



Celebrate

Planting Faith ~ Nurturing Hope ~ Sharing God's Love

1st Advent Contemporary Worship Service
Sunday, November 30 ~ 8:45am



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GATHERING

Gathering Song – “Come Lord Come,” Harmony Smith & Nigel Briggs

**1. There's a cry in us
An ancient anthem of longing
For Your kingdom to come
Show Your glory**

**2. There's a hope in us
The promise of Your returning
King of heaven come
In Your Glory**

(Chorus) **We join with the tribes all nations and say
Come Lord come
We join with the earth that is groaning and say
Come Lord come
We join with the church through the ages and say
Come Lord come
We join with the angels and worship the Lamb
Come Lord come**

**3. There's a hope in us
The promise of Your returning
Risen Savior come
We are waiting *(chorus)***

(Bridge) **Come Lord come
Come Lord come
Come Lord come *(chorus)***

Welcome

Song of Advent

*What child is this, who dwells on high, will come in infant sleeping”
Into our homes and souls and hearts His presence will be keeping?*

*With us, Immanuel, we share our spaces with our King;
Haste, haste, Grand Miracle, the babe, the son of Mary.*

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Today, as we light the first candle on our evergreen wreath, the candle of Hope, we hear these words of hope spoken to us from John's gospel.

“And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.”

Song of Advent

*“What child is this, soon come to earth, with hopes and dreams so
sweeping?
Who comes in flesh yet is divine, by birth his promise is keeping?
God! Man! He is our King, He rules the world and everything;
Haste, haste, Grand Miracle, the Bab, the Son of Mary!”*

+Confession and Forgiveness

Great and Holy One,

In this time of waning daylight, we confess the shadows of sin in our lives. We build ourselves up at the expense of others. We rely on our own efforts to make our lives secure. Yet you, O Lord, are the potter, and we are the clay. Come to restore us in your image, remake us into your people, and rebuild what sin has broken, that we and the whole creation may rejoice. Amen.

+Gathering Song – “Even So Come,” Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram, Jess Cates

**1. All of creation all of the earth
Make straight a highway a path for the Lord
Jesus is coming soon**

**2. Call back the sinner wake up the saint
Let ev'ry nation shout of Your fame
Jesus is coming soon**

(Chorus) Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a Church ready for You
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing
Even so come Lord Jesus come
Even so come Lord Jesus come

3. There will be justice all will be new
Your name forever faithful and true
Jesus is coming soon *(chorus)*

(Bridge) So we wait we wait for You
God we wait You're coming soon
So we wait we wait for You
God we wait You're coming soon *(Chorus)*

(Ending) Even so come

+Prayer of the Day

+Song of Praise – “O Come, O Come Emmanuel,” John Mason Neale, arr.
Nichole Mullen

1. O Come O Come Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the son of God appear

(Chorus) Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel
Shall come to you O Israel

2. O Come O Wisdom from on high
Embracing all things far and nigh
In strength and beauty come and stay
Teach us your will and guide our way *(chorus)*

3. O Come O King of nations come
O cornerstone that binds in one
Refresh the hearts that long for you
Restore the broken make us new *(chorus)*

WORD

Kid Talk

Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Word of God, Word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Reading: Romans 13:11-14

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+Gospel Reading– Matthew 24:36-44

This is the Good News.
We praise you Lord Jesus.

Sermon

Song of the Day – “What Child is This?” William Chatterton Dix, arr. Don Marsh

**1. What Child is this who laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping
This, this is Christ the King
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste, haste to bring Him laud
The Babe the Son of Mary**

**2. So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh
Come peasant king to own Him
The King of kings salvation brings
Let loving hearts enthrone Him
Raise, raise the song on high
The Virgin sings her lullaby**

**Joy, joy for Christ is born
The Babe the Son of Mary**

+Prayers of the People

+Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

Invitation to Offering

Offering Song – “Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus,” Charles Wesley and W. Walker

**1. Come, thou long-expected Jesus
Born to set thy people free
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in thee
Israel’s strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth thou art
Dear desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart**

**2. Born thy people to deliver
Born a child and yet a king
Born to reign in us forever
Now thy gracious kingdom bring
By thine own eternal spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne**

+Offering Prayer

+Holy Communion

+Setting the Table

+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.**

+Invitation to Communion

Communion Song – “Come to the Table,” Ben McDonald, Dave Frey, Ben Glover

**1. We all start on the outside
The outside looking in
This is where grace begins
We were hungry we were thirsty
With nothing left to give
Oh the shape that we were in**

***(Pre-Chorus)* Just when all hope seemed lost
Love opened the door for us He said**

***(Chorus)* Come to the table
Come join the sinners who have been redeemed
Take your place beside the Savior
Sit down and be set free
Come to the table**

**2. Come meet this motley crew of misfits
These liars and these thieves
There's no one unwelcome here
So that sin and shame that you've brought with you
You can leave it at the door
And let mercy draw you near (*chorus*)**

**(*Bridge*) To the thief and to the doubter
To the hero and the coward
To the pris'ner and the soldier
To the young and to the older
All who hunger all who thirst
All the last and all the first
All the paupers and the princes
All who've failed you've been forgiven (*chorus*)**

(*Ending*) Come to the table

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Blessing

God of endings and beginnings,
God in the darkness and the light,
God our hope for the journey,
bless and keep you now and forever.
Amen.

Announcements

+Sending Song – “Light Shines in the Darkness,” Larry Olson and Hans Peterson

**(*Chorus*) Oh the light shines in the darkness
And the light will not be overcome
In this world broken and scattered
The light will not be overcome**

**1. As our lives are turning
And our hearts are yearning
Through the days of hurting
Deep in the night
Still the flame burns bright (*chorus*)**

**2. Tears throughout creation
Torn apart relations
Wounds across the nations
Hope may seem gone
Still the flame burns on (*chorus twice*)**

+Sending

Like the angels and shepherds before us, we are called to share the Good
News of our salvation in Jesus.

Let us go forth to share the Good News. Amen

Worship Team

Preaching Minister: Pastor Michael Stadtmueller

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tim Lemme

Celebrate Band: Gene LeVasseur, Nate Anderson, Denny Gale, Jane Ruud, Jake
Lemme, Gretchen Starnes, Dave Hofstad

Reader: Brian Sittig

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Announcements 11/30/2025

Dancers sought for the Christmas Eve Candle Dance, held Wednesday, Dec. 24 at all four services. This longtime Our Savior's tradition involves carrying a candle globe with a flame, and is open to those in Grade 5 through adult. Rehearsal is Sunday, Dec. 21, after worship at 11:15 am. Dancers are encouraged to participate in all four services, but this is not a requirement. Contact Grace Wehrspann, gracewehrspann@gmail.com, or Deanna Wehrspann, dwehrspann@oslchurch.com, 605 336-2942 ext. 37.

Help Us Deliver Blessing Bags on Sunday, December 7. We invite you to help share joy with our homebound members. Blessing Bags will be available in the Gathering Place, each with a label for easy delivery. Thank you for helping us spread love and care this Advent season!

Poinsettias will beautify our worship spaces during our Christmas services. Submit your name and the person, occasion, or blessing you are honoring, along with your payment of \$15, and their names will appear in the bulletin insert on Christmas Eve. Plants may be picked up after the Christmas Eve worship services.

There are sunflowers this weekend to welcome Pastor Michael from Our Savior's Congregation. Join Pastor Michael for coffee or a light meal in December. "To get to know as many of you as possible, I will be hosting a coffee hour on Tuesday and Thursday mornings in the Gathering Place from 8:00 to 9:00 AM during the first three weeks of December. I will also be there on Wednesday nights from 5:00 to 6:00 PM to eat with whoever would like to join me. I would love to have you stop by and say hi. I look forward to being with you." - Pastor Michael

Join the Friendship Club for a trip to Nora, SD on December 2nd to enjoy the old-time country sights and sounds of Christmas at the "Old Country Store". Reserve your spot at the Welcome Center or call the Church Office. There is a \$25 cost for the bus ride and a suggested \$6 for lunch at Noon on Tuesday, December 2nd!

Mark your calendars for our Advent Fair on Wednesday, December 3rd, from 5:00pm - 7:00pm. OSL will provide BBQ and chips, and members are invited to bring bars and goodies. Supper will be served from 5-6:15p.m. This evening is a wonderful way to celebrate together as a church family and begin the season with faith and fun.

Our next Augie Hockey Parking Fundraiser is December 5th and 6th. Funds from this weekend will go towards VBS. Please sign up online or at the Welcome Desk.

Vikings Night (previously Midnight Madness) is Sunday, December 7 and we are excited to welcome the college students who have finals! Dinner, desserts, and a quiet space to work from 6pm- Midnight will be provided! We are looking for volunteers to help with serving, cleaning up, making treats, and donations towards the pizza purchase. Please call the Church Office or sign-up at the Welcome Center!

November 25th, December 2nd, and 9th from 5:30-6:30pm we will have our Recent Loss ~ Fall Series. When someone we love dies, intense grief begins. This normal, natural response to loss can take many different forms and is different for everyone. Come to this group to give and receive support from others who are in the early weeks and months of this challenging journey. For more information contact Pr. Tim Lemme at 605-336-2942 or at tlemme@oslchurch.com.

On Sunday, December 14, following the Festive service, OSL will provide lunch at noon sharing a meal with chicken and sides provided by OSL. Members are suggested to bring treats to share on this wonderful day.

As we prepare for this year's Christmas Program, we're looking for additional volunteers to help during the Sunday School hour throughout the month of November. There are many ways to serve—costume coordinator, stage help, sign holders, craft leaders, line runner, and more. If you have a heart for kids, creativity, or behind-the-scenes fun, we would love your help! You can find the volunteer roles listed on our Signup Genius. Thank you for supporting our children as they lead us in the Christmas story!

If you have any extra folding tables, the Mahjong club is looking for a few for their games on Tuesdays. Please call the Church Office if you have a table you'd like to donate.