

CALENDAR

Sunday, December 28th: First Sunday of Christmas

8:30 a.m. Coffee Bar available prior to worship
9:00 a.m. Worship
NO Sunday School
NO Coffee Talk

Monday, December 29th: *Pastor's Sabbath* Office Hours 9a-3p

Tuesday, December 30th: Office Hours 9a-3p

Wednesday, December 31st: Office Hours 9a-12p

Thursday, January 1st: Office Closed

Friday, January 2nd: Office Hours 9a-3p

Saturday, January 3rd:

Sunday, January 4th: Second Sunday of Christmas

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

YTD Giving Report for 2025

Simply Giving (YTD 11/29/2025):	\$ 54,990.16
Weekly offering received YTD 11/29/2025):	\$ 151,020.76
Thrivent Choice Deposits (YTD 11/29/2025):	\$ 1,866.00
Noisy Coin Offerings: (YTD 11/29/2025):	\$ 2,953.15
Total Giving (YTD 11/29/2025):	\$ 219,241.67

Cornerstone Fund Balance as of 11/29/2025: \$32,955.34

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.



First Sunday of Christmas
Sunday, December 28th, 2025
9:00 a.m.

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
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Pastor: Levi Bollerud

Vicar: Kit Mackenzie

****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, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty Savior, Prince of Peace.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's steadfast love and faithfulness, let us confess our sin.

[Silence for reflection and self-examination.]

P: Reconciling God,

C: we yearn for your presence to transform our grief, pain, and despair. We confess that we have not always prepared room in our hearts for your love; we have not always recognized your presence among us; we have not always embraced your message of peace. We cry out, weary with the burden of violence, oppression, and fear. We confess our failure to make room for those seeking refuge; our participation in violent systems that harm your innocent ones; our reluctance to embody your good news. Be born in us today and teach us to sing the joyful song of your salvation. Amen.

P: God's grace upon grace flows over you. † Christ's presence redeems the whole creation. Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad!

C: Amen

***GATHERING HYMN "O Come, All Ye Faithful" #283 ELW**
(1st 2 Verses for all Hymns today)

"Hark The Herald Angels Sing" #270 ELW

DIALOGUE

Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!

I will hear what the Lord God has to say—

A voice that speaks for peace.

Peace for all faithful people

and those who turn to him in their hearts.

God's help is near for those who fear him,

that his glory may dwell in our land.

Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!

OPENING PRAYER

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Gracious God, through the ages you have sent your promise to your people in many ways, through many voices. Now your Son has come to bring it among us in person. Through your Spirit, prepare our hearts to recognize him in his many forms, and to receive him as our Lord and Savior. **Amen.**

Lesson 1:

Luke 2:8-14

⁸ Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

Reflection

Our next Carol comes from this passage of scripture. The meaning of The First Noel has evolved over time. Noel is the French word for Christmas, but can also mean News, Birth, and Shouts of Joy. We could say First Christmas, First Birth, First Shouts of Joy. Ultimately, The First Noel means A Child is Born, and Now All is Well.

Hymn

"The First Noel"

#300 ELW

Lesson 2:

Luke 2:15-20

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger.

¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them, ¹⁹ and Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told them.

Hymn

"Away in a Manger"

#277 ELW

Hymn

"What Child is This"

#296 ELW

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*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: O Lord God,

C: **you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, 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

Lesson 3:

Isaiah 9:6-7

⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷Great will be his authority, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Reflection

I grew up hearing Handel's Messiah. The music was on records at home, on school trips to the symphony, and at church. My favorite part has always been from this Isaiah passage-specifically verse 6. The words call up particular feelings. These include Hope in someone to listen, hear, and advocate for me; in someone who is mightier than anything the world threw at me; and one who will forever bring peace to the chaos of life. Also, I have a sense of calm and gentleness of a sleeping newborn. The irony of my love for this music is I experience sadness with holidays in general. The holiday season from Thanksgiving to Epiphany can be a joyous time with family and friend, and can be difficult for those experiencing loss, loneliness, financial difficulties, or other life challenges. This extended holiday season is hopeful for many and hard to experience hope for others. In the midst of trials it is difficult for words of hope to make any difference in our suffering. When able to hear this Hope of our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace please remember this one who is born remains with us through all of our most difficult times. Jesus Christ our Messiah experience the worst of the worst of human experiences. He understands all kinds of grief and pain and does not allow us to go through them alone. His authority is great and His peace is endless. Merry Christmas.

Hymn

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

#279 ELW

Hymn

"Love Has Come"

#292 ELW

*HYMN OF THE DAY "Angels We Have Heard on High"

#289 ELW

*APOSTLES' CREED

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OFFERING "Son of God Eternal Savior" vs: 1 & 4

#655 ELW

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: God of glory,

C: **great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow. Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*OUR LORD'S PRAYER

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*RECESSIONAL SONGS

Hymn

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

#275 ELW

Hymn

"Joy to the World"

#267 ELW

*GOD'S BLESSINGS

P: The triune God, glorious Mystery, holy Incarnate One, abiding Comforter, † bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy.

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

"Good Christian Friends"

#288 ELW

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 for **Chris Blackwelder**, whose birthday was in November. Given by Richard & Linda Blackwelder.

December Mission Calendar

1st: In loving memory of *Helen Johnson*. Given by Shirley Saum.

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

10th: In honor of *Julia Hanson's* baptismal anniversary. Given by family.

26th: In honor of *Si & Rose Olson's* 71st Wedding Anniversary. Given by Si Olson.

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

We ask God's guidance and prayers for all those who have special need: Scott Norquist, Lila Sillerud, Doug Madsen, Jamie Mosier, Jon Hanson, Chuck Oellien, Beth Richter, Delores Bursack, Rick Full, Gary Fokken, Fritz Urban, David Sorby, Karen Wendroth (Sherri Full's sister), Shirley Markegard, Nick Benson, Bonnie Olson, Debra (Haugen) Galecki, Fred Full, Debbie Cornell, Dane Nordquist, Joyce Brouwer, Mary Adler, Robert Kokesh, Fern Emmons and granddaughter Gabrielle, Bruce Garrels, Karin Livermore, 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, Tony Geier, Ryan Stoks, Nicholas Schultz, Kirk Larson, Ryan Otto, Tyson Coil, Christopher Oellien. **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!

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.



Acolyte Sign up:

We invite and encourage ALL youth to sign up to acolyte. This ministry is a fun privilege, that our youth get to engage in every Sunday! There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board by the office.

There is a donation basket in the narthex for B.C.'s Gentle Hugs & Big Smiles - a charity that provides care packages for local cancer and hospice patients. There is a list of needed items on the easel beside the basket. Please contact Beth Richter at 507-430-2262 or on Facebook with any questions.



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!

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. Please contact your tax advisor to make sure any of these suggestions might apply to your finances

Calling all Quilters: We are in the process of getting organized for our Graduation Quilt ministry. If you are someone who sews and would like to make a meaningful contribution to this work please volunteer. We have 15 graduates this year so if you've been thinking about getting involved in the past but haven't gotten around to it, this is the year we need you! Please reach out to the church office or contact Mark Fokken for more information: 507-828-5701.

Nominating Committee Seeking Candidates: The Nominating Committee is beginning its work of securing a slate of nominees to serve on various congregational boards and committees. If you feel called to play a role in the governance of our faith community, please let us know. You can contact Beth Richter (507-530-3248) or Mark Fokken (507-828-5701) or leave your name at the church office. When we all work together, there's nothing we can't accomplish in God's name. Please prayerfully consider volunteering to serve.

No Sunday School on December 28th.

We will see you January 4th! Enjoy your Winter Break!

2026 Offering Envelopes are ready to be picked up and are on the table in the chapel.