



Celebrate

Planting Faith - Nurturing Hope - Sharing God's Love

First Sunday of Christmas Contemporary Worship Service
Sunday, December 28 ~ 10:00am



Our Savior's Lutheran Church (ELCA) * 909 West 33rd Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57105
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+ indicates to stand if able

GATHERING

Gathering Song – “Angels We Have Heard on High,” Edward Barnes

**1. Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains**

**(Chorus) Gloria in excelsis Deo
Gloria in excelsis Deo**

**1. Shepherds why this jubilee
Why your joyous strains prolong
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song (*chorus*)**

**2. Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing
Come adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord the newborn King (*chorus*)**

Welcome and Call to Worship

+Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty Savior, Prince of Peace.
Amen.

Trusting in God’s steadfast love and faithfulness, let us confess our sin.

Reconciling God,
**we yearn for your presence to transform
our grief, pain, and despair.**
**We confess that we have not always prepared
room in our hearts for your love;**
**we have not always recognized
your presence among us;**

we have not always embraced your message of peace.
We cry out, weary with the burden of violence,
oppression, and fear.
We confess our failure to make room
for those seeking refuge;
our participation in violent systems
that harm your innocent ones;
our reluctance to embody your good news.
Be born in us today
and teach us to sing the joyful song of your salvation.
Amen.

God's grace upon grace flows over you.
☩ Christ's presence redeems the whole creation.
Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad!
Amen.

+Gathering Song – “Christmas Goes On,” Nate Anderson

1. We celebrated Jesus' birthday now Christmas is done
The build-up was hectic the day it was fun
We said goodbye to relatives and we put the decorations away
But is there peace and joy lasting 'til the next day

2. Christmas-time was great as we have seen
And then we must get back to our routine
Can it be the spirit of the season is now all gone
Why can't Christmas go on and on

(Chorus) Christmas goes on if you want it
Christmas goes on if you let it
Christmas goes on if you believe it
Christmas goes on if you share it

3. We don't grow tired of the Christmas story
There is no earthly timeline for God's glory
Our month-long party feels just about right
But there's no beginning or end to God's love or His light (chorus)

(Ending) Christmas goes on silent night
Christmas goes on O holy night
Christmas goes on O come O come
Christmas goes on Emmanuel
Christmas goes on joy to the world
Christmas goes on the Lord is come
Christmas goes on

+Prayer of the Day

+Song of Praise – “Joy to the World,” Lowell Mason & Isaac Watts

1. Joy to the world the Lord is come

Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing

2. Joy to the earth the Savior reigns

Let all their songs employ
While fields and floods
Rocks hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy

3. No more let sins and sorrows grow

Nor thorns infest the ground
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found
Far as the curse is found
Far as, far as the curse is found

4. He rules the world with truth and grace

And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders, wonders of His love

WORD

Kidtalk

Reading: Psalm 148

Reading: Hebrews 2:10-18

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

+Gospel Reading– Matthew 2:13-23

This is the Good News.

We praise you Lord Jesus.

Sermon

Song of the Day – “Christmas Day,” Andrew Bergthold, Scott Cash, Franni Cash, Edward Martin Cash, Edmond Martin Jr Cash

1. Joy to the world
On a night like no other
Emmanuel, God is with us

2. Beggars and kings
Let us come and adore Him
Rest in His peace
And bow before Him

(Chorus) Sing all you people
The Lord Almighty reigns
Sing every creature of God
Come bless His name
For He is good, for He is good
He was born to conquer the grave
Light of the world
The reason for Christmas day

**3. Stars we have seen
Over deserts and oceans
The darkness was deep
But never hopeless
Redemption came
And His name is Jesus (chorus)**

*(Bridge) From the mountains
We will shout it out
For the Lord our God Almighty reigns
He is with us
He is with us now
For the Lord our God Almighty reigns (repeat, then chorus)*

*(Ending) Light of the world
The reason for Christmas day*

+Apostles' 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 the People

+Sharing the Peace

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

MEAL

Ministry Moment Video – Woodshop Ministry

Invitation to Offering

Offering Song – “The Coventry Carol” (presented music by Deanna & Joel Wehrspann)

Offering Prayer

+Holy Communion

+Setting the Table

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

+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

Merciful God,
we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food.
Strengthened by this goodness,
send us forth to announce your peace,
comfort the afflicted,
and share the good news of great joy.
Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

The God of love,
Father, **✚** Son, and Holy Spirit,
lavish you with grace,
illumine your path,
and increase your joy,
today and always.

Amen.

Announcements

+Sending 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)**

+Sending

Go in peace. Christ is Born!
Thanks be to God.

Worship Team

Preaching Minister: Pastor Tim Lemme

Presiding Minister: Pastor Michael Stadtmueller

Celebrate Band: Gene LeVasseur, Toni LeVasseur, Jake Lemme, Steve Kuper, Nate Anderson

Reader: Mary McClung

Media: O'Zareus Davis

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Announcements 12/28/2025

The Church Office will be closing at 2pm on Wednesday, December 31st, and will be closed all day Thursday, January 1st.

The next Augie Hockey Parking Fundraiser is January 2nd & 3rd. Sign up at the Welcome Center or call the Church Office to volunteer!

Sunday School resumes on Sunday, January 4 at 10:00 AM. Joyful Noize, Confirmation, and High School Youth Group resume on January 7th.

Starting January 7th, 2026, the OSL Community Library is extending their hours on Wednesdays to 9am-6pm.

Confirmation students will attend an all-day retreat on Sunday, January 11 at Shetek Lutheran Ministries from 8:00 AM–5:00 PM. Students must arrive at the church no later than 8:00 AM.

We are happy to welcome back Phyllis Arends as the speaker for Friendship Club on January 6th at 11am. She brings a message of understanding and hope to those who are on a journey to mental wellness. Join us for a meal following, with a suggested donation of \$6.

ABC with Kristie in January will feature author Kenneth Iseminger. This will be on Monday, January 5th at 1:00pm. Space is limited to 10 participants, so contact the library to sign up!

We have our next Congregational Forum the first weekend in January. Saturday, Jan 3rd, at 6pm and Sunday, Jan 4th at 10am.

Beyond the Books: A Literary Celebration is April 24–25, 2026. We have four authors lined up: Allen Eskens, Lorna Landvik, Stu Whitney & Paul LaRoche. Tickets are on sale now! Contact the library for more information.

Sometimes we fall into a trap where we think it's a sign of weakness to ask for help. When we are stressed, discouraged, lonely, or sad, we try to keep our struggles hidden and are reluctant to ask for help. Galatians 6:2 says, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." God wants us to care for others---and allow others to care for us in our time of need. If you are sad or struggling inside, don't suffer alone. Ask for help. Start fresh in the new year and ask for a Stephen Minister. Just contact Pr. Tim