



OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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NOVEMBER 28TH, 2021 + FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

"Soon and Very Soon"

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN:

"Soon and Very Soon"

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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Each week, as we approach the Advent of our Savior Jesus Christ on Christmas, we acknowledge what God's people have always known: Even when God is active in this world, hope is a work in progress. Each candle on our wreath represents a person or a place or a moment in time that still awaits God's goodness. Yet we are witnesses to God's work in this world. Just as a small spark can give new life to a dead wick, we believe the fire of God's presence can ignite God's purpose in this place.

God, through your love, **a familiar light can banish the fear of the other;**
Through your love, **the warmth of good cheer can extinguish cold hearts.**
Through your love, **the song of faith can rekindle hope for the hopeless.**

We light this candle as a small act of our great anticipation...

CANDLE LIGHTING HYMN:

"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" v. 1

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**Light one candle to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.
He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills the promise.**

Many candles yet remain. **Each reminding us that God's healing has not yet fully spread throughout the earth.**

How long must this world wait to see God's glory? **We are God's people, called to serve this world and to let our lights shine. Let the fire of justice burn in our hearts, for there are those who still cry for the flicker of new life we carry.**

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**



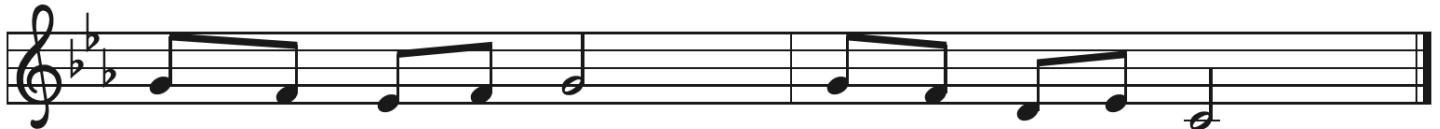
1 Come now, O God, when our love is for - sak - en.
 2 Come, when we squan - der the free - dom you gave us.
 3 Come, put an end to our self - serv - ing mad - ness.



Come, when our bed - rock of faith has been shak - en.
 Come, break the sys - tems of sin that en - slave us.
 Come, while the world is en - shroud - ed in sad - ness.



Come, when our deep - est of hopes are mis - tak - en.
 Come, though we won - der if you can still save us.
 Come, turn the tears of our mourn - ing to glad - ness.



Come, Em - man - u - el.

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LET THE CHILDREN COME...

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."

PSALM: Psalm 25:1 – 10

¹To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

²**My 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.

⁴**Show 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.

⁶**Remember, 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.

⁸**You 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.

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

SECOND READING: 1 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

GOSPEL: Luke 21:25 – 36

Before the gospel: P: The holy gospel according to Luke...

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[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.

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, 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.”

After the gospel: P: The gospel of the Lord...

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN:

“My Lord, What A Morning”

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APOSTLES’ CREED

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
SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING HYMN:

“Come, Ye Thankful People Come”

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OFFERING PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed....we praise your name and join together:

Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

LORD’S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION

POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BLESSING

OFFERING HYMN:

“Fling Wide the Door”

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Mission Support

January – October 2021	
Year To Date Income	\$279,194.42
Year To Date Expense	292,756.46
YTD Expense over Income	-13,562.04
Note: SBA PPP Proceeds	34,985.00
A week of OSLC ministry:	\$7,196.17
General Fund Offering from last week :	\$7,171.38

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

The Radio Broadcast is in memory of Jodi Kvien Opatz given by the Kvien and Opatz family.

Thank you for your ongoing generosity! Offerings can be left in the back of the sanctuary, mailed to the church office at 138 3rd St. NW, Valley City, or given online at www.oursaviorsvc.org, by clicking the blue "Give Now" button on the homepage.

We are Growing in Grace Together! Thank you for your generous response to our Capital Appeal. As of last Sunday afternoon, 100 households have pledged a total of \$791,930 to be given over the next three years for our projects. Pledge cards can still be placed in the offering plate or returned to the church office. Your commitments mean that Our Savior's Lutheran Church can boldly step into the future, tending to our building need and making improvements to our facility. Thank you!

Christmas Gift Donations for the North Dakota State Hospital - The Evangelism Committee is helping collect gifts this Christmas season for clients at the North Dakota State Hospital. Unfortunately, many clients would not receive a Christmas present without this Christmas Gift Program. Gifts can be left in the back of the sanctuary in the labeled container. We will be collecting gifts until December 8th. Some gift ideas include: Toiletries (brush/comb, body wash, lotion, deodorant, lip balm, make-up, nail polish, hair accessories); Clothes (pajamas, socks, underwear, sweatpants/leggings, sweatshirts, t-shirts, slippers); Activities (games, yarn, adult coloring books, activity books, puzzles, calendars, markers, crayons); Miscellaneous (journals/notebooks, devotionals, blankets/throws/quilts, billfolds, games, Christmas candy).

Please note: They cannot use items with wire spiral bindings, used clothing or other used items, glass, metal, aluminum, ceramic, or alcohol-based items (such as perfumes and cologne).

Thank you for helping us brighten their holiday season. Questions - contact Lori Strom at 490-1818.

Sounds of the Seasons-Come enjoy holiday music from 12:10-12:50pm -Refreshments Served.

- Wed, Dec. 1 – Faye Bubach
- Wed, Dec. 8 – Beth Quick Berge
- Wed, Dec 15 – Trisa Olson
- Wed, Dec. 22 – Bradley Edin

A Gratitude Dinner for all Growing in Grace team members is Monday, November 29 at 6:30 pm. All team members, phone callers, hospitality folks, etc. are welcome to come and bring their family. Let's celebrate what the Holy Spirit has been up to!

From wherever we are on Monday mornings, we will start our 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 hold in prayer: Olive Olstad; Darrin & Jodi Orner, Faith, Tucker; Jesse & Jodi Pabst, Sheldon, Cierra; June Parker; Kelsey Paurus, Azalea, Berkley; Carl & Amber Pederson, Theodore, Jayden, Britta, Nora; Gladys Pederson.

December Worship Highlights

Sunday, December 12: 8:30 & 11:00 am Worship with "A Thrill of Hope" Christmas Cantata. No Holy Communion. AND at 10:00 am the Sunday School Christmas Program

Friday, December 24: 3:00, 4:30, and 9:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship

Saturday, December 25: 10:00 am Christmas Day Worship with Holy Communion.

Sunday, December 26: 8:30 am Worship Only. **NO 11:00am WORSHIP.**

OSLC Choir will present "A Thrill of Hope" Christmas Cantata on Dec. 12 at the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services. We welcome and encourage more voices! Please join us! We will rehearse on Sundays and Wednesdays. Sundays at 9:30-10:30; Nov. 28, and Dec. 5 and Wednesdays at 6:30-7:30; Dec. 1, and Dec. 8. Attending every rehearsal is NOT a requirement. Rehearse when it works for you!

Hot Cocoa and Christmas Lights Scavenger Hunt! Stop by the north entrance of OSLC on Thursday, December 2nd between 5:00 and 6:00pm to pick up your cups of hot cocoa and Christmas light scavenger hunt list and then take a drive around town to see if you can find all of the items and enjoy the beautiful lights. All ages welcome!

Share the love. Support missionaries around the world through our Missionary for a Day Calendar. Sign up on the calendar by the information counter and donate \$25 per day. Funds support our ELCA Missionaries Anne and Will Langdji in western Africa and Global Health Ministries.

This Week: **November 28-December 5**

TODAY 8:30 a.m. Worship

8:30 a.m. Facebook Live

10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

11:00 a.m. Radio Broadcast

MON: 11:15 a.m. 9th Grade Sr. High Lunch

12:15 p.m. 10th-12th Grade Sr. High Lunch

TUE: 9:00 a.m. Good Samaritans-Quilting

9:30 a.m. Text Study

WED: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study

12:10 p.m. Sounds of the Season-Faye Bubach

3:00 p.m. Kids for Christ

6:30 p.m. Confirmation at Faith Lutheran

6:30 p.m. Cantata Rehearsal

SAT: 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Fellowship

NEXT SUN: 8:30 a.m. Worship

8:30 a.m. Facebook Live

9:45 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m. Christmas Program Practice

11:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Radio Broadcast