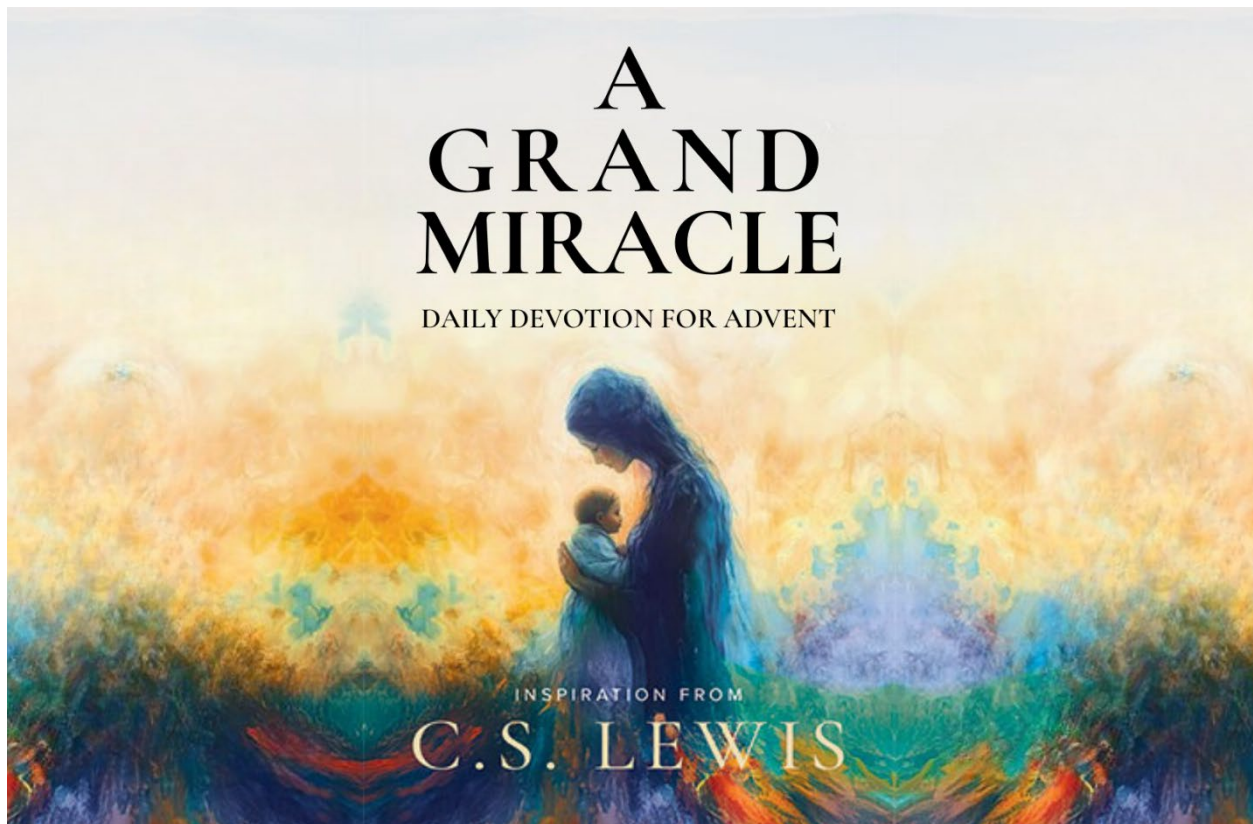




Celebrate

Planting Faith ~ Nurturing Hope ~ Sharing God's Love

3rd Advent Contemporary Worship Service
Sunday, December 14 ~ 8:45am



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GATHERING

Gathering Song – “Do You Hear What I Hear?” Regney Noel & Gloria Shayne

1. Said the night wind to the little lamb

**Do you see what I see
Way up in the sky, little lamb
Do you see what I see
A star, a star, dancing in the night
With a tail as big as a kite
With a tail as big as a kite**

2. Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy

**Do you hear what I hear
Ringin' through the sky, shepherd boy
Do you hear what I hear
A song, a song high above the trees
With a voice as big as the sea
With a voice as big as the sea**

3. Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king

**Do you know what I know
In your palace warm, mighty king
Do you know what I know?
A Child, a Child shivers in the cold
Let us bring him silver and gold
Let us bring him silver and gold**

4. Said the king to the people everywhere

**Listen to what I say
Pray for peace, people, everywhere
Listen to what I say
The Child, the Child sleeping in the night
He will bring us goodness and light
He will bring us goodness and light**

Welcome

Song of Advent - “What Child Is This,” Advent Candle Song 2025

**1. What child is this who dwells on high
Will come an 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 third candle on our evergreen wreath, the candle of Joy, we hear these words of peace spoken to us from Luke’s gospel.

“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom God favors.”

Song of Advent

**2. 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 Babe, 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 – “People, Look East,” Eleanor E. Farjeon

**1. People, look east the time is near
Of the crowning of the year
Make your house fair as you are able
Trim the hearth and set the table
People, look east, and sing today
Love, the Guest, is on the way**

**2. Furrows, be glad though earth is bare
One more seed is planted there
Give up your strength the seed to nourish
That in course the flow'r may flourish
People, look east, and sing today
Love, the Rose, is on the way**

**3. Stars, keep the watch when night is dim
One more light the bowl shall brim
Shining beyond the frosty weather
Bright as sun and moon together
People, look east, and sing today
Love, the Star, is on the way**

**4. Angels announce with shouts of mirth
Him who brings new life to earth
Set ev'ry peak and valley humming
With the word, the Lord is coming
People, look east, and sing today
Love, the Lord, is on the way**

+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

Joyful Noize – “The Little Drummer Boy”

Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10

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

+Gospel Reading– Matthew 11:2-11

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

Sermon

Song of the Day – “All Earth Is Hopeful,” Alberto Taule

**1. All earth is hopeful the Savior comes at last
Furrows lie open for God's creative task
This the labor of people who struggle to see
How God's truth and justice set ev'rybody free**

**2. People of Israel, you heard the prophet tell
A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel
She conceived him God with us, our brother whose birth**

Restores hope and courage to children of this earth

**3. Mountains and valleys will have to be prepared
New highways opened new protocols declared
Almost here God is nearing in beauty and grace
All clear ev'ry gateway in haste come out in haste**

**4. We first saw Jesus a baby in a crib
This same Lord Jesus today has come to live
In our world he is present in neighbors we see
Our Jesus is with us and ever sets us free**

Installation of Pastor Michael Stadtmueller

People of God,
will you receive Pastor Michael as a messenger of Jesus Christ
sent to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation?
Will you regard Pastor Michael as a servant of Christ and a steward of the
mysteries of God?
We will, and we ask God to help us.

Will you pray for Pastor Michael?
Will you help and honor Pastor Michael in carrying out this ministry?
In all things, will you strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?
We will, and we ask God to help us.

+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 – “Go Tell it on the Mountain,” John W. Work Jr.

(Chorus) Go tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and ev'rywhere
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born

1. While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light *(chorus)*

2. The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth *(chorus)*

3. Down in a lonely manger
The humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn *(chorus twice)*

+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 – “Light of the World,” Lauren Daigle, Paul Duncan, Paul Mabury

**1. The world waits for a miracle
The heart longs for a little bit of hope
O come O come Emmanuel
A child prays for peace on earth
And she's calling out from a sea of hurt
O come O come Emmanuel
And can you hear the angels singing**

(Chorus 1) **Glory to the Light of the world
Glory the Light of the world is here**

**2. The drought breaks with the tears of a mother
A baby's cry is the sound of love come down
Come down Emmanuel
He is the song for the suffering
He is Messiah the Prince of peace has come
He has come Emmanuel**

(Chorus 2) **Glory to the light of the world
Glory to the light of the world
Glory to the light of the world
Glory to the light of the world**

(Bridge) **For all who wait for all who hunger
For all who've prayed for all who wonder
Behold your King behold Messiah
Emmanuel Emmanuel (*chorus 1*)**

(Ending) **The world waits for a miracle
The heart longs for a little bit of hope
O come O come Emmanuel**

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 – “Christ, Be Our Light,” Bernadette Farrell

**1. Longing for light we wait in darkness
Longing for truth we turn to you
Make us your own your holy people
Light for the world to see**

(Chorus) **Christ be our light
Shine in our hearts
Shine through the darkness
Christ be our light
Shine in your church gathered today**

**2. Longing for peace our world is troubled
Longing for hope many despair
Your word alone has pow'r to save us
Make us your living voice *(chorus)***

**3. Many the gifts many the people
Many the hearts that yearn to belong
Let us be servants to one another
Signs of your kingdom come *(chorus)***

+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 Renee Splichal Larson

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tim Lemme and Pastor Michael Stadtmueller

Celebrate Band: Gene LeVasseur, Jake Lemme, Jane Ruud, Denny Gale, Steve Kuper, Beth Boyens, Nate Anderson

Reader: Beth Boyens

Media: O'Zareus Davis

Sound: Matt Steinhouse

Announcements 12/14/2025.

In honor of Pastor Michael's Installation, on Sunday, December 14, following the Festive service, OSL will provide a meal of broasted chicken and sides. Members are invited to bring treats to share.

Sunday, December 14, OSL will provide blood pressure screenings between services.

OSL's next Mini-Ministry Fair will be on December 14th. We will highlight three ministries: Knitting, Woodshop and Card Recycling. They will be available in the Gathering Place to answer questions and for you to learn more about their ministry.

Join us for our Advent Healing Worship at Noon or 6:40pm next week. OSL will provide a soup and pie lunch following the noon service and prior to the evening service, starting at 5:15pm.

Ushers and Communion Servers are needed for the Christmas Eve Worship services. Please sign up at the Welcome Center or call the Church Office.

Dancers needed for the Christmas Eve Candle Dance on December 24th at all four services. Open to Grades 5–adult. Rehearsal is Sunday, December 21st, after worship at 11:15 am. Participation in all services is encouraged but not required. Contact Grace Wehrspann, gracewehrspann@gmail.com, or Deanna Wehrspann, dwehrspann@oslchurch.com, 605 336-2942 ext. 37

Poinsettias will enhance our Christmas worship spaces. Submit your name, the person or occasion you're honoring, \$15, and their names will appear in the bulletin on Christmas Eve. Plants can be picked up after the service. Deadline is 12/15/25.

Pastor Michael is hosting a coffee hour on Tuesday and Thursday morning in the Gathering Place from 8am to 9am on 12/16 & 12/18. He will also be there during the evening meal on 12/17/25 from 5pm-6pm. All are welcome to join him.

OSL Choir and Orchestra will lead worship with a Christmas Cantata the fourth Sunday of Advent. It is titled "Sing We Noel", and it will be held in the Sanctuary on Saturday, December 20th at 5:00 pm and on Sunday, December 21st at 10:00 am.

There will be **one** Sunday worship service on December 28th at 10:00 am in the Celebrate Center.

On Sunday, December 21 at 10:00 AM, join us for a special time of worship and fellowship as we prepare our hearts for Christmas. To make the day extra festive, we invite you to wear your favorite Christmas sweater! We also encourage you to wear your Norwegian sweaters or any traditional jumper!

The next Augie Hockey Parking Fundraiser is December 19th & 20th and will support our Sunday School program. Sign up at the Welcome Center or call the Church Office to volunteer!

OSL will have four Christmas Eve services: Celebrate Worship at 2:30 pm, Festive Worship at 4:00 pm, Celebrate Worship at 5:30 pm, and Festive Worship at 7:00 pm.

Our Savior's Christmas Day service will be at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

If you will be alone on Christmas Eve, we invite you to join us for a special meal. It will be filled with warmth, friendship, and the true spirit of Christmas. There's a place for you at our table, and hearts ready to welcome you. Let's share laughter, good food, and the hope that Christmas brings. Please sign up at the Welcome Center or call the Church Office if you plan on attending supper. Suggested donation of \$7.

The countdown is officially ON! Beyond the Books returns April 24–25, 2026 - and we can't wait to welcome you back for another unforgettable celebration of storytelling. We've been working behind the scenes to craft an incredible lineup... and it's almost time to share. 4 authors. 2 days. 1 unforgettable experience. Stay tuned as we unveil each of our 2026 featured authors on Facebook over the next few days!

Stephen Ministers don't just provide care for people experiencing a major crisis. They also provide care and support for people weighed down by little things in life. If this holiday season has you feeling down, lonely, stressed, or discouraged, you could benefit from the care, support, and encouragement of a Stephen Minister. It's free. It's confidential. And it will really make a difference in your life. To find out more, contact Pr. Tim.