



Advent 1

Sunday, December 1, 2024

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, ELCA
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***"Our mission is to make the love of Christ known
to all as we worship, serve and grow together."***

All are welcome in this church! The Good News of God's grace is for all, regardless of age, abilities, physical & mental health, race, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, education, income or strength of faith. There is nothing we do, have done or will do that can separate us from the love of God. God makes no exceptions, nor do we. Come join us in praise, prayer and the work of our Lord, including ongoing work for racial equity in our Church and in the world.

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Welcome, visitors! We're glad you are here! We hope your time with us is a blessing, and that you will come back soon.

We would like to be in touch with you! Visitors—please use the Live Stream 'Attendance Info Form (www.allarewelcome.org under the Live Stream tab) today. **Members**—you only need to fill them out once a year when you receive Holy 'Communion. **In addition**, use the form for prayer requests, hymn requests, to get the monthly newsletter, to give us address changes, or for any communication with the office or pastor.

If you need **hearing assistance**, ask in the church office for our special devices.

If you need **assistance with the live stream**, please call 608.782.3468 or join us on the phone live stream at 1.877.552.3468 (toll-free).

+FOR OUR WORSHIP TODAY+

Presiding Minister: Pastor Joanne Richmond

AV Team: Asa and Fox Zinniel

Communion Assistant: Lois Losby

Pianist: Mary Ender Stutesman

Prayer Reader: Lois Losby

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

ADVENT CANDLE #1

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.

On those living in the land of the shadow of death, light has dawned.

We praise you, God,
for blessing us through your beloved Son.
Enlighten our hearts and minds that we
may shine as lights in a dark world,
to the praise of your glorious name;
through your Son, Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever.

Amen.

He Came Down



- 1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
 2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
 3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
 4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;



he came down that we may have love;
 he came down that we may have light; hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.
 he came down that we may have peace;
 he came down that we may have joy;

Text: Cameroon traditional

Music: HE CAME DOWN, Cameroon traditional

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
 alive in the world,
 reviving creation,
 arriving soon.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy,

we confess that we have sinned.

We trust earthly powers and human authority alone.

We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.

God of might,

we confess that we have sinned.

We have turned away from our neighbors.

We have trusted false promises.

God in our midst,

we confess that we have sinned.

We plead: come to us.

Bring your mercy to birth in us.

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.

Amen.

My Lord, What a Morning

Refrain



My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn - ing; oh,



my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be - gin to fall.



- 1 You will hear the trum - pet sound,
- 2 You will hear the sin - ner cry, to wake the na-tions un-der - ground,
- 3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,



look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

Refrain

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual

GREETING

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

And also with you.

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above,
and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world,
for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord.

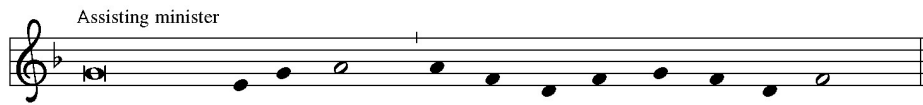
Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house,
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen, amen.



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Christ, and come.
By your merciful protection alert us
to the threatening dangers of our sins,
and redeem us for your life of justice,
for you live and reign with the Creator
and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever.

Amen.

READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16

A reading from **Jeremiah**.

¹⁴ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵ In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

YOUNG PERSON'S MESSAGE

Blessed Be the God of Israel



1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free
 2 With prom-ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,
 3 My child, as proph-et of the Lord you will pre-prepare the way,



and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da-vid's tree.
 the oath once sworn to A - bra-ham, from foes to save us all;
 to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.



So have the proph-ets long de-clared that with a might-y arm
 that we might wor - ship with-out fear and of - fer lives of praise,
 Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease



God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.
 in ho - li - ness and righ - teous-ness to serve God all our days.
 to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944, based on Luke 1:68-79

Music: FOREST GREEN, English folk tune

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CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(Response to each petition is from ELW #247, Come Now, O Prince of Peace.)

As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

God of righteousness, your people live in hopeful expectation of your coming. Fill your church with renewed passion for our shared mission, and deepen our relationships with other Christians and other faith traditions in our local community and across the world.

God of the cosmos, all creation shows that your presence is near. Help us sense your goodness and love in the sun and moon, in sprouting leaves and bare branches, in the roaring sea and quiet breeze.

Holy God, hear us as we sing

Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one body.

Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

God of the nations, your reign extends over all principalities and powers. Give leaders and all in authority hearts for justice and peace. Encourage efforts to enact policies that benefit the common good.

God of change, you accompany us through life's transitions. Be near to all who are changing jobs, moving, welcoming children, or facing the loss of loved ones. Sustain those who are ill or suffering. In times of change, remind us of your steadfast love.

Holy God, hear us as we sing:

Come now, O God of love, make us one body.

Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

God of community, your Spirit holds us together. Sustain our care for one another. Inspire us to seek new ways to live together and to embrace the diversity of thought and identity in our communities.

Holy god, hear us as we sing:

Come now and set us free, O God, our Savior.

Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.

Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

NOISY OFFERING

DIALOGUE

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,

the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.

We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us.

Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people.

Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,

Holy One of Israel,

Word of God incarnate,

Power of the Most High,

one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those

who sin against us.

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

COMMUNION

You may come forward for communion using the center aisle. After receiving bread from Pastor, please take an empty glass from the small table. If you prefer grape juice, take a full glass. Proceed to the person with the pouring chalice. After receiving your wine/blessing, place your empty glass in the basket you will see as you walk toward the side aisle.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

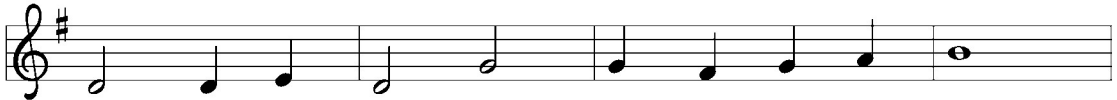
The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

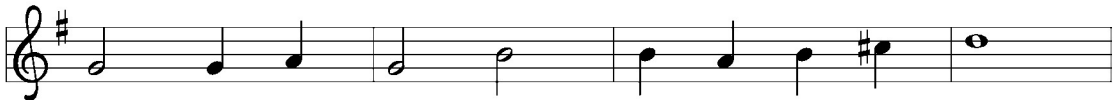
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.

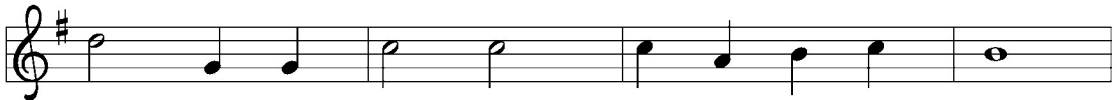
Savior, Again to Your Dear Name



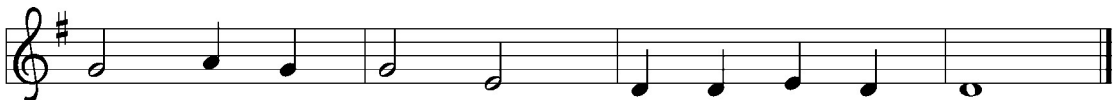
- 1 Sav - ior, a - gain to your dear name we raise
 2 Grant us your peace up - on our home - ward way;
 3 Grant us your peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;
 4 Grant us your peace through - out our earth - ly life,



with one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;
 with you be - gan, with you shall end the day;
 for us trans - form its dark - ness in - to light.
 our balm in sor - row, and our stay in strife;



once more we bless you ere our wor - ship cease,
 guard all the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
 Keep us from harm and dan - ger till the dawn;
 then, when your voice shall bid our con - flict cease,



then, low - ly bend - ing, wait your word of peace.
 that in this house have called up - on your name.
 your eve - ning pres - ence prom - ise to your own.
 call us, O Lord, to your e - ter - nal peace.

Text: John Ellerton, 1826–1893, alt.

Music: ELLERS, Edward J. Hopkins, 1818–1901

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

PRELUDE

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CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Mark your calendars now for Christmas worship 2024

Christmas Eve—Tuesday, December 24, 2024, 7pm

Christmas Day—Wednesday December 25, 2024, 9:30am

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, December 15, 10:30am—Fellowship Hall

Please join us for a special meeting of the congregation to discuss remodeling of the altar area in the sanctuary for accessibility

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS—ORDERS DUE TODAY!

Sign up on the bulletin board next to the church office. Poinsettias available in **red, white**, and **pink: Pizzazz—\$19** or **Brilliance—\$29**. Questions? Contact Jessica at [608.782.3468](tel:608.782.3468) or oslcoffice@oursaviorslutheranchurch.net.

GIVING TREE

Help make someone's Christmas a bit merrier by selecting a tag off the Christmas tree in the Narthex, purchasing the item (new items only please), and returning the gift (by **Sunday, December 15**) for New Horizons.

IT'S PARTY TIME!

To thank you for volunteering at the Christmas Bazaar, join us for a Christmas party on Wednesday, December 4, at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Instead of a gift exchange, please bring a donation for the Women's Clothes Closet (see list below). We'll enjoy a delicious meal and play a Christmas trivia game.

Hope to see you there!

~ The Dorcas Society Board

WOMEN'S CLOTHES CLOSET NEEDS

- Travel size shampoo, conditioner, lotion
- New bras (32 – 42 A, B & C cups) socks (low/crew cut) underwear (bikini sizes 5—9 and briefs sizes 5—7)
- New or used handbags, mittens, or gloves

CAROLING WITH DR. EDDIE KIM

Sunday, December 8, 2024—Meet in Fellowship Hall after worship

Join us as we carpool around La Crosse to spread Christmas cheer through caroling! Afterward, enjoy pizza, drinks, board games, and fellowship at the church. All ages (0—108) are welcome! Come for the caroling, stay for the fun!

WELCA CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Thursday, Dec. 12, Seating 11:30am & Lunch 12 noon—Fellowship Hall

Save the date and plan on joining us for a light luncheon. This event is free, but we need a headcount. Please RSVP by calling Carol Miller (608.792.2334) or Sue Staples (608.780.0022). The WELCA Board would really like to recognize all the people that helped and participated in our group. Come share some Christmas cheer!

OUR SAVIORS THIS WEEK

POST ON A FRIG, NEAR A PHONE, ON AN ALTAR AND ANY OTHER SACRED PLACE

CALENDAR

Sunday, December 1, 2024

Advent 1

9:30am	Worship/HC
10:15am	Coffee Fellowship
10:15am	Tree Trimming
6:30pm	Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.

Monday

9am—1pm	Office Open
10am—12 noon	Gas Vouchers

Tuesday

9am—1pm	Office Open
1—5pm	WCC Open
4pm	CFS Doors Open
4:15—5:15pm	CFS Meal Served
5:15—5:30pm	CFS Carry Outs

Wednesday

9am—1pm	Office Open
10am	WELCA Board
12 noon	Worship/HC
6pm	Dorcus Christmas Party

Thursday

9am—1pm	Office Open
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Friday

Church Office Closed
Pastor/Staff Sabbath

Saturday

9am—1pm	WCC Open
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Sunday, December 8, 2024

Advent 2

9:30am	Worship/HC
10:15am	Coffee Fellowship
10:15am	Caroling
6:30pm	Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.

Calendar Notations:

HC—Holy Communion
CFS—Come For Supper
WCC—Women's Clothes Closet

PRAYER CONCERNS

HEALING AND PEACE

Athena Burg, **Bev** Hanson, **Carol** Kant, **Casey** Kanter, **Cindy** Moe, **Dan** Odenbach, **Danielle** Sorenson, **Dave** Kjos, **Erik** Rudrud, **Esther** Harman, **Eugene** Herold, **Gabe** Centanni, **George**, **Jane** Speer, **Jean** Koll, **Jeannie** White, **Jeff** Kent, **Jim** Garson, **Joyce** Gosman, **Karen** Geoglein, **Katie** White, **Kilian** Crary, **Lane** C., **Lois** Horne, **Kelly** Olson, **Mary** Covey, **Monica & Jack**, **Morris** Buros, **Peggy** Kneifl, **Pete** Harman, **Rich** Pitz, **Rose** Sabotta, **Roxanne** North, **Sandy** Kjos, **Sonja** Simonson-Schrag, **Theo** Abnet, **Tom** Cade, **Vera** Wensole, and **Vickie** Hengel

GRIEVING FAMILY & FRIENDS OF

MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN ARMED FORCES

Gabriel W. Kleven, **Greg** Phillips, **Ricky** Macon, **Stacie** Phillips, and **Tom** Rudrud

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kaye Kjome	December 1
Elizabeth Lasee	December 4
Elaine Lee	December 6
Isaac Stutesman	December 6