

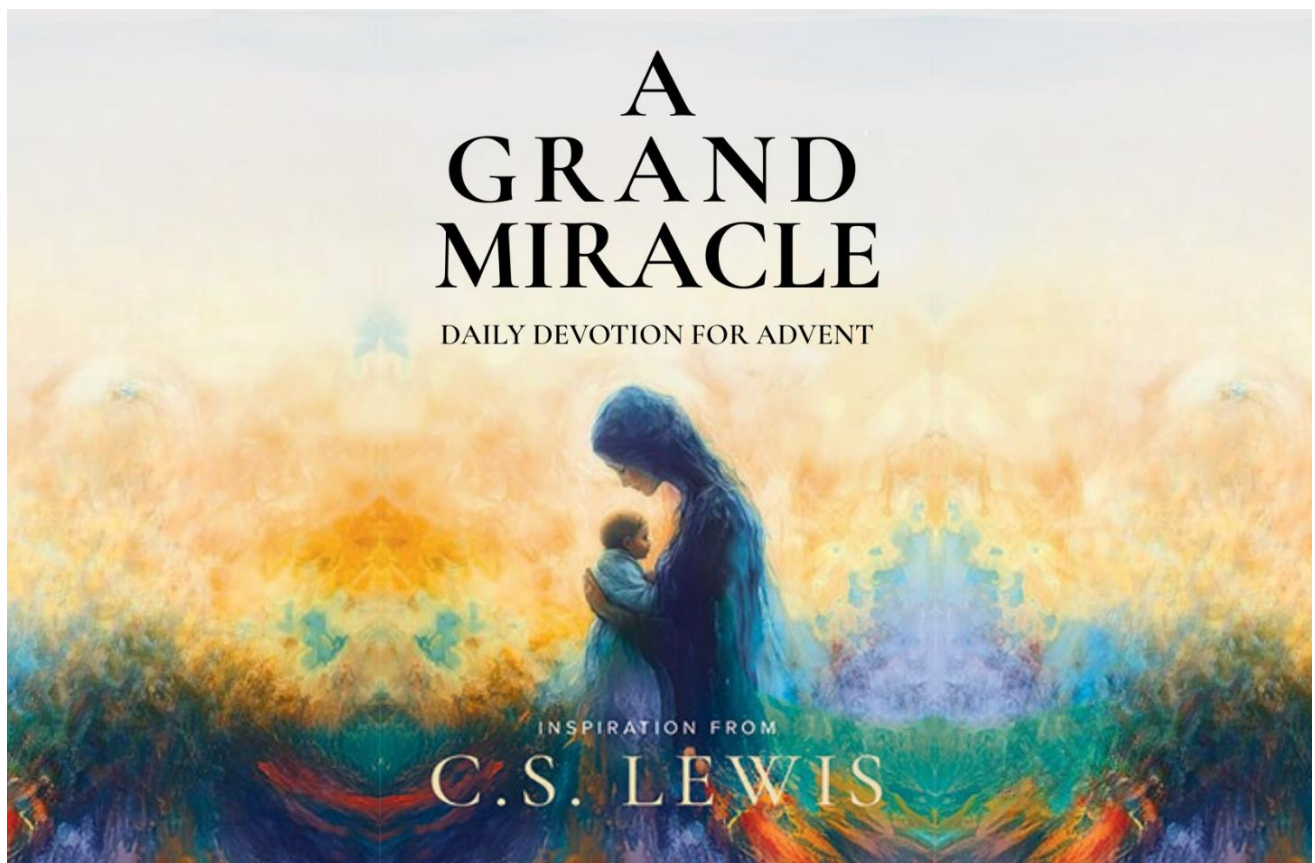


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Planting Faith ~ Nurturing Hope ~ Sharing God's Love

3rd Advent Traditional Worship Service

Sunday, December 14 ~ 11:00am



Our Savior's Lutheran Church (ELCA) * 909 West 33rd Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57105
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 "Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen," Johannes Brahms

Welcome

Song of Advent: "What Child Is This?" (Advent 2025)

**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: "What Child Is This?" (Advent 2025)

**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.

+Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

+Gathering Hymn - ELW, No. 248 "People, Look East"

+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.

+Prayer of the Day

WORD

KidTalk – Kristie Schreck

Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10

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 11:2-11

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – ELW, No. 266 “All Earth Is Hopeful”

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 Intercession

MEAL

Offering

Offering Music – “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear,” arr. Joel Raney

+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.

+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. 715 “Christ, Be Our Light,” *sts. 1, 2, 5*

+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 – “Personent Hodie,” arr. Rebecca Groom Te Velde

Worship Team

Preaching Minister: Pastor Renee Splichal Larson

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tim Lemme and Pastor Michael Stadtmueller

Organ: Christopher Larson

Cantor: Our Savior’s Choir

Reader: Carol Cisneros

Media: Josh Matzner

Sound: Jake Lemme

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!

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