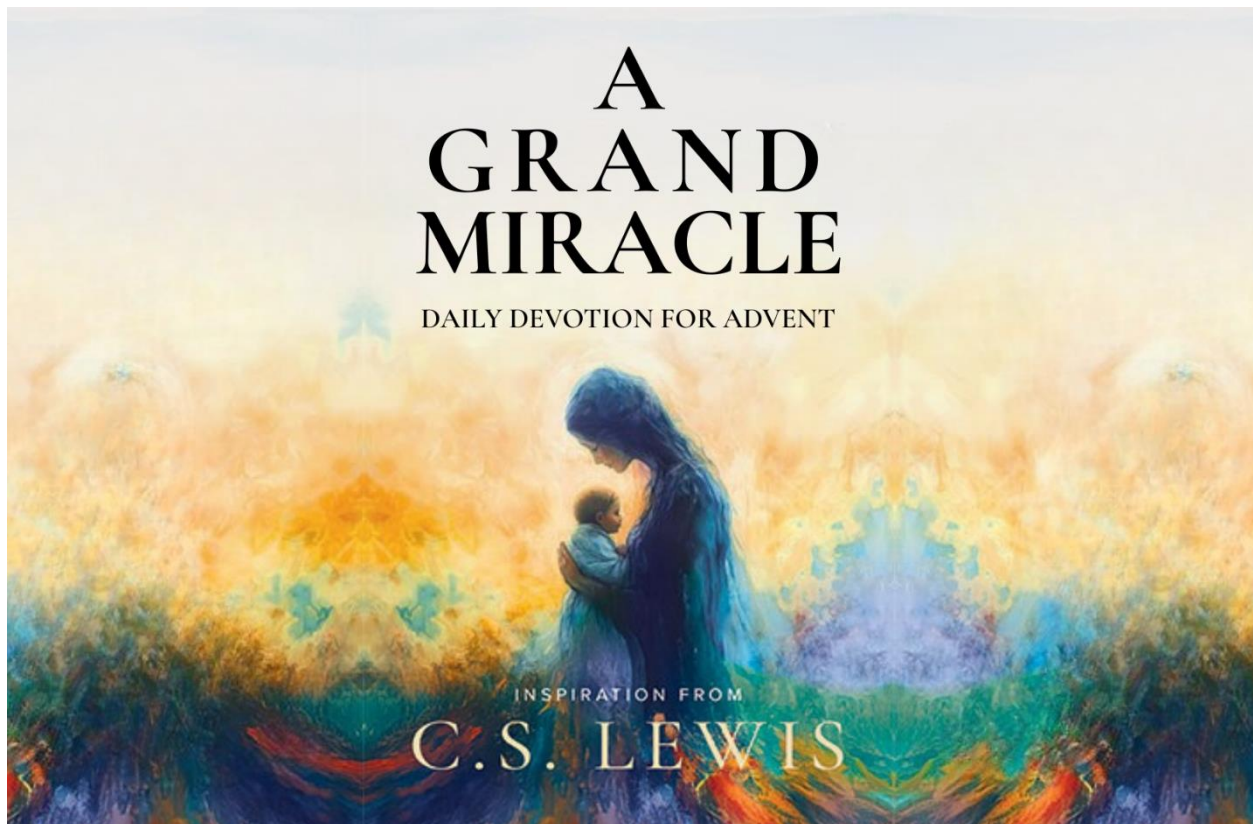




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Planting Faith ~ Nurturing Hope ~ Sharing God's Love

2nd Advent Traditional Worship Service
Sunday, December 7 ~ 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 – “Pastorale from the Christmas Concerto,” Archangelo Corelli, arr.
Robert Gower

Welcome

Song of Advent

**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 second candle on our evergreen wreath, the candle of Peace, we hear these words of peace spoken to us from Luke’s gospel.

**“So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child
lying in the manger.”**

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 Babe, the Son of Mary!**

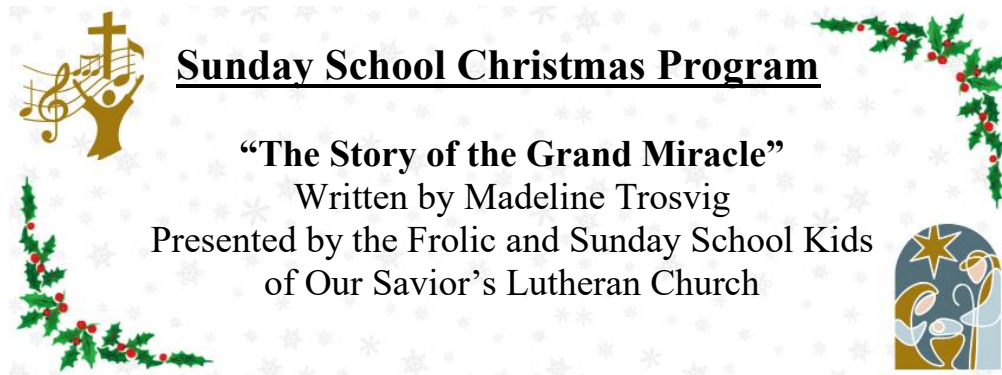
+Confession and Forgiveness

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.

Prayer of the Day



- Opening Dialogue
- **Processional Hymn** - ELW, No. 283 “O Come, All Ye Faithful,” *sts. 1 & 3* (congregation + youth)

**1. O come, all ye faithful
Joyful and triumphant
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold him
Born the king of angels
O come let us adore him
O come let us adore him
O come let us adore him
Christ the Lord**

**3. Sing choirs of angels
Sing in exultation
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above
Glory to God in the highest
O come let us adore him
O come let us adore him
O come let us adore him
Christ the Lord**

- Scenes One-Five:
 - o O Little Town of Bethlehem
 - o Light of the World
 - o Away in a Manger
 - o O Holy Night

Ending Song – ELW, No. 290 “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

(children vs. 1 and chorus, congregation vss. 2 and 3)

**2. Go tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born
The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior’s birth**

**3. Go tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born
Down in a lonely manger
The humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn**

- Closing Dialogue - What are your favorite Words in the story?
- Kids return to parents/guardians during sharing of the peace.

+Sharing the Peace

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

+Gospel – Matthew 3:1-12

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily – Advent: The Right Words at the Right Time

Hymn of the Day –ELW, No. 249 “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” *sts 1, 3, 5*

+Prayers of Intercession

MEAL

Offering

Offering Music – “Pastorale,” Domenico Zipoli

+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. 247 “Come Now, O Prince of Peace”

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. 267 “Joy to the World,” *sts. 1 & 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 – “Comfort, Comfort Now My People,” Jerry Westenkuehler

Worship Team

Preaching Minister: Pastor Greg Johnson

Presiding Minister: Pastor Michael Stadtmueller & Tim Lemme

Organ: Christopher Larson

Cantor: Gene LeVasseur

Sunday School Christmas Program: “The Story of the Grand Miracle”

Reader: Julie Oien

Media: Dorene Weinstein

Sound: Jake Lemme

Announcements 12/7/2025.

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

We are collecting rolls of wrapping paper and rolls of scotch tape for our school staff at Susan B. Anthony. Donations can be dropped off in the library or at the Welcome Desk thru Dec. 11th!

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

Join us on December 7th to deliver Blessing Bags to our homebound members. Bags will be in the Gathering Place with labels. Thank you for spreading love this Advent!

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.

Pastor Michael is 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. He will also be there during evening meals on Wednesday nights from 5:00 to 6:00 PM. All are welcome to join him.

Vikings Night (formerly Midnight Madness) is Sunday, December 7th, from 6 pm to midnight. Students will enjoy dinner, desserts, and a quiet space to work. Volunteers are needed for serving, cleanup, treats, and pizza donations. Call the Office or sign up at the Welcome Center!

On December 9th from 5:30-6:30 pm, join our Recent Loss ~ Fall Series. Grief varies for everyone; come support and be supported by others in the early stages of loss. For info, contact Pr. Tim Lemme at 605-336-2942 or tlemme@oslchurch.com.

December 11th at noon OSL will have the Greater Good in the Gathering Place to speak on all the good things in Sioux Falls! Come enjoy people share feel good stories.

The next Augie Hockey Parking Fundraiser is December 12th & 13th. This weekend will support our Property Ministry. Sign up at the Welcome Center or call the Church Office to volunteer!

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.

On Sunday, December 14 in honor of Pastor Michael's installation, OSL will provide lunch at noon sharing a meal, with chicken and sides provided by OSL. 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 the Knitting Ministry, the Woodshop Ministry and the Card Recycling Ministry. They will be available in the Gathering Place to answer questions and for you to learn more about their ministry.

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—or the ugliest one you can find! We also encourage you to wear your Norwegian sweaters or any traditional jumper!

On Sunday, December 21st, OSL will have one Sunday Worship at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary. This service is our Christmas Cantata "Sing We Noel". On December 28th, there will also be one Sunday Worship at 10:00 am in the Celebrate Center.

On November 23 at the Celebrate service, OSL commissioned four new Stephen Ministers: Vangie Jarman, Karen Kratochvil, Rhonda Mitchell, and Tom Schiefelbein. These folks have been through 50 hours of specialized training in Christian caregiving and join our existing Stephen Ministers. Stephen Ministers provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to people experiencing a crisis or going through a difficult time. Stephen Ministers meet weekly with their care receiver for around an hour to listen, care, encourage, pray, and provide emotional and spiritual support for the person. Caring relationships last for as long as the person's need persists. Please lift up our new Stephen Ministers in your prayers, asking that God bless their ministry and work through them to bring hope and healing to those with whom they meet. Pray also for the continued ministry of OSL's other Stephen Ministers. OSL has maintained an active Stephen Ministry program since 1988, one of more than 13,000 worldwide that use the Stephen Series system of lay caring ministry developed by Stephen Ministries in St. Louis.

As we go through advent and experience the joy of holiday activities, we acknowledge that all is not well with everyone. If you (or someone you know) are experiencing losses of any one of a variety of forms or any other type of life stresses, consider requesting a Stephen Minister. A Stephen Minister will listen to your concerns and provide confidential, non-judgmental, one-to-one care. Just contact Pr. Tim.

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!