



Third Sunday of Advent  
Sunday School Christmas Program  
Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
9:00 a.m.

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church  
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Pastor:

**\*\*Welcome! We are grateful for the spirit that prompted you to worship with us today and hope you find a meaningful experience in your time with us. We thank you for the prayers you brought and for the witness you made to the world by being in the Lord's house on the Lord's Day. We invite you to worship with us again; our church family will always welcome you!\*\***

***To the parents of our young children, may we suggest:***

- Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome! Sit toward the front where it is easier for children to see and hear.
- Sing hymns loudly, pray, and voice the responses with enthusiasm. Children learn behavior by copying you. If you are fired up about God, they will be too!
- Remember that the way we welcome children in Church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, to Christ, to one another. Let them know that they are at home in the Church.
- Teach children some of the basic prayers, being able to join in with the prayers help them feel they are contributing too. Attend worship often, children like and need routines where they can participate.
- Children are invited to participate in communion, where they learn that God loves them.

***To Members of the congregation:*** A smile of encouragement is always welcome to parents with small, active children. The presence of children is a gift to the church! They give us a future filled with hope.

***\*Please, Stand As You Are Able—And Sit As You Feel The Need!***

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who opens the heavens and draws near to us with salvation.

**C: Amen.**

P: God is patient and merciful, desiring all to come to repentance. Trusting this promise of grace, let us confess our sin.

*[Silence for reflection and self-examination.]*

P: Everlasting God,

**C: you love justice and you hate wrongdoing. We confess the fear, greed, and self-centeredness that make us reluctant to work against oppression. We are complicit in systems of exploitation. We choose comfort over courage. We are careless with creation's bounty. Look upon us with mercy. Turn our hearts again to you. Make us glad to do your will and to walk in your ways for the sake of our waiting world. Amen.**

P: Hear these words of assurance: God clothes you with garments of salvation and covers you with robes of righteousness. In the tender compassion of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. God's covenant is eternal, and God's blessing rests upon us all.

**C: Amen.**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE "Joy"  
WELCOME AND COMMENTS ON THE DAY**

**"The Amazing Story of Christmas"**

Sunday School Children

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION*

**\*OUR LORD'S PRAYER**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**\*THE TABLE BLESSING**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: Generous God, in bread and cup you have revealed your glory for all people to see together. Nourished by this meal, send us out to proclaim your good news of liberation and release, brought to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

## OFFERING

### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: God our provider,

**C: by your merciful hand abundance springs up from the earth. Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty. Let them be a sign of your steadfast love and faithfulness for all people, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Petitions end: Merciful God

**Response: receive our prayer.**

### \*GOD'S BLESSINGS

P: The God of peace bless you, the love of Christ sustain you in hope, and the anointing of the Spirit † remain upon you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### \*DISMISSAL

P: So now together, we go out into God's great creation, and with the power of the Holy Spirit, ever present in our hearts, let's change some lives.

**C: We will! Alleluia!**

### SENDING SONG

*"Go Now In Peace"*

*Projected*

*Postlude*

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***Please remain in the Sanctuary until all the candles are Extinguished. Thank you.***

## Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Invites You To: Belong – Believe – Become – Be a Blessing

**Custodian:** Jesse Engesmoe  
**Office Manager:** Jill Winters  
**Organist/Handbell Choir:** Karen Olsen  
**Digital Projection:** Linda Kockelman & Dawn Ourada

**Choir Director:** Dawn Ourada  
**Treasurer:** Brenda Lothert  
**Guest Accompanist:**  
**Lector:**  
**Videographers:** Mark Fokken, Rick Bueltel, & Jon Hanson

For *December*, the *Eternal Lights* burn in the Sanctuary and Chapel in loving memory of ***Steve Benson's birthday, which would have been on December 1<sup>st</sup>***. Given by Dee Benson.

### December Mission Calendar

**7<sup>th</sup>:** In loving memory of ***Harold Harding***. Given by Curt & Marilyn Rangaard.

**10<sup>th</sup>:** In honor of ***Julia Hanson's Baptismal Anniversary***. Given by her family.

**17<sup>th</sup>:** In loving memory of ***Amy Beutler's passing on December 18th***. Given by Bev, Barb & Brian.

**26<sup>th</sup>:** In honor of ***Si & Rose Olson's 69<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary***.

***We ask God's guidance and prayers*** for all those who have special need:

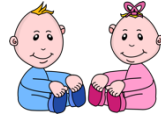
Randy Westphal, Shirley Hanson, Gary Fokken, Fritz Urban, Mandy Kack, David Sorby, Karen Wendroth (Sherri Full's sister), Shirley Markegard, Charlotte Thompson, Nick Benson, Bonnie Olson, Debra (Haugen) Galecki, Troy Hoffman, Kara Mortenson, Fred Full, Myrna Tesch, Patty McLain (Sherri Full's sister), Lyla Nelson, Nina Benz, Katrina Vick, Debbie Cornell, Dane Nordquist, John Cornell, Joyce Brouwer, Mary Adler, Robert Kokesh, Fern Emmons and granddaughter Gabrielle, Fran Beecher, Patricia Hoffman, Bruce Garrels, Karin Livermore, Deanna Stephenson, Dean Hedge, Sandra Nelson, Sherry Olson, Linda Vlamincik and all whom we name before you in our hearts. May God strengthen all who are in need.

**We continue to pray for the Leaders** of the Nations, for all the Peacekeeping forces and especially for the service men and women connected with OSL, both those who remain deployed and those who now feel the safety of home: Andrew Fokken, Anthony Nemitz, Cody Dinius, Ross Larson, Nicole Nelson (granddaughter of Larry & Joanne Nelson), Ethan Webster, Tony Geier, Ryan Stoks, Nicholas Schultz, Tony Nelson, Kirk Larson, Ryan Otto, Tyson Coil, Christopher Oellien, Stephanie Geier. **May God continue to strengthen these committed military personnel and their families.** If anyone has been omitted or

you would like to add a name, please contact the church office. We ask God to surround them and their loved ones with His love and presence.

**At Our Saviour's we have many ongoing opportunities to  
"BELONG - BELIEVE - BECOME - BE A BLESSING"  
Here are some ways you can do that during the month of December:**  
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A Cry Room is available during the morning worship service for infants to 3 years. It is located off the chapel and is wired for sound enabling you and your child to participate in the service. For older children, we offer special activity bags for them to borrow during the worship service, encouraging them to join the congregation in the pews. These **activity bags** hanging on the back of the last pew.



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Calling any men, women and youth! We are in need of Ushers, some of our Ushers are retiring and we need to fill their spots. If this is something that you would be interested in or if you have questions, please contact the church office.

If you are a Thrivent member and are willing to use your eligibility to apply for a Thrivent Action Grant, please call the church office at 507-223-5528 and leave your name and number and we will be in touch. Thank you!



### Coffee Talk

If anyone would like to provide treats for Coffee Talk please let the church office know what Sunday and WELCA will help you get things set up and cleaned up. Your Coffee Talk friends love to help celebrate birthdays, anniversaries or any other occasion.

We are in need of a Cemetery Sexton, if this is something that you would be interested in or if you know of someone who would be interested, please contact the church office or a Board of Trustee member.

### **Women of the ELCA.....**

**On Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, at 11:30a.m. we will have our Thanksoffering program and our Christmas luncheon combined into one. Please sign up on the bulletin board for Salads, Hotdishes and Desserts.**



Please recycle your nonworking holiday lights and any electrical cords for the Canby DAC. There are collection bins in the hall! We will provide work and wages for our developmentally disabled adults to recycle them. Thank you!

**\*\*\*Please note that the Sunday, Christmas Eve Sonshine Service will be at 5:00 p.m.\*\*\***

## **Christmas Season Worship Schedule**

12/17: 9:00 a.m. Youth Christmas Program and Worship  
with Holy Communion

12/24 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Sonshine Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion

12/25: **No Service Christmas Day**



### **YOUTH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM and BAKE SALE**

Date: Sunday, December 17, 2023

Time: 9:00 AM, bake sale to follow

Location: Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

OSLC youth will be performing "The Amazing Story of Christmas" during the 9 AM church service. We will be in the basement to celebrate with cookies, with a bake sale.



"Amazing Story of Christmas" invite the congregation to join in coffee, and hot chocolate along



### **Youth Fundraiser**

The Youth Group has put up a Christmas tree in the Narthex with envelopes of different denominations on each one. If you would like you may take an envelope off the tree, put the designated amount in the envelope and leave it in the office. This will help the youth going to the Youth Gathering in New Orleans, in July 2024. Thank you for your support!

## ***OSL Church Council News.....***

*We are fast approaching the end of the year and that means we will be having our Annual Meeting soon. We are in need of new members for the Council. If you or someone you know is interested in being on the Council, please contact the office, 223-5528. Members are needed for all positions. The different areas of the Council are Board of Deacons, Board of Trustees and Board of Youth Education. The Deacons take care of the business of the church services, i.e. plan/assist with communion, decorate the sanctuary, deliver Easter plants to shut-ins, yearly service project. The Board of Trustees manage the finances of the Church, approve and pay bills, manage the upkeep of the Church building. The Board of*

Youth Education manage Sunday School, Confirmation activities, plan for fundraising, VBS. Council meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.



**"Blessed to Give"** - This an opportunity for OSL to give Sylvan Court and REM Individuals Christmas gifts. The names and gift ideas are on the bulletin board. Sign your name, take the gift idea, and return the gift to the church office by **Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**. They will be delivered on **Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**. **Thank you all for your continued support of this very important mission!**



Please join us as we ring in the New Year!  
Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>  
St. Michael Church - Madison, MN

4:00 pm mass for the Holy Day  
5:00 pm Meal and clinking of the glasses!

'Free will' meal  
Meatballs, potatoes and gravy, vegetables, salads desserts, bread, and beverages.

The proceeds from this event, will be used to help those in need during our visit to San Lucas, Guatemala January 22-30



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## CALENDAR

**Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>: Third Sunday of Advent**

- 8:30 a.m. Coffee Bar available prior to worship
- 9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion  
Children's Christmas Program
- 10:10 a.m. Coffee Talk

**Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>: Pastor's Sabbath Office Hours 9a-3p**

- 2:00 p.m. Quilting

**Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>: Office Hours 9a-3p**

**Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>: Office hours 9a-3p**

- 5:30 p.m. 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation

**Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>: Office hours 9a-3p**

- 11:30 a.m. Thankoffering Program

**Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>: Office hours 9a-3p**

**Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>:**

**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Eve & Fourth Sunday of Advent**

- 4:30 p.m. Coffee Bar available prior to worship

5:00 p.m. Sonshine Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship with  
Holy Communion

10:10 a.m. Coffee Talk

**Monthly Giving Report for November**

Total Giving Needed Each Month:	\$ 22,586.16
Simply Giving for the Month:	\$ 5,277.44
Weekly offering received for the Month:	\$ 12,446.01
Total Giving for the Month:	<u>\$ 17,723.45</u>
Monthly Surplus/Deficit:	\$ -4,862.71
Thrivent Choice Deposits (YTD 11/30/2023):	\$ 1,182.00
Total Giving (YTD 11/30/2023):	\$ 230,617.63
Noisy Coin Offerings: (YTD 11/30/2023):	\$ 5,771.57

***Cornerstone Fund Balance as of 10/31/2023: \$26,525.34***

If you would desire a pastoral visit for any reason, please call the **church office at 507-223-5528**. If you have an emergency, i.e, hospital or family issue, please call **Pastor Levi's cell phone at 701-367-7072**.

**GIVE+Online.....**

We invite you to consider our new **electronic giving program** as a way to automate your **regular weekly offerings**. Electronic giving is convenient for you and provides much-needed consistency for our church. There is no cost for you to participate. To get started you will need to sign up in the link on the front page of our website (oslcanby.org) or you may call the office 223-5528 for assistance.