

CALENDAR

Sunday, December 22nd: Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 8:30 a.m. Coffee Bar available prior to worship
- 9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:10 a.m. Coffee Talk

Monday, December 23rd: Pastor's Sabbath Office Hours 9a-3p

Tuesday, December 24th: Office Hours 9a-12p

- 5:00 p.m. Coffee Bar available prior to worship
- 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Sonshine Worship

Wednesday, December 25th: Office Closed- Merry Christmas

Thursday, December 26th: Office Hours 9a-3p

Friday, December 27th: Office Hours 9a-3p

Saturday, December 28th:

Sunday, December 29th: First Sunday of Christmas

- 8:30 a.m. Coffee Bar available prior to worship
- 9:00 a.m. Worship with Kids Christmas Program
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:10 a.m. Coffee Talk

Monthly Giving Report for November

Total Giving Needed Each Month:	\$ 23,172.50
Simply Giving for the Month:	\$ 5,287.59
Weekly offering received for the Month:	\$ 12,822.00
Total Giving for the Month:	<u>\$ 18,109.59</u>
Monthly Surplus/Deficit:	\$ -5,062.91
Thrivent Choice Deposits (YTD 11/29/2024):	\$ 2,813.00
Total Giving (YTD 11/29/2024):	\$ 224,432.56
Noisy Coin Offerings: (YTD 11/29/2024):	\$ 7,810.12

Cornerstone Fund Balance as of 11/29/2024: \$32,135.34

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.



Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 22nd, 2024
9:00 a.m.

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
108 Haarfager Ave. N.; Canby, MN
56220

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Pastor: Levi Bollerud

****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, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon.

C: Amen.

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

C: Amen.

[Silence for reflection and self-examination.]

P: God of mercy,

C: **we confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone. We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have trusted false promises. We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in us.**

P: A righteous branch springs forth: it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of God through † Christ Jesus, whose day draws near.

C: Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN** “Canticle of the Turning” #723 ELW

CHILDREN’S SERMON

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE “Love”

***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 your power,

C: **Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever. Amen.**

WELCOME AND COMMENTS ON THE DAY

FIRST READING

Micah 5:2-5a

Psalmody 1:46b-55

***SECOND READING**

Hebrews 10:5-10

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

“Alleluia...” pg. 142

***HOLY GOSPEL**

Glory to you, O Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” #257 ELW

***APOSTLES’ CREED**

OFFERING

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: Creator God,

C: **you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us. We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Petitions end: Lord, in your mercy,

Response: receive our prayer.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

***OUR LORD’S PRAYER**

HOLY COMMUNION

***THE TABLE BLESSING**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: Generous God, we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation. We thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace. We thank you for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world. Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in your name. **Amen.**

***RECESSIONAL SONG**

“Soon and Very Soon”

#439 ELW

***GOD’S BLESSINGS**

P: God of endings and beginnings, God in the darkness and the light, God, your hope for the journey, † bless and keep 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: Mark Fokken
Videographers: Mark Fokken, Rick Bueltel, & Jon Hanson

For *December* the *Eternal Lights* burn with Christmas memories for **Vernon & Ilene Jacobson**. Given by Curt & Karen Olsen.

The *2 poinsettias in the front of the church* are in loving memory of **Kathy (Schrunk) Machtemes, Roy & Lorna Rangaard and Marion & Joyce Shrunk**. Given by Curt & Marilyn Rangaard.

December Mission Calendar

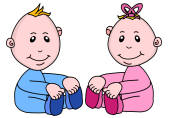
- 1st:** In loving memory of **Steve Benson**. Given by Marion & Pauline Oellien.
7th: In loving memory of **Harold Harding, whose birthday would have been today**. Given by Curt & Marilyn Rangaard.
18th: In loving memory of **Amy Beutler's passing on December 18th**. Given by Bev, Barb & Brian.
22nd: In loving memory of **Steve Benson**. Given by Dee Benson.
26th: In honor of **Si & Rose Olson's 70th Wedding Anniversary**. Given by Si Olson.

We ask God's guidance and prayers for all those who have special need: Beth Richter, Denise Hanson, Delores Bursack, Rick Full, Kyle Lieser, Gary Fokken, Fritz Urban, Mandy Kack, David Sorby, Karen Wendroth (Sherri Full's sister), Shirley Markegard, Nick Benson, Bonnie Olson, Debra (Haugen) Galecki, Troy Hoffman, Kara Mortenson, Fred Full, Debbie Cornell, Dane Nordquist, 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 Vlaminck 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: Justin Gislason, Andrew Fokken, Anthony Nemitz, Cody Dinius, Ross Larson, Ethan Webster, Tony Geier, Ryan Stoks, Nicholas Schultz, 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:

The Pray-Ground is located in the back of the Sanctuary and is available during the morning worship service for parents and young children to be able to stretch and move around as needed, but also participate with the service. We do have a verity of quiet activities for young children to use in the Pray-Ground. 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** can be found at the back of the sanctuary hanging on the back of the last pew.



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!

2025 Offering Envelopes are available for pickup. They are on the table in the Chapel.

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.

Tax Strategies for Gifts to the Church

As year end approaches, congregation members are encouraged to be thoughtful about annual and future support for church operation. Two tax strategies many parishioners use to create greater leverage for their gifts are direct distributions from retirement accounts for those over age 70 ½ and farm operators giving grain to the church. Both of these provide the opportunity to make contributions without paying taxes. If you have taxable income, MN & Federal combined minimum income tax rates could result in 15.35% savings. Taxpayers in higher tax brackets would see greater advantage. Farmers would also realize a savings in self-employment taxes of 12.4% for FICA and 2.9% for Medicare. For seniors with higher incomes, these strategies could help avoid Medicare IRMA surcharges. Of course it is each family's decision to pass those savings on to our church. Suggestions could include the OSL Endowment, a memorial, church operating expenses or a specific project such as the church organ fund. Please contact your tax advisor to make sure any of these suggestions might apply to your finances.



Please recycle your nonworking holiday lights and any electrical cords for the Canby DAC. There are collection bins in the hall, and at Jim's Market or you can drop them off at the DAC! We will provide work and wages for our developmentally disabled adults to recycle them.
Thank you!

Church Council Elections:

With the holidays approaching, the church council nominating committee has begun its work to secure a slate of nominees to serve the various boards and committees of the church. We are looking for individuals for the Board of Trustees, Board of Youth Education and the Board of Deacons. If you feel called to serve in some capacity or would just like more information, please reach out to the church office or contact Dee Benson or Mark Fokken. Fulfilling God's mission in this place takes all of us working together.



Baby Shower for Baby Jesus

Please drop off your new baby item donation in the bassinet in the Narthex, to help families in need. We need items such as diapers, wipes, bottles, blankets, clothing, hygiene items, etc.



If you received a LEAF Scholarship from OSL, please get your first semester grades to the office by January 10th, 2025. Please include on your transcript your Student ID number as well as an address of your college. If you have any questions, please call the office.

Christmas Season Worship Schedule

12/22: 9:00 a.m. *Worship with Holy Communion*
12/24: 5:30 p.m. *Christmas Eve Sonshine Candlelight
Worship with Holy Communion*

