

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Luke 1)

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, for you have come to your people and set them free.

Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us and to remember your holy covenant.

And now, you have raised up for us a mighty Savior, born of the house of your servant David.

Holy is his name and his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.

Because of God's mercy and grace, the dawn from on high will break upon us,

to shine on those who dwell in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Today we light the candle of joy. May its light remind us of all the good news this season brings.

May its light remind us of the many sources of joy in our lives and may that joy not only draw us closer to one another, but closer to God. Amen.

ADVENT HYMN

"Come, Now, O God"

#902



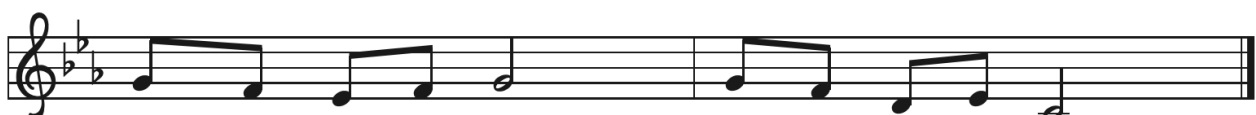
1 Come now, O God, when our love is for - sak - en.
2 Come, when we squan - der the free - dom you gave us.
3 Come, put an end to our self - serv - ing mad - ness.



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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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, in a place that still is simple, whether hay or golden steeple, come the hearts of every people to believe with one another. Let the peace we all inherit be awakened by your Spirit. By your grace, O God, let us face the love of the old which by faith will now unfold. Amen.

HYMN

"The King Shall Come"

#260

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM | 10:30 a.m.

Hymn

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

#283

Following the Sunday School Christmas Program during the 10:30 a.m. service, worship continues with the Affirmation of Faith, found on the next page in your bulletin.

ADVENT SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS | 8:30 a.m.

READING: *"In a Land of Snow and Desert"* by Herbert F. Brokering

HYMN

"Hark, the Glad Sound"

#239

READING: Isaiah 40:3 – 5

³A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

"There's a Voice in the Wilderness"

#255

READING: *"Halo"* by Herbert F. Brokering

HYMN

"Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn"

#242

READING: Luke 1:26 – 38

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with

God." ³⁸Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life. **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

#275

READING: Matthew 1:18 – 25

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." ²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Response: Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

"He Came Down"

#253

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

We believe in a God who offers second chances and does not hold grudges. We believe in a God who opens the door to new life and leaves the porch light on for us when we get lost. We believe in a God who believes in us—believes that we can make a difference, that we can choose grace over comparison, love over hate, peace over war. And so we strive to live our lives in love. We strive to listen as Joseph listened, and to be the people that God calls us to be. It's all that easy, and it's all that hard. This we believe. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

God of steps-fathers and adoptive parents, God of angel messengers and newborn kings, we bow our heads today with praise on our lips...

With hope in our hearts we pray,

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.

OFFERING HYMN

"In the Bleak Midwinter"

#294

ADVENT DIALOGUE: “In the Fullness of God’s Time”

In the fullness of God’s time there comes a soft angelic glow as a sign: God is below.

In the fullness of God’s time.

Our hearts are open right for faith that comes through dark and light.

In the fullness of God’s time.

The words by which prophets long foretold will in this place and time unfold.

In the fullness of God’s time.

The angel songs in heavens high will break the silence of the sky.

In the fullness of God’s time. The one we name the God I AM will sing with us the song: Amen.

BLESSING

As you leave this place, may you go knowing that from generation to generation, we have been claimed and loved. From generation to generation, God has been by our side. From generation to generation, we are not alone. The God of yesterday and the God of tomorrow knows you by name, loves you, and calls you forth, saying, “Go be the person you are called to be, love wildly, do justice, and come back soon.” May it be so.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“Fling Wide the Door”

#259

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and Karen Kringlie.

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.

Thank you to all who provided special readings and worship leadership as part of today's 8:30 a.m. service of Advent Lessons and Carols.

Thank you to Tricia Lebahn and Kyla Fetsch who led the music for today's Sunday School Christmas Program at 10:30 a.m., all our Sunday School teachers: Tara Anderson, Mindy Tvedt, Tucker Johnson, Kelli Stearns, Ali Keller, Cierra Pabst, Rachel Belgard, Abby Wangrud, Cadence Fetsch, and Jacob Fritchie, and our Education Committee Members: Tara Anderson, Mindy Tvedt, Sarah Wangrud, Cynthia Klabo, and Katie Sather.

Christmas Light Scavenger Hunt and Hot Cocoa Drive Thru: Back by popular demand! Visit the north (parking lot) doors on Wednesday, Dec. 14th between 5 and 7 p.m. to grab a Christmas Light Scavenger Hunt sheet and a to go cup of hot cocoa. Then, enjoy an evening of family fun traveling around trying to find some special decorations around town.

Wednesday, Dec. 14th – 16th Annual "Sounds of the Season" Brown Bagger Series, 12:10 to 12:50 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church sanctuary, 138 3rd St. N.W. in Valley City. Rev. Brad Eden will be the featured performer. Bring your lunch or just come to listen to the music of the holiday season and enjoy provided refreshments.

The Community Closet will be having an opening from 5 - 7 p.m. on Monday, December 12th. Volunteers are needed to help set up on Sunday, Dec. 11th from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. and to clean up on Monday, Dec. 12th at 7:00 p.m. Sign up on the information counter.

Capital Project Town Halls: Join us at one or more of these town hall opportunities as we discuss current and future needs for both our kitchen and youth room. Your feedback is crucial as we look to undertake these projects beginning in 2023.

Youth Room and Kitchen Conversations:

Sunday, December 18th, 9:30 a.m.

Youth Room Conversation Tuesday, December 13th, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday School will be on Christmas break until Sunday, January 8th.

If you are interested in serving on the Call Committee for a new called staff person at OSLC, and/or if you have questions about what serving in this way means, please be in touch with Pr. Kyle or a church council member.

Coffee Host Volunteers are needed for Sunday mornings this fall. Sign up on our website or on the counter in the Gathering Room.

Interested in being a member of Our Savior's? Being a member at OSLC doesn't come with obligations or requirements - just a willingness to be an active part of our community of believers. Interested or want to know more? Talk to Pr. Kyle or reach out to the church office at (701) 845-1328 or oursaviorsvc@outlook.com.

Free storm windows, setting on north and west side of church. On a first come basis. Contact Bobby 701-840-0250.

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. To that end, be alert and persevere in praying for all the Lord's people." (Ephesians 6:18). This week we hold these people of Our Savior's in prayer, as well as those concerns close to our hearts: Ray & Kandice Nelson; Rodney & Kathy Nelson; Wayne & Sandra Nelson; Sheila Nelson; Shirley Nelson; Laikkyn Newman; Dustin & Nikki Nielsen, Preslee, Ava.

This Week: **December 11-18**
 TODAY: 8:30 a.m. Worship
 9:30 a.m. Facebook Live
 9:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
 10:30 a.m. Worship with Sunday School Program
 11:00 a.m. Radiobroadcast
 5:00 p.m. Community Closet Setup
 MON: 11:15 a.m. Sr. High Lunch
 12:15 p.m. Sr. High Lunch
 5:00 p.m. Community Closet Open House
 TUES: 9:00 a.m. Quilters
 1:30 p.m. Text Study
 WED: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study
 12:10 p.m. Sounds of the Season Brown Bagger Series- Faye Bubach
 5:00 p.m. Christmas Light Scavenger Hunt and Hot Cocoa Drive Thru
 7:00 p.m. Committees
 8:00 p.m. Council
 THURS: 9:30 a.m. Pastor's Conference
 1:45 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Blood Drive
 FRI: 8:00 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Blood Drive
 SAT: 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Fellowship
 NEXT SUN: 8:30 a.m. Worship/Face book Live
 9:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
 10:30 a.m. Worship
 11:00 a.m. Radio Broadcast

Mission Support

January-November 2022

Year To Date Income	\$315,697.59
Year To Date Expense	320,415.61
YTD Expense over Income	- 4,938.23
A week of OSLC ministry:	\$7,582.00
General Fund Offering from last week:	\$12,542.51

2021-2024 Growing in Grace Capital Appeal



\$846,180.00 Total Pledged
 By 125 Households
 through December 5, 2022

601,064.69 Total Given
 through December 5, 2022