



## **Third Sunday of Advent**

December 12, 2021

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**\*\*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 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 AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with good things.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

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

P: God for whom we wait,

C: **in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you. We fail in believing that your good news is for us. We falter in our call to tend your creation. We find our sense of self in material wealth. We fear those different from ourselves. We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love. Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us again of your saving grace. Amen**

P: God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, † your sins are forgiven. You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.

C: Amen

#### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*"Noel Alleluia"*

#### **CHOIR**

#### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

#### **\*ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING - Joy**

#### **\*GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

#### **\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

#### **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Stir up the walls of all who look to you, Lord God,

**C:** and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

**WELCOME AND COMMENTS ON THE DAY**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "Away In A Manger"

**BELL CHOIR**

**\*HOLY GOSPEL**

**Luke 3:7-18**

**\*GOSPEL RESPONSE**

Glory to you, O Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON**

**BAPTISM**

*Raelynn Klaire Groenhoff*

**OFFERING**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "Oh Come All Ye Faithful"

**BELL CHOIR**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "Angels Carols"

**BELL CHOIR \*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: God of our waiting and watching,

**C:** we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest. Amen

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Petitions end: Hear us, O God.

**Response: Your mercy is great.**

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION*

**\*OUR LORD'S PRAYER**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "He Is Born"

**CHOIR**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Jesus Christ, our host and our guest.

**C: Amen**

**\*GOD'S BLESSING**

P: The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.

**C: Amen**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "Who Would Imagine a King?"

**CHOIR**

**\*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!**

*Postlude*

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

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**.

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

**Custodian:** Jesse Engesmoe  
**Office Manager:** Cheryl Norquist  
**Organist/Handbell Choir:** Karen Olsen  
**Digital Projection:** Linda Kockelman & Dawn Ourada  
**Ushers:**  
**Videographers:** Mark Fokken, Rick Bueltel, Aaron Bueltel & Jon Hanson

**Choir Director:** Dawn Ourada  
**Treasurer:** Brenda Lothert  
**Guest Accompanist:**  
**Acolytes:**  
**Communion Asst's:**  
**Lector:**

For **December the Eternal Lights** burn in the Sanctuary and Chapel in loving memory of *Piper Saum Johnson*. Given by Shirley Saum.

The **Broadcast for today** is in loving memory of *Avis Harding's* birth to Eternal Life on **December 15<sup>th</sup>**. Given by Annette Harding

We rejoice with **David & Samantha Groenhoff**  
on the baptism of their daughter, *Raelynn Klair* this morning.  
Our prayers are with their family.

#### December Mission Calendar

5<sup>th</sup>: In loving memory of *Harold Harding's* Birthday today. Given by Curt & Marilyn Rangaard.

**We ask God's guidance and prayers** for all those who have special needs: Aiden Conrad, Michael Hanson, Heidi Starkenburg, Natalie Dinius, Debra (Haugen) Galecki, Linda Chaney, Troy Hoffman, Kara Mortenson, Ken Club, Fred Full, Myrna Tesch, Patty McLain (Sherri Full's sister), Lyla Nelson, Nina Benz, Katrina Vick, Debbie Cornell, Dane Nordquist, Delroy Thompson, John Cornell, Joyce Brouwer, Mary Adler, Robert Kokesh, Fern Emmons and granddaughter Gabrielle, Connie Severson, 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.

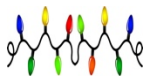
**We continue to pray for the Leaders** of the Nations, for all the Peacekeeping forces and especially for the service men and women connected with OSL, both those who remain deployed and those who now feel the safety of home: Jacob Merritt (grandson of Bev Dybsetter), Anthony Nemitz, Cody Dinius, Ross 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 and Sue Behrens. **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.



**"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 **Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**. They will be delivered on **Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**. **Thank you all for your continued support of this very important mission!**

#### 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](http://oslcanby.org)) or you may call the office 223-5528 for assistance.



Please recycle your nonworking holiday lights and any electrical cords for the **Canby DAC.** There is a **green collection bin** located right outside the church office. We will provide work and wages for our individuals with disabilities to recycle them. Thank you!

#### Christmas Season Worship Schedule

12/19: 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  
12/26: 9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

The church office will close at **noon** on **Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>** and **Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup>** in observance of the holidays

\*\*\*\*\*Telephone Numbers & New Addresses.....If you have got rid of your landline and now have a new contact number (cell phone) or if you have moved....PLEASE let the church office know. Thank you!

# CALENDAR

**Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>: *Third Sunday of Advent***

- 8:30 a.m. Coffee Bar available prior to worship
- 9:00 a.m. Worship (*Choir & Bell Choir*) with Holy Communion
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:10 a.m. Coffee Talk

**Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup>: *Pastor's Sabbath***

**Office Closed**

**Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>:**

- 9:00 a.m. Prairie Conference Rostered Meeting –  
1st Lutheran – Marshall

**NO Circle This Month**

**Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>:**

- 8:30 a.m. Hospital Board Meeting – Pastor Levi
- 5:30 p.m. 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation - Canby
- 5:30 p.m. Pastor Matthew – Confirmation in Hendricks

***'Blessed to Give' gifts need to be returned to the office.***

**Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>:**

**Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>:**

***'Blessed to Give' gifts will be delivered***

**Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup>:**

***Oellien Family Christmas – Fireside Room***

**Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>: *Fourth Sunday of Advent***

- 8:30 a.m. Coffee Bar available prior to worship
- 9:00 a.m. SS Christmas Program/Worship with Holy  
Communion

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

- 10:10 a.m. Coffee Talk

## Monthly Giving Report for November

Total Giving Needed Each Month:	\$ 21,543.80
Simply Giving for the Month	\$ 4,287.73
Weekly offering received for the Month	\$ 19,823.91
Total Giving for the Month:	<u>\$ 24,111.64</u>
Monthly Surplus/Deficit:	+\$ 2,567.84
Thrivent Choice Deposits (YTD 11/30/2021)	\$ 515.00
Total Giving (YTD 11/30/2021):	\$201,613.74
Noisy Coin Offerings: (YTD 11/30/2021)	\$ 1,326.73

**Cornerstone Fund Balance as of 11/30/2021: \$42,081.10**