

Our Savior Lutheran Church

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Welcome Visitors!

We are happy that you have chosen to worship with us this morning. Please sign one of the visitors' registration cards found on the back of the pew and place it in the offering plate.

As We Gather

The Third Sunday in Advent issues a call to rejoice (both from the Epistle and Gradual texts). In contrast to those who mark our Lord's coming with fear and trembling, the people of God rejoice that our King is coming. While no one can live in a constant state of happiness, the Christian's joy is not dependent upon the circumstances of our lives being as we desire. Our joy, like our hope, rests in Jesus Christ. As the psalmist says, "those who sow in tears... shall reap in joy." (*Psalms 126:5*) In all of this our joy is because of the Christ who came in flesh and blood to redeem us. Our joy is in the anticipation of His return to claim the people for whom He died and rose again.

Serving Today

December 13, 2020

Head Usher: Dean Lingley
Elder: Dean Lingley
Organist at 9a: Linda Kellerhals
Organist at 11a: Theta Lee
Pianist: Sarah Teig
Sound Board: Kendra Morts
Acolyte: Andrew Storm
Radio Monitor: Linda Buhrmester and Deb Wright
Greeters: Gene and Marilyn Reeves
Altar Guild: Dianne Estes, Cheryl Knake and Sheila Selk

Serving Next Sunday

December 20, 2020

Head Usher: Jon Goldenstein
Elder: Jon Goldenstein
Organist at 9a: Linda Kellerhals
Organist at 11a: Theta Lee
Pianist: Sarah Teig
Sound Board: Chris Catron
Acolyte: Lauren Janssen
Radio Monitor: Marilyn Reeves and Chris Schroeder
Greeters: Dennis and Sheila Selk
Altar Guild: Dianne Estes, Cheryl Knake and Sheila Selk

✠ Third Sunday in Advent ✠

Opening Hymn

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

LSB 398



1 Hail to the Lord’s a - noint - ed, Great Da - vid’s great - er Son!
2 He comes with res - cue speed - y To those who suf - fer wrong,
3 He shall come down like show - ers Up - on the fruit - ful earth;
4 Kings shall fall down be - fore Him And gold and in - cense bring;
5 O’er ev - ’ry foe vic - to - rious, He on His throne shall rest,



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, His reign on earth be - gun!
To help the poor and need - y And bid the weak be strong;
Love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, Spring in His path to birth.
All na - tions shall a - dore Him, His praise all peo - ple sing.
From age to age more glo - rious, All bless - ing and all - blest.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, To set the cap - tive free,
To give them songs for sigh - ing, Their dark - ness turn to light,
Be - fore Him on the moun - tains Shall peace, the her - ald, go;
To Him shall prayer un - ceas - ing And dai - ly vows as - cend;
The tide of time shall nev - er His cov - e - nant re - move;



To take a - way trans - gres - sion And rule in eq - ui - ty.
Whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, Were pre - cious in His sight.
And righ - teous - ness in foun - tains From hill to val - ley flow.
His king - dom still in - creas - ing, A kingdom with - out end.
His name shall stand for - ev - er— That name to us is Love.

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Please stand

✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8-9

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins. I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. I have not honored my Lord's name as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let His love have its way with me, and so my love for others has failed. There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help. My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin. I am sorry for all of this and ask for grace that I may amend my sinful life.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As an ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19-23*

C **Amen.**

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Advent

*Psalm 118:24; Psalm 113:3;
Psalm 50:2-3a; Isaiah 40:3; Isaiah 45:8*

P This is the day which the Lord has made;

C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

P Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

C **Our God shall come; He does not keep silence.**

P Prepare the way of the Lord.

C **Make His paths straight.**

P Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness.

C **Let the earth open, that salvation may sprout forth.**

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Old Testament Canticle

LSB 261

Refrain

C The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
With joy will you draw wa - ter from the

wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that

day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,

make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -

claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."

Refrain
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done

glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the

earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -

hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the

Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Refrain
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son

and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will

be for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Collect of the Day

- P** Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Please be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11

- P** A reading from Isaiah, the sixty-first chapter.

¹The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor;
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
²to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
³to grant to those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.
⁴They shall build up the ancient ruins;
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations. . . .
⁸For I the LORD love justice;
I hate robbery and wrong;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
⁹Their offspring shall be known among the nations,
and their descendants in the midst of the peoples;

all who see them shall acknowledge them,
that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed.
¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;
my soul shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
¹¹For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to sprout up before all the nations.

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Piano Solo

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Psalm

Psalm 126

- P** ¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.
C ²Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then they said among the nations,
“The LORD has done great things for them.”
P ³The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.
C ⁴Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like streams in the Negeb!
P ⁵Those who sow in tears
shall reap with shouts of joy
C ⁶He who goes out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
bringing his sheaves with him.

Epistle Reading

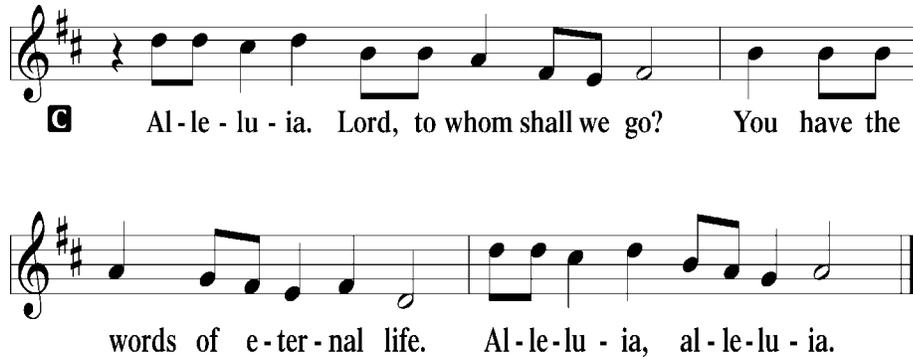
1 Thessalonians 5:16–24

¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰Do not despise prophecies, ²¹but test everything; hold fast what is good. ²²Abstain from every form of evil.

²³Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Please be seated



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

*John 1:6–8, 19–28***P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. . . .

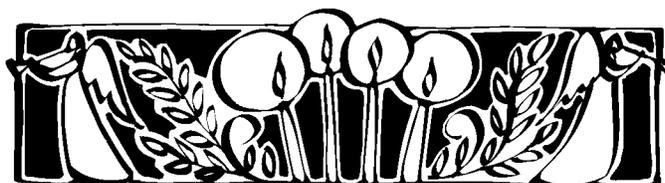
¹⁹This is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” ²⁰He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” ²¹And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.” ²²So they said to him, “Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” ²³He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.”

²⁴(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) ²⁵They asked him, “Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” ²⁶John answered them, “I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, ²⁷even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.” ²⁸These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.***Please be seated*

Children’s Sermon

Third
Sunday
in Advent





1 A - rise, O Chris - tian peo - ple! Pre - pare your - selves to -
 2 Pre - pare the way be - fore Him; Pre - pare for Him the
 3 The hum - ble heart and low - ly God rais - es up on
 4 Pre - pare my heart, Lord Je - sus; Turn not from me a -



day; Pre - pare to greet the Sav - ior, Who takes your
 best. Cast out what would of - fend Him, This great, this
 high; Be - neath His feet in ter - ror The haugh - ty
 side, And help me to re - ceive You This bless - ed



sins a - way. To us by grace a - lone The
 heav'n - ly guest. Make straight, make plain the way: The
 soul shall lie. The heart sin - cere and right, That
 Ad - vent - tide. From stall and man - ger low Come



truth and light were giv - en; The prom - ised Lord from
 low - ly val - leys rais - ing, The heights of pride a -
 heeds God's in - vi - ta - tion And makes true prep - a -
 now to dwell with - in me; I'll sing Your prais - es



heav - en To all the world is shown.
 bas - ing, His path all e - ven lay.
 ra - tion— It is the Lord's de - light.
 glad - ly And forth Your glo - ry show.

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Sermon Hymn

“Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding”

LSB 345, sts. 1–2

1 Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is
2 Star - tled at the sol - emn warn - ing, Let the
near," we hear it say. "Cast a - way the
earth - bound soul a - rise; Christ, its sun, all
works of dark - ness, All you chil - dren of the day!"
sloth dis - pel - ling, Shines up - on the morn - ing skies.

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Please stand

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Offertory Hymn

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

LSB 781, sts. 1–2

1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive
All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

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Offering

*All members of this congregation take this opportunity give back to the Lord in thankfulness
for what He has done for us and in trust of His continued provisions
for all that we need for this body and life.*

Visitors are welcome to give, but should not feel compelled to do so.

Prayers of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

P Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us Your salvation! Keep Your saints from every folly that would turn them from Your words of peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P You sent John to proclaim the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Richly and daily forgive our sins and the sins of all believers. Bless Matthew, our Synod president; our district president; our circuit visitor; and all pastors in Christ. Gather and preserve Your Holy Christian Church by Your voice, and send us faithful preachers who will not deny but confess Your truth. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Dear Father, be the source of strength and comfort in every home. Bless the children of our families, that every darkness would be lightened by Your Son's gracious visitation. Sanctify them completely, that their whole spirit, soul and body may be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Give wisdom and success to our nation and its leaders. Behold in mercy all who are in authority over us and those newly elected. Preserve our land and its citizens in peace and harmony, and protect all who serve in harm's way. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Receive our thanks in every circumstance for Your kindness in Christ Jesus and the certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life with Him. We pray especially for those we hold in our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Give us faith to believe the New Testament in Your blood, to seek Your Holy Supper for the forgiveness of our sins, and to confess Your truth with honest hearts in communion with one another at this altar today. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

C **Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses**

as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For Thine is the kingdom
 and the power and the glory
 forever and ever. Amen.

Morning Prayer

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.

New Testament Canticale

LSB 266

Refrain

C Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -
 lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.
 Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.
 Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.

Refrain

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -
 lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He
 lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to
 sin and a - live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

Refrain

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -
lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Blessing

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

C Amen.

Hymn to Depart

“Hark the Glad Sound”

LSB 349

1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come

prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a
bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es

throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.
grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

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This Week at a Glance

- Today:** 9:00 am Worship led by Rev. Bob Frank (masks required)
10:15-10:45 am Adult Bible Class and Sunday School (masks recommended)
11:00 am Worship led by Rev. Bob Frank (masks optional)
1:30 pm Pastoral Call Selection Meeting / Grand Piano discussion
- Tuesday:** 6:30 pm Choir rehearsal in the Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday:** 4:30-6 pm Confirmation in the Fellowship Hall
- Thursday:** **Breakfast Blessing Order Forms due to Olivia Harms**
- Next Sunday:** 9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev. Rick Milas (masks required)
10:15-10:45 am Adult Bible Class and Sunday School (masks recommended)
11:00 am Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev. Rick Milas (masks optional)

Announcements

December 13, 2020

Christmas Morning Divine Service

On Christmas morning, before the presents are opened and the Christmas meals prepared, come and kneel before the manger of your Savior on Christmas morning at 9:00a. A Divine Service with Holy Communion will be celebrated.

December and Christmas Morning Worship Sign-up

Are you signed up? We will be holding 2 Divine Services throughout the month of December at 9a and 11a. Please sign up at oursaviormilford.com (media / covid19). The Christmas Morning Worship service will be limited to 75 people in the Sanctuary with the overflow viewing the service via video in the Fellowship Hall and able to participate in the Lord's Supper. Masks will be required for this service with social distancing guidelines followed. If you would like to attend and need assistance signing, up, please contact Kendra. Thank you!

Worship Services Reminders

As a reminder, the 9a service requires masks to be worn properly (**covering both the nose and the mouth**) by everyone and social distancing guidelines will be adhered to with every other pew available and hymnals will not be used. During the 11a service, masks are optional but the social distancing guidelines will continue to be followed. Please direct questions and concerns to Dean Lingley, Jon Goldenstein, Bob Storm or Doug Morgeson. Thank you for your continued support and patience during this time.

Pastoral Call Selection Today at 1:30p

We will hold a Special Congregation Voters' Meeting **this afternoon at 1:30 pm** to vote the call selection. Each household should have received a letter from the call committee. The letter includes the names of each candidate and a short biography to give you a chance to prayerfully consider the candidates. If you have any questions, please contact Dennis Selk. If you did not receive your copy, please see Kendra.

Baby Grand Piano

We will hold an informational meeting and vote on the baby grand piano immediately following our Pastoral Call Selection meeting. If you have questions, please contact Deal Lingley, Jon Goldenstein, Doug Morgeson, Bob Storm or Theta Lee.

Mahlah Christmas Card

There are additional Christmas cards from Mahlah on the informational rack in the Narthex if you would like one for your family. (*1 per family please*).

Angel Tree

This year Our Savior Lutheran will once again be supporting a local family during the Christmas season with our angel tree. The angel tree is located in the Narthex and has many angel tags available. If you would like to help support this local family, please take as many angel tags as you wish from the tree and purchase the item on the angel. Once you have purchased those items, please return the gift, along with the angel tag attached. This year we are asking that you please wrap the gift or place it in a gift bag before returning it to church. All gifts are due no later than Sunday, December 20. If you would like to make a cash donation, please contact Brenna and she will gladly do the shopping for you. If you have any questions, please contact Brenna Schroeder. Thank you!

Breakfast Blessings

On Wednesday, December 23, 2020 members of OSLC will be assembling and delivering breakfast casseroles to those within our community. The goal of this outreach is to share the hope, love and joy we have because of Jesus' birth. We are doing this by fulfilling a basic need, praying that through this meal our neighbors would know that we as the church are here to love and serve one another. We invite you to get involved with this outreach. Here are a few ways to get involved:

- Volunteer to help with the assembling and delivering of the casseroles.
- Donate fiscally to support this outreach.
- Complete the form on the other side for someone you know that would be blessed by a breakfast casserole this Christmas season.

Please contact Sara Seyfert (815.471.8296) or Olivia Harms (815.471.9072) to volunteer. Forms need to be returned to church by **Thursday, December 17th**, simply place them in Olivia's mailbox. To donate simply note on your check that it is for Breakfast Blessings.

Choir Practice

As we prepare for the Comfort, Hope & Joy event, choir practice will be held Tuesday, December 15 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to participate or have questions, please contact Theta Lee. Hope to see you there!!!

Comfort, Hope, & Joy - A Facebook Live Event!

We are just 1 week away from our live Facebook event - Comfort, Hope, & Joy. Our Savior Lutheran Church in Milford will be hosting this live social media event on Sunday, December 20, 2020 at 4:00 pm featuring musicians from within the congregation, along with scripture readings, prayers, and words of inspiration. There will also be a virtual Christmas hymn sing! We have over 10 arrangements of special music from vocal solos, piano solos and duets, the adult choir, and more! This is an informal opportunity to relax, enjoy some uplifting music, and to strengthen our faith and hope in Christ, all from the comfort of your own home. Since this is only available on Facebook, you can watch this event by simply going to the Our Savior Lutheran Church Facebook page by going to www.facebook.com/OurSaviorLutheran.

Facebook Live Event Rehearsal

There will be a rehearsal to review and run through the Facebook live event on Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 6:00 pm in the church Sanctuary. All participants are required to attend as this is the **ONLY** rehearsal leading up to the live event on Sunday. Please be on time!

Sunday School / Adult Bible Class

Mark your calendars!!! We will not have Sunday School / Adult Bible Class on Sunday, December 27. If you have any questions, please see Brenna Schroeder,

Christmas Care Packages for College Students

Dorcas Society / LWML will be hosting the Christmas Care Packages for our College Students again this Christmas season. If you would like to include a sweet treat, a gas card or a card of encouragement; to let them know they are in your prayers during final's week and throughout the school year, their gift bags will be located in the Narthex. Please have all of your well wishes and goodies in the care packages by Sunday, December 13, 2020. If you need suggestions or have questions, please feel free to contact Theta Lee or Kendra Morts.

Streaming with Our Savior

As a reminder, we will be streaming both services, 9am and 11am, each Sunday. Visit our website at oursaviormilford.com, click the Media tab, Live Audio Stream. If you have any questions, please contact Kendra at kendra@oursaviormilford.com.

Bulletin and Newsletter Deadlines

If you have an announcement for the weekly bulletin, newsletter, or prayer request, please send to the church office by this Wednesday at 10a to kendra@oursaviormilford.com.

Lutherans for Life Quote

"Will you be without loved ones this holiday season? Will you be struggling with illness or discouragement? Will you feel the pressure to make the holiday season great? You are not alone. You are not on your own. Read John 10, a great chapter about a Good Shepherd. Listen to His voice comfort and strengthen you." *Rev. John Boeder, Martin Luther College – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*



Prayer List

December 13 - December 19

Those celebrating a birthday:

Randy Burhmester	Today
Dennis Selk	Today
Rheta Bretzman	Monday
Al Kellerhals	Monday
Matthew Lange	Monday
Theta Lee	Monday
Kevin Moore	Monday
Cora Armatrout	Tuesday
Sophia Billingsley	Tuesday
Kyle Brazel	Friday
Cody Mowrey	Friday

Those celebrating an anniversary:

Mike and Bonnie Hines Friday (55 years)

Those who mourn:

Family and friends of Harriet Mowrey – grandmother of Cody, Caley and Cassidy Mowrey,
and Jamie Bakken and great-grandmother of Cecelia Bakken

All those affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic

We especially remember in our prayers those suffering from the virus,
those mourning the death of loved ones at the hands of the
virus, and all those who are working to treat those affected by the virus.

Those suffering from cancer:

Norman Anderson – father of Karry Hines and grandfather of Emily and Jessica Hines
Lindsay Boyden - friend of Brenda Mowrey
Charlotte Brammer – sister of Hazel Carter and aunt to Patty Bruens
Connie Bruns – friend of Al and Linda Kellerhals
Jeff Cavitt –friend of many within the community
Payton Ens – acquaintance of Alan and Suzie Smith
Don Estes – husband of Dianne Estes
Tim Evans – brother-in-law of Bob Storm
Pat Gorski – step-mother of Olivia Harms
Cheryl Hastings – friend of Erica Anderson
Lisa High – friend of Becky Hiles
Adam Hubner – grandson of Donald and LaVerne Hubner
Kendra Howard – niece of Doug Benner
Bruce Johnston – friend of Patty Bruens
Brenda Knuth – mother of Craig Smith
Shawn Lane – Milford High School Volleyball Coach
Greg Luecke – friend of Randall and Gloria Schleef
Judy Miller –friend of Erica Anderson
Marsha Thompson – acquaintance of Beth Smith

Those requesting your general and ongoing prayers:

The OSLC Congregation - as we continue the Call process
by which God will provide a new Pastor
Bill Adsit – uncle of Doug Benner, health concerns
Erica Anderson – OSLC member, health concerns
Lew Alwardt - friend of Larry and Nancy Tobeck, health concerns
Cora Armatrout –OSLC member, health concerns
Becky Bellman - friend of Cora Armatrout and Becky Hiles
Taylor Breyman – granddaughter of Dennis and Sheila Selk, recovering from ankle surgery
Hazel Carter –OSLC member, health concerns
Nick Costello - husband of Diane Costello, health concerns
Todd Davis - friend of Patty Bruens, heart issues
Janet Doyle – friend of Patty Bruens, health concerns
Bernean Franke – mother of Glen Franke, health concerns
Ione Harms – friend of Dave and Ethel Lucht, health concerns
Becky Hiles – daughter of Cora Armatrout, health issues
Dave Lucht – upcoming procedures
Pam Menard and family - sister of Cora Armatrout, Covid19
Joanne McFarland – sister of Cora Armatrout, recovering from a fall
Danny Manullang – brother-in-law to Doug Benner, upcoming surgery
Bertha Parsons – OSLC member, recovering from hip replacement surgery
Carol Ragel - friend of Cora Armatrout, suffering from health issues
Kristin Randall - friend of Patty Bruens, suffering from a heart condition
Kierci Schaumburg - step-daughter of Doug Benner, suffering from several health issues
Tyrone Schaumburg - cousin of Mike Hines, Parkinson's
Randall Schleef – OSLC member
Kay Snyder – sister of Cora Armatrout, recovering from an automobile accident
Larry Tobeck – OSLC member, health concerns
Diana Webster - friend of Cora Armatrout
Bailey York - friend of Joyce Williams, kidney dialysis and awaiting heart transplant
Sharon York – friend of Joyce Williams

**Those serving in our Armed Forces and our local Law Enforcement,
especially those connected to the OSLC family:**

Nate Bushong – OSLC member, son of Cory and Mary Bushong, serving with the U.S. Army

Alex Janssen – son of Sara Janssen, serving with the U.S. Army

Jay Kindle – OSLC member, son of Dean and Laurie Lingley, serving with the U.S. Navy

Brandon Legan – member of our Comfort Dog Ministry Team, Iroquois County Sheriff's
Deputy and Milford Police Department

Corey Moore –OSLC member, son of Kevin and Kasey Moore, U.S. Marine Corp

Scott Muench – husband of Shannon Muench, Watseka Police Officer

Kaleb Waldbeser – friend of Bob & Donna Flesher, serving with the U.S. Marine Corp

Those serving in the Seminary:

Seminarian Luke, Elowsky, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO

Seminarian, Joshua Schiff, Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN

Those serving in the Mission Field:

Rev. Joel Fritsche, his wife, Clarion, and sons, Viktor, Sergei and Andrei,
our “adopted” international missionary, currently serving in the Dominican Republic

