# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### Sunday, December 7th - TODAY

FIRST SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

8:45am Traditional Worship

9:45am LIFT

10:45am Contemporary Service

### 6:30pm Advent Concert (Don't miss it!)

#### Monday, December 8th

10:00am Monday Morning Bible Study

1:30pm Eleanor Squad Meeting

3:30pm Executive Committee

6:30pm Scouts Troop 65

# Tuesday, December 9th

10:00am Quilters

5:30pm CYF meeting

## Wednesday, December 10th

3:45pm Youth Club

5:30pm Youth Club Jr

6:00pm Dolce Bells Rehearsal

6:00pm MS COW

7:00pm Chancel Singers Choir Rehearsal

7:30pm HS COW

#### Thursday, December 11th

10:30am Amazing Grays: Christmas Pickle

6:00pm Home Association Meeting

6:30pm WMA Meeting

6:30pm Youth Ministry Team

7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous

# Friday, December 12th

3:00pm Faith on Friday

### Saturday, December 13th

Communion Set up

8:00am Overeaters Anonymous

8:30am Cornerstone Rehearsal

# **Attendance Totals:** November 30th, 2025

# 9:45 AM

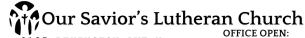
In-person = 110Online\* = 116

\*The ELCA's online worship reporting guidelines multiply online riews by 2 to account for individuals within a household.



# **Online Giving**

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# **OUR STAFF & VOLUNTEERS IN MINISTRY**



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Richard Rossiter **Brian Sanderson** 

#### **Funeral Coordinators** Joy Rauner Pat Feine

# **SUNDAY WORSHIP** December 7, 2025 †



Created for relationship with God, all people everywhere and creation itself. Called to equip people to serve by growing disciples of Jesus Christ.

#### Second Sunday in Advent **CONTEMPORARY SERVICE - 10:45AM**

#### **SERVING AT WORSHIP TODAY**

Rev. Susie Modrow Rev. Leland Armbright Cornerstone

#### **PRELUDE**

#### **WELCOME**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

- world tells us to be.
- and twisted morality.
- C: We tell the story together of the day that all the earth awaits.
- We recount the story of our journey with God, the prophetic guidance.
- awaits.
- God's creation.
- C: We gather to tell the story of the day that all the earth awaits. Thanks be to God! Amen.

#### **GATHERING SONG**

#### Who You Say I Am

# LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

- Wheeler Household L: Advent reminds us that we are people who share a story, the story of Jesus, who enacts peace by judging in favor of the poor and deciding with equity for the meek of the earth. We long for the day when "the wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them" (Isaiah 11:6).
- Today, we choose to live the story of peace, believing that true peace comes when we seek the flourishing of all God's creation.
- We light this candle of peace as a sign of our commitment to bring Light to the places the world seeks to hide until that day when all creation lives together in harmony and abundance.

# **SONG**

## O Come, O Come Emmanuel verse 1

- L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- L: Let us pray, God of breath,
- C: You promised new life to your people in exile by breathing into a valley full of dry bones. Breathe new life into us, so that we might live passionately for you. Amen.

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Reader: Richard Rossiter

### **EZEKIEL 37:1-14**

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out L: Beloved, we gather to remember who we are, not who the by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there C: We tell the story together of the day that all the earth were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O We recall the story of God's people, how God has called us Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these to live in peace and righteousness in a world full of conflict bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know moments of God's provision, God's prodding, and God's that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, We tell the story together of the day that all the earth a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come We gather to repent and return anew to God's story that upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no guides our lives to work for peace and flourishing for all breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."

- L: The Word of the Lord!
- C: Praise to you, O Christ!

**SONG OF THE DAY** 

Messiah

**Rev. Leland Armbright** 

#### **CREED**

**SERMON** 

We Believe, Jesus has taught us to speak of hope as the coming of God's Kingdom. We believe that God is at work in our world turning hopeless and evil situations into good. We believe that goodness and justice and love will triumph in the end, and that tyranny and oppression cannot last forever. One day 'all tears will be wiped away' and 'the lamb

will lie down with the lion.' True peace and true reconciliation are not only desirable, they are assured and guaranteed. This is our faith, and our hope.

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

After each intercession, please respond to the words,

- L: Lord, in your mercy,
- C: Hear our prayer.

#### **RECONCILIATION**

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TEMPLE TALK Kerry Gustafson** 

**OFFERING** 

#### **OFFERTORY SONG**

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

- L: Let us pray. Nourishing God, you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Through this meal, satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come.
- C: Amen.

#### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

- L: The Lord be with you!
- C: And also with you.
- Lift up your hearts!
- C: We lift them to the Lord.
- L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!
- C: It is right to give him thanks and praise!

#### THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

#### **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.

#### **SHARING THE MEAL**

#### **COMMUNION BLESSING**

- L: May the body and blood of our precious Lord and Savior, strengthen you and keep you to life everlasting.
- C: Amen.

#### PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

- L: God our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness. Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus.
- C: Amen.

#### **BLESSING**

L: May God who comes among us, Father, † Son, and Holy

Spirit, grant you hope in the waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share today and always.

C: Amen.

# **SENDING SONG**

Prepare Ye

#### **DISMISSAL**

L: The Lord is coming. We wait with hope.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### POSTLUDE





Please be aware that we livestream all of our worship services; including audio & video recording. By participating, you

consent to being recorded & understand that the content will be shared publicly. Thank you for your understanding.



Ingredients/nutrition facts for the communion bread can be found on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

#### Please remember in your prayers:

Rusty, Loretta Phillips, Jacque Capistrant, Dona Paulson, Peggy Nelson, Darlene & Dave Hults, Tori Appelhof, Cindy Hanson, Richard & Lynn Rossiter, Sandy Ellenwood, Jim Rauner, Gail Willenbring, Marnie Mackey, Deb Rykken, Stephanie Erickson.

Shana, daughter of Russ and Cindy Ellenwood Denny and Sharon's friend, Larry Annie, granddaughter of Roy & Pat Feine Tom, Father-in-Law of Beto Farias & Father to Adam Ginkel The Dolney Family, for the loss of Marjorie Sorvig Martin Remus & family Molly & all family + friends of Darla

First Responders, Military & their families San Isidro Labrador in Guatemala, Tarkanfi in Ethiopia

#### Shut-ins unable to worship with us include:

Marnie Mackey, Marlys Gamm, Elaine Thielke, Cindy Durand, Katie Stormo, Garnet Ellertson, Russ Eklund & Marlena McClanahan.

> To join the prayer chain or to add your concerns, please email prayerchain@oursaviorsonline.org or call Jeanne Zaske at 651-398-2414



#### **STILL WORSHIP**

All are welcome to join us Sunday, December 14, at 7:30 pm for our annual STILL worship. This quiet, reflective Christmas worship is hosted by the high school SALT students. Come hear some great music from the high school band, NO Equal, and hear from a couple congregate members on their faith. This year's speakers will be Chuck Sikora and Evan Dufresne. The offering collected will go towards supporting a charity of the youth's choice.

# High School Mission Trip Detroit July 11-18

#### Scan the QR code below for the info packet & registration link.

The registration for the 2026 High School Mission Trip to Detroit is now open! Follow the links for more information and to register for the trip. Spots are limited. We are also looking for a couple adults to the youth room. Please RSVP to Nick by ioin us on this adventure. See the last December 28. There is no cost to join and page of the informational packet for friends are welcome! more information on adult leaders. If you are interested in being an adult leader of the mission trip contact Nick Gilbert. Deadline to register is January 11, 2026.





**Registration Form** 

Info Packet

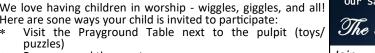
Our Savior's Lutheran Church Financial Summary For the Tenth Month of our Year Ended December 31, 2025

	Actuals	Actuals
Total Income	\$47,489	\$471,693
Total Expenses	\$76,809	\$572,875
Budgeted Net Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$29,320)	(\$101,184
Pass Through (Income) Expense	(\$255)	\$963
Other Income	\$0	\$34,038
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	(29,575)	(66,183

Paul Synod will speak on work that i you've ever wondered what the

Synod is or what it's purpose is you won't want to miss this one!

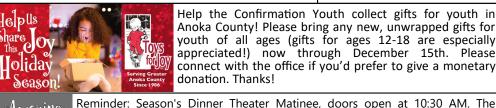
Please complete your Ministry Support card by today, December 7th





Join us tonight Sunday, December 7th at 6:30pm in the sanctuary for the Advent Concert.

Scan the QR code for more details



Roam around the sanctuary

Come up for the children's message

Visit our staffed nursery

puzzles)

**PARENTS** 

Grab a worship bag (located behind the A/V booth)

Help lead the greeting (pastors will invite the kids up)

Help the Confirmation Youth collect gifts for youth in Anoka County! Please bring any new, unwrapped gifts for youth of all ages (gifts for ages 12-18 are especially appreciated!) now through December 15th. Please connect with the office if you'd prefer to give a monetary donation. Thanks!

performance begins at 12:30 PM. No church van is provided so form your own car pool and proceed directly to the Bunker Hills Event Center. Notice: Dairy Allergy: The side dishes, which are part of the meal, contain dairy. Please

contact Callie.Kiepke@BunkerHillsEventCenter.com and inform her so the staff can be made aware and plan accordingly. Say a prayer for good weather that day!

#### **Young Adults Gathering**

Calling all young adults (ages 18-35)! We will be having a post Christmas/New Years gathering on Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6 pm. friends, playing games, and reminiscing in with Sandy Kurkowski as your guide.

"In-Between" Fellowship: Results Are In!

You voted, and we listened! Join us for

coffee, treats, and fellowship between the

This is a wonderful opportunity to connect

with friends and meet new people. We hope

#### A Sweet Holiday Skill Alert! Saturday, December 13 • 10 AM – 12 PM Free to attend!

Join us in the kitchen at Our Savior's Lutheran Church Spend some time catching up with old and learn how to create the perfect holiday baklava

Bring a friend — everything's sweeter together!

RSVP/Register to Sandy: Text/Call 612-309-8488



#### **Eleanor Squad Forum** December 14th 9:45AM in Luther Hall

to see you there!

8:45 AM and 10:45 AM services.

Deacon Krista Lind, Assistant to the Bishop at St.

done on behalf of Congregations and ministries throughout the Synod.



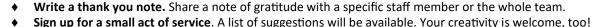
# Thank you.

During the month of November, the confirmation & SALT youth partnered with the congregation in collecting donations for the Centennial Foodshelf. Thanks to you, we were able to donate a whopping 787 pounds of nonperishable items!!!

God walks with us in the fiery furnaces of life, just like with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. It's good to walk together with our neighbors during times of difficulty.

### Help Thank Our Savior's Staff this Christmas

As 2025 comes to a close, we're grateful for a new lead pastor, vibrant ministries, and especially our dedicated OSLC staff. To help us thank them this Christmas, the Human Resources Committee and Congregational Council invite you to participate on December 7 (today) at a table in the narthex:



**Donate a gift card.** Gift cards are a wonderful way to support and appreciate staff throughout the year.

Boxes and sign-up sheets will also be in the church office during office hours.



Questions? Contact the Human Resources Committee: Charisse Froemke, Keralyn Groff, Kerry Gustafson, or Angie Robinson.