

UPCOMING EVENTS

OUR STAFF & VOLUNTEERS IN MINISTRY

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 = 110
Online* = 116

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

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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
TRADITIONAL SERVICE - 8:45AM

SERVING AT WORSHIP TODAY
Rev. Susie Modrow
Rev. Leland Armbricht
Katherine Shmelev, piano/organ

PRELUDE
Have No Fear Little Flock

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP
L: Beloved, we gather to remember who we are, not who the world tells us to be.
C: We tell the story together of the day that all the earth awaits.
L: We recall the story of God's people, how God has called us to live in peace and righteousness in a world full of conflict and twisted morality.
C: We tell the story together of the day that all the earth awaits.
L: We recount the story of our journey with God, the moments of God's provision, God's prodding, and God's prophetic guidance.
C: We tell the story together of the day that all the earth awaits.
L: We gather to repent and return anew to God's story that guides our lives to work for peace and flourishing for all God's creation.
C: We gather to tell the story of the day that all the earth awaits. Thanks be to God! Amen.

GATHERING HYMN
Hark the Glad Sound
all verses
ELW#239

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH
Hutchings 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).
C: Today, we choose to live the story of peace, believing that true peace comes when we seek the flourishing of all God's creation.
L: 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.

HYMN
Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah
verses 1 & 2
ELW#240

GREETING
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.

SCRIPTURE READING
Reader: Richard Rossiter
EZEKIEL 37:1-14
The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out 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 were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these 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 that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy 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!

SERMON
Rev. Leland Armbricht

HYMN OF THE DAY
Spirit of Gentleness
verses 1 - 3
ELW#396

CREED
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

Sing Soft to This Expectant Earth

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.

L: 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

Steal Away

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 HYMN

The King Shall Come
verses 1, 2, 4 & 5

ELW#260

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

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ADVENT SCHEDULE



📅 December 7, 2025

WORSHIP SERVICES
TRADITIONAL @ 8:45AM
CONTEMPORARY @ 10:45AM

LIFT ADVENT CRAFT
AT 9:45AM
Join us in Luther Hall for an interactive advent craft the entire family can enjoy throughout the entire month of December!

ADVENT CONCERT
AT 6:30PM
Join us in the sanctuary for an Advent Concert featuring performances by the Chancel Singers, Rebecca Luttio, OSLC Youth, Dolce Bells, Cornerstone, the OSLC Drama Team, and a variety of woodwinds, brass, and organ.

📅 December 14, 2025

WORSHIP SERVICES
TRADITIONAL @ 8:45AM
CONTEMPORARY @ 10:45AM

FELLOWSHIP TIME
@ 9:45AM
@ 11:45AM

STILL WORSHIP
AT 7:00PM
Join us in the sanctuary for STILL Worship, a reflective worship, led by our very own OSLC Youth.

📅 December 21, 2025

WORSHIP SERVICES
TRADITIONAL @ 8:45AM
CONTEMPORARY @ 10:45AM

FELLOWSHIP TIME
@ 9:45AM
@ 11:45AM

📅 December 24, 2025

CHILDREN'S SERVICE
AT 11:00AM
A worship service specially designed for children. Families and friends are invited to praise and worship the newborn king in a style appropriate and meaningful to young children. There will be puppets, stories and song time.

FAMILY CANDLELIGHT
AT 4:30PM
Join us in the sanctuary for our family candlelight service.

TRAD. CANDLELIGHT
AT 10:00PM
Join us in the sanctuary for our traditional candlelight service.



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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

Advent L.I.F.T Activity - TODAY

You are invited to join us at L.I.F.T. to create an advent angel bell and wreath with your family. Meet in Luther Hall today after the 8:45am service.

**No cost due in part to this event being financed by a Thrivent Financial grant.*



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 congregare 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 join us on this adventure. See the last page of the informational packet for 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		
	Oct 2025 Actuals	YTD 2025 Actuals
Total Income	\$47,489	\$471,691
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)

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:

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- ♦ **Write a thank you note.** Share a note of gratitude with a specific staff member or the whole team.
 - ♦ **Sign up for a small act of service.** A list of suggestions will be available. Your creativity is welcome, too!
 - ♦ **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.

PARENTS

We love having children in worship - wiggles, giggles, and all! Here are some ways your child is invited to participate:

- * Visit the Playground Table next to the pulpit (toys/ puzzles)
- * Roam around the sanctuary
- * Grab a worship bag (located behind the A/V booth)
- * Visit our staffed nursery
- * Help lead the greeting (pastors will invite the kids up)
- * Come up for the children’s message

Children are invited to move freely between all of these spaces. We’re glad you’re here and welcome the opportunity to support you as you fulfill the promises of baptism!





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!



Reminder: Season's Dinner Theater Matinee, doors open at 10:30 AM. The 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 3rd at 6 pm. Spend some time catching up with old friends, playing games, and reminiscing in the youth room. Please RSVP to Nick by December 28. There is no cost to join and friends are welcome!

"In-Between" Fellowship: Results Are In!
You voted, and we listened! Join us for coffee, treats, and fellowship **between the 8:45 AM and 10:45 AM services.**

This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with friends and meet new people. We hope to see you there!

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



Deacon Krista Lind, the Assistant to the Bishop at St. Paul Synod will speak on work that is done on behalf of Congregations and ministries throughout the Synod. If 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



THE MUSICIANS & PERFORMERS OF
Our Savior's Lutheran Church

- Present -

The Best Gift Ever
by Ellis Lehn-Timm

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

Scan the QR code for more details



 **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 and learn how to create the perfect holiday baklava with Sandy Kurkowski as your guide.

Bring a friend — everything’s sweeter together!

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



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 non-perishable 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.