



# OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP (\*please rise in body and/or spirit)

A voice cries out:

**"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God."**

Every 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.**

Lift up your voice with strength, heralds of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the people:

**"Here is your God!" His arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.**

Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together.

**Justice and righteousness will fill the land, and all will live in peace and safety.**

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Long-expected God, **we confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security only you can provide.**

**We reach for swords and spears, reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war. We become impatient while waiting and weary of keeping awake. Free us from self-reliance, and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors. Increase our trust in God's timing, and awaken us to your advent among us, that we may abound in the hope you have promised. Amen.**

God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God's own righteousness. ☩ You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior. **Amen.**

### HYMN:

**"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"**

**#254**

### GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always. **And also with you."**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, **to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING - LINDSEY & JUSTIN JOHNSON FAMILY

### ADVENT HYMN:

**"Light One Candle to Watch for the Messiah" (v.2)**

**#240**

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

**HYMN:**

**"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"**

**#249**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**THANKSGIVING FOR OFFERING AND PRAYER**

(offering plates are located on the table at the back of the sanctuary)

**OFFERING HYMN:**

**"Wait for the Lord" (sing 3 times)**

**#262**

*Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.  
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!*

**HOLY COMMUNION**

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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.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...we join their unending hymn:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r 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**

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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.

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

**"Lamb of God"**

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*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.*

**"Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding" #246**

**"Comfort, Comfort Now My People" #256**

**DISTRIBUTION**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER (\*please rise in body and/or spirit)**

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**BLESSING**

May God who comes among us, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share today and always. **Amen.**

**HYMN**

**"Prepare the Royal Highway"**

**#264**

**SENDING (p. 146)**

Go in peace. Keep awake. **Thanks be to God.**

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**GIVE ONLINE**

**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.**

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is in given in memory of Audrey Lahlum by her husband, Howard, and their family.

**Could you spare some time on Fridays to help with the Senior Lunch Program?** Dessert—cookies, bars, brownies etc. for 90 are also needed. There is a sign-up sheet on the Information Counter. A thank you for your help is a free lunch that day! \*11:45-1:30. Help as needed and Kitchen clean up \*Providing treats (Please indicate how many)

**We will once again enjoy the "Sounds of the Season" concerts** on Wednesdays during December (Dec 10 and 17), from 12:10 - 12:50 in the church sanctuary. During this busy month, take time each week to relax over your lunch hour with some Christmas music. This year the programs will be streamed on Facebook, so you can listen from your workplace or home if you can't get to the church for the concert. Faye Bubach will be the featured performer this Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, and Beth Quick will perform on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Bring your lunch or just come to listen to the music of the holiday season and enjoy provided refreshments.

**The Community Closet** will have an opening on Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm Volunteers are needed to help set up on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6 pm and to help take down on Monday beginning at 7pm. No need to sign up, just show up. Any and all help is appreciated.

**The Church Council has set a special congregational meeting today, immediately following the service 10:15 am,** to discuss selling the Chautauqua parsonage. The Council and Property Committee are recommending a motion to authorize the Council to proceed with placing the property for sale and authorize the Council President to sign legal documents pertaining to the sale with the approval of Council.

**The Valley City Salvation Army Kettle Campaign needs bell ringers** now through December 24<sup>th</sup>. If you can help for any amount of time (1-2 hrs or more). Please call Naomi Schlecht 701-541-1418) or Lenore Ziemba (701-840-1357). Bell ringing locations will be at PetroServe and Leever's.

**The Kiwanis are sponsoring a Giving Tree** – help families in need by buying a present listed on the ornament. Please wrap and return under the tree and bring a smile to a child in need. See posted flyers.

**The Merry & Bright Carolers** are performing throughout the holiday season. Look for details on the flyers posted around the church.

**St Catherine Church will be holding its 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Community Christmas Eve Dinner** on December 24<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. Transportation is available if you call ahead. See flyers posted around the church for details.

**Vitalant Blood Drive - Sponsored by OSLC:** Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 11:15 am - 6:00 p.m. and Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. – 12:45 pm, at the Stoudt-Miller Showroom (325 Winter Show Road). Contact Vitalant at (877)258-4825 to register to donate. A sign-up sheet will also be posted on the information counter under the Missionary Calendar to donate. Volunteers are needed to serve as hosts/receptionists. Contact Ruth Larson at 840-2913 to volunteer.

**Hymn Requests:** If you have a favorite hymn you would like to see included in a future worship service, please jot the name and number down on the note paper back by the offering plates and place in the offering plate or contact Ann in the office. We don't promise to add it right away, but would do our best to include it in future worship services.

**We're continuing a practice at Our Savior's to be mindful of our prayer for one another.** Each week, staff will be praying for, and congregation members are encouraged to pray for families of the congregation, by name. This week we pray for the David Johnson, Justin and Lindsey Johnson, Keith & Kay Johnson, Monte and Patricia Johnson and Nathan & Nicole Johnson families. *"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone" 1 Timothy 2:1*

**A look ahead at the week of December 7<sup>th</sup> – December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

TODAY: 9:00 am | Worship with Children's Program  
9:00 am | Facebook Worship Livestream  
10:15 am | Special Meeting  
11:00 am | KOVC 1490 AM/96.3 FM Radio Broadcast  
11:15 AM | Worship at Messiah (Fingal)

TUES: 9:00 am | Quilters  
10:30 am | Staff Meeting  
1:30 pm | Text Study

WEDS: 9:30 am | Bible Study  
6:30 pm | Confirmation (at OSLC)  
7:00 pm | Committees  
8:00 pm | Council

FRI: 12:00 pm | Senior High Lunch

SAT: 7:30 am | Men's Bible Fellowship

SUN (12/14): 9:00 am | Worship, Bible Sunday  
9:00 am | Facebook Worship Livestream  
10:15 am | Coffee & Fellowship  
10:15 am | Sunday School  
11:00 am | KOVC 1490 AM/96.3 FM Radio Broadcast