5:00 pm on KOVC 1490 AM

**Wednesday, December 25 – Christmas Day**

10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion – Celebrate the birth of our Newborn King.

Broadcast at Noon on KOVC 1490 AM



Third Week of Advent  
**DELIGHT (JOY) CAN'T WAIT**

**OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
VALLEY CITY, ND**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH, 2019 + 8:30 & 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP  
BROADCAST ON KOVC 1490 @ 11:00 A.M

Candle Lighting Liturgy

*Advent Hymn: "Holy Child within the Manger" Inside Hymnal Back Cover*

Welcome

Call to Worship

Insert

Prayer of Confession

Insert

*Gathering Hymn*

*"People, Look East" #248*

Matthew 11:2-11

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Isaiah 35:1-10

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*(8:30) Music by Choir*

*"Angel Song"*

Luke 1:46-55

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Sermon

*Hymn of the Day*

*"God Rest Ye Merry Gentleman"*

*Insert*

Apostle's Creed

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Prayers

Peace

Offering

*Offertory*

*#186*

Holy Communion – The Great Thanksgiving

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Lord's Prayer

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*Distribution*

*"Lamb of God" Page 146, #257*

Let the Children Come...

Blessing

*Sending Hymn*

*"Joy to the World" #267*

**WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**At Our Savior's we have an open Holy Communion table** – all are welcome and invited to share in the gift of God's grace and mercy.

Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available upon request.

**Visitors please fill out a "Connection Card"** and place in the offering plate, if you'd like to learn more about Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

**Reader** Trevor Fetsch

**Ushers** (8:30) Larry Foth, Rick Huseby, Don Olafson, Dan Larson  
(11:00) Lynn Holcomb, Kevin & Brenda White, Christian Beutler,  
Talon Larson

**Greeters:** (8:30) Terry & Lenore Lebahn; Chad & Kristin Petersen  
(11:00) Sharon McCarriar, LouVay White

**Coffee Hosts:** Terry & Lenore Lebahn, LouVay White,  
Chad & Kristin Petersen

**Organist** Judy Karch

**Senior Choir Director** Tricia Lebahn

**Youth Director** Kyla Fetsch

**Pastors** Kyle Symanski and Emmy Swedlund

**The Radio Broadcast** is in memory Lloyd Anderson given by his family.

**Radio broadcast** of the 8:30 a.m. worship is on Sunday at 11:00 a.m. on KOVC 1490 AM. To sponsor a broadcast, please contact the church office. The cost is \$100 and may be gifted in memory or in honor of someone or a significant event. Your gift to this ministry is appreciated.

**A Prayer Candle** on the altar reminds us to keep military personal and their families in prayer.

**Monday Morning Prayer Group** meets every Monday at 9:30 a.m. in the Library. You are always welcome to start your week in prayer as we pause and pray for the people of Our Savior's as well as a variety of prayer concerns. This week we pray for: Larry & Carmen Svenningsen; Maureen Svihovec; James & Jean Swanberg; Searle & Rev. Emmy Swedlund, Sigrid; Danny & Allison Swenson, Myles, Nora; Randy & Patty Swift, Alex; Rev. Kyle Symanski.

**This Week: December 15-22, 2019**  
**Today: 3 Advent/Abused Persons Outreach Collection**  
8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
12:00 p.m. Pizza Party  
1:00 p.m. Christmas Program in the Sanctuary  
2:00 p.m. Worship at the Legacy  
3:00 p.m. Worship at the Sheyenne Care Center

**Mon:** 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer  
12:10 p.m. Sr. High Lunch

**Tues:** 9:00 a.m. Text Study

**Wed:** 8:00 a.m. -1:15 p.m. Blood Drive-downstairs  
9:30 a.m. Bible Study  
10:30 a.m. Rudolph Square  
12:10 p.m. Sounds of the Season  
12:30 p.m. Kids for Christ  
6:00 p.m. Supper  
6:30 p.m. Confirmation  
7:00 p.m. Sarah Circle at Lenore Lebahn's Home  
7:30 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group

**Thurs:** 9:30 a.m. Pastor's Conference-OSLC  
11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Blood Drive-downstairs  
2:00 p.m. Hannah Circle-Gathering Room

**Sat:** 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Fellowship

**Next Sun: 4 Advent**  
8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship  
11:00 a.m. Worship

**January-November 2019**

<b>Year to Date Income:</b>	<b>\$ 294,998.58</b>
<b>Year to Date Ministry Expense:</b>	<b><u>\$ 298,868.92</u></b>
<b>Year to Date Income over Expense:</b>	<b>\$ (-3,870.64)</b>

<b>A week of OSLC ministry</b>	<b>\$6,764.00</b>
<b>Last Sunday general fund offering</b>	<b>\$7,782.00</b>

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The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,

**the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus**

<sup>2</sup>it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

**They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.**

<sup>3</sup>Strengthen the weak hands,

**and make firm the feeble knees.**

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.

**He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."**

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

**and the ears of the deaf unstopped;**

<sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

**For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;**

<sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water;

**the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.**

<sup>8</sup>A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it,

**but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.**

<sup>9</sup>No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;

**they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there.**

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