



# *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 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57105  
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# 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

Sound: Eyouel Belachew

## **Announcements 12/28/2025**

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

The next Augie Hockey Parking Fundraiser is January 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 7<sup>th</sup>.

Starting January 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 6pm and Sunday, Jan 4<sup>th</sup> 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