



Festive

Planting Faith ~ Nurturing Hope ~ Sharing God's Love

1st Advent Traditional Worship Service
Sunday, November 30 ~ 11:00am



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Ministers: Pastor Michael Stadtmueller, Pastor Timothy Lemme, Interim Pastor Greg Johnson
Visitation Ministers: Pastor Robert Hansen, Maribeth Anderson
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+ indicates to stand if able

GATHERING

Prelude – Chorale Prelude on "Vom Himmel hoch, da komm' ich her," Johann Pachelbel

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.

+Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

+Gathering Hymn - ELW, No. 257 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,” *sts. 1-4*

+Greeting

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

And also with you.

Canticle of Praise - ELW, No. 254 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

+Prayer of the Day

WORD

KidTalk

Anthem – “The Shepherd’s Visit,” arr. Joel Raney

Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

+Gospel Acclamation – ELW, Pg. 198

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

+Gospel – Matthew 24:36-44

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – ELW, No. 436 “Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying,” *sts. 1 & 3*

+Apostle’s 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

MEAL

Offering

Offering Music – “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,” arr. Dennis Elliot

+Offering Prayer

+Holy Communion

+Dialog

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.

+Preface

+Holy – ELW, pg. 200

+Words of Institution

+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

Lamb of God – ELW, pg. 201

Communion Hymn – ELW, No. 487 “What Feast of Love”

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 Hymn – ELW, No. 244 “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers,” *sts. 1, 2, 4*

+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

Postlude – “Sound the Bells,” James Mansfield

Worship Team

Preaching Minister: Pastor Michael Stadtmueller

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tim Lemme

Organ: Christopher Larson

Cantor: Our Savior’s Choir

Reader: Lynda Lee

Media: Josh Matzner

Sound: Jake Lemme

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.