

# 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**

Today, we hear the angel's announcement of the imminent birth of the Savior and Mary's humble consent to God's gracious will. This is the first of many times when she would "ponder in her heart" the grace and promise of God, and on this day we not only recall her faithfulness but pray that we may respond to God's will and promise in the same way.

## **Serving Today**

**December 20, 2020**

Head Usher: Jon Goldenstein

Elder: Jon Goldenstein

Organist at 9a: Linda Kellerhals

Organist at 11a: Theta Lee

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

## **Weekly Offering Statistics**

**December 13, 2020**

Attendance: 80

Missions Offerings Received: \$135.00

General Fund Offerings Received: \$2,584.07

Breakfast Blessings Offerings Received: \$315.00

Mission Balance YTD (12/13/2020): \$9,645.32

## **Serving Christmas Morning**

**December 25, 2020**

Head Usher: Jon Goldenstein

Elder: Jon Goldenstein

Organist: Linda Kellerhals

Sound Board: Chris Catron

Greeters: Michael and Stacie Trumann

Acolyte: Ryleigh Rieches

# ✠ Fourth Sunday in Advent ✠

## ✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

Opening Hymn

“Creator of the Stars of Night”

LSB 351



1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,  
2 Thou, griev - ing that the an - cient curse  
3 Thou cam'st the Bride - groom of the bride,  
4 At whose dread name, ma - jes - tic now,



Thy peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing Light:  
Should doom to death a u - ni - verse,  
As drew the world to e - ven - tide,  
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow;



O Christ, Re - deem - er, save us all  
Hast found the heal - ing, full of grace,  
The spot - less Vic - tim all di - vine  
All things ce - les - tial Thee shall own,



And hear Thy ser - vants when they call.  
To cure and save our ru - ined race.  
Pro - ceed - ing from a vir - gin shrine.  
And things ter - res - trial, Lord a - lone.

- 5 O Thou, whose coming is with dread  
To judge the living and the dead,  
Preserve us from the ancient foe  
While still we dwell on earth below.

- △6 To God the Father and the Son  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,  
Praise, honor, might, and glory be  
From age to age eternally. Amen.

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*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.

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His Mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and 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.

**C** **Amen.**

## ✠ Service of the Word ✠

Kyrie

LSB 204



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

### Old Testament Reading

2 Samuel 7:1–11, 16

<sup>1</sup>Now when the king lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, <sup>2</sup>the king said to Nathan the prophet, “See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent.” <sup>3</sup>And Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you.”

<sup>4</sup>But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, <sup>5</sup>“Go and tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in? <sup>6</sup>I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. <sup>7</sup>In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?”’” <sup>8</sup>Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. <sup>9</sup>And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. <sup>10</sup>And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, <sup>11</sup>from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. . . .

<sup>16</sup>And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

*Psalm 89:1–5; antiphon: v. 8*

**P** <sup>1</sup>I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever  
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

<sup>2</sup>For I said, “Steadfast love will be built up forever;  
in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness.”

<sup>3</sup>You have said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  
I have sworn to David my servant:

<sup>4</sup>“I will establish your offspring forever,  
and build your throne for all generations.””

<sup>5</sup>Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,  
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

**C** **O Lord God of hosts, who is might as  
you are, O Lord,  
with your faithfulness all around  
you?**

## Epistle

*Romans 16:25–27*

<sup>25</sup>Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages <sup>26</sup>but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— <sup>27</sup>to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand*

## Alleluia and Verse



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" <sup>29</sup>But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup>and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

<sup>34</sup>And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

<sup>35</sup>And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. <sup>36</sup>And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup>And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Nicene Creed

**C** **I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**Children's Sermon**

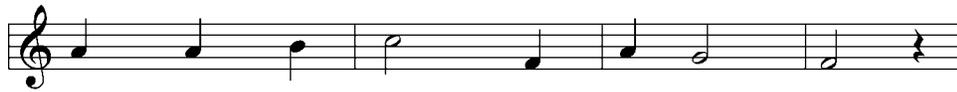
**Hymn of the Day**

**"O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide"**

*LSB 355*



1 O Sav - ior, rend the heav - ens wide;  
2 O Fa - ther, light from heav - en send;  
3 O earth, in flow'r - ing bud be seen;  
4 O Fount of hope, how long, how long?



Come down, come down with might - y stride;  
As morn - ing dew, O Son, de - scend.  
Clothe hill and dale in garb of green.  
When will You come with com - fort strong?



Un - lock the gates, the doors break down;  
Drop down, you clouds, the life of spring:  
Bring forth, O earth, a blos - som rare,  
O come, O come, Your throne fore - go;



Un - bar the way to heav - en's crown.  
To Ja - cob's line rain down the King.  
Our Sav - ior, sprung from mead - ow fair.  
Con - sole us in our vale of woe.

5 O Morning Star, O radiant Sun,  
When will our hearts behold Your dawn?  
O Sun, arise; without Your light  
We grope in gloom and dark of night.

6 Sin's dreadful doom upon us lies;  
Grim death looms fierce before our eyes.  
O come, lead us with mighty hand  
From exile to our promised land.

7 There shall we all our praises bring  
And sing to You, our Savior King;  
There shall we laud You and adore  
Forever and forevermore.

Sermon

“The Lord Will Make You a House”

2 Samuel 7-11b & 16

Sermon Hymn

“Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord”

LSB 352



1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has tru - ly  
 2 What the Fa - thers most de - sired, What the proph - ets'  
 3 A - bram's prom - ised great re - ward, Zi - on's help - er,  
 4 As Your com - ing was in peace, Qui - et, full of



kept His word And at last to us did send  
 heart in - spired, What they longed for man - y a year,  
 Ja - cob's Lord— Him of two - fold race be - hold—  
 gen - tle - ness, Let the same mind dwell in me



Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.  
 Stands ful - filled in glo - ry here.  
 Tru - ly came, as long fore - told.  
 Which is Yours e - ter - nal - ly.

- 5 Bruise for me the serpent's head  
 That, set free from doubt and dread,  
 I may cling to You in faith,  
 Safely kept through life and death.
- 6 Then when You will come again  
 As the glorious king to reign,  
 I with joy will see Your face,  
 Freely ransomed by Your grace.

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Please stand

Prayer 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** To You, O Lord, we lift up our souls and in You we put our trust. Do not let us be ashamed of our hope but come quickly. Sustain us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may have joy at the advent of Christ, our Savior. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Gracious Lord, enrich Your saints in every way as we enter another Church Year. Encourage the preachers of Your Word and all who hear, that the testimony about Christ may be confirmed again among us. Give boldness and faithfulness to Matthew, our Synod president; our district president; our circuit visitor; and all pastors in Christ. As You have called us into the fellowship of Your Son, so sustain us as we wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Heavenly Father, preserve and bless all Christian households, that husbands and wives would live in love and service to each other, that fathers and mothers would diligently bring up their children in Your fear, and that children would honor their parents and be well equipped for service to their neighbors in this life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Almighty God, be with the governing authorities and enable them to preserve peace and order in our nation. Hear our prayers for Donald, our president; our governor; our military and police; and other civil servants as well as all newly elected officials. Increase a spirit of unity and cooperation among the people of our land and the nations of the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Compassionate Lord, behold in mercy all who are in any danger, trouble, sickness or need. Hear our prayers for the sick and suffering. Give health to our world and bring the pandemic to an end. Comfort all who mourn, and sustain them with a confident hope in the resurrection. 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.**

## 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. During this time the collection basket is located at the back of the Sanctuary.*

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

## ✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

### Preface

LSB 208

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

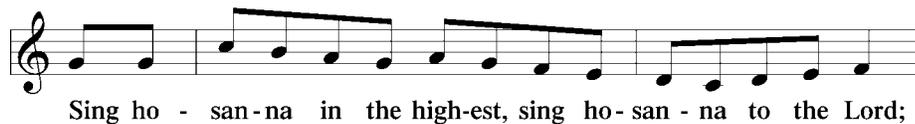
**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

LSB 208



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



### Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your boundless mercy You sent Your servant, John the Baptist, to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of heaven draws near.

With thankful hearts we pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," confident that in His body and blood, given us to eat and drink, we receive the forgiveness of sins and so proclaim His death until He comes again in glory.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

### 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.**

### The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\cdot\ddagger$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\cdot\ddagger$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 210

**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Please be seated*

## Distribution

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first  
and then distribute them to those who come to receive*

Fourth  
Sunday  
in Advent



# “The Night Will Soon Be Ending”

LSB 377



1 The night will soon be end - ing; The dawn can -  
2 The One whom an - gels tend - ed Comes near, a  
3 The earth in sure ro - ta - tion Will soon bring  
4 Yet nights will bring their sad - ness And rob our  
5 God dwells with us in dark - ness And makes the



not be far. Let songs of praise as - cend - ing Now  
child, to serve; Thus God, the judge of - fend - ed, Bears  
morn - ing bright, So run where God's sal - va - tion Glows  
hearts of peace, And sin in all its mad - ness A -  
night as day; Yet we re - sist the bright - ness And



greet the Morn - ing Star! All you whom dark - ness  
all our sins de - serve. The guilt - y need not  
in a sta - ble's light. As old as sin's per -  
round us may in - crease. But now one Star is  
turn from God a - way. But grace does not for -



fright - ens With guilt or grief or pain, God's ra - diant  
cow - er, For God has rec - on - ciled Through His re -  
ver - sion Is mer - cy's vast de - sign: God brings a  
beam - ing Whose rays have pierced the night: God comes for  
sake us, How - ev - er far we run. God claims us



Star now bright - ens And bids you sing a - gain.  
demp - tive pow - er All those who trust this child.  
new cre - a - tion—This child its seal and sign.  
our re - deem - ing From sin's op - pres - sive might.  
still as chil - dren Through Mar - y's in - fant Son.

“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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Please stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Benedicamus

LSB 212

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## Hymn of Depart

## “What Hope! An Eden Prophesied”

LSB 342



1 What hope! An E - den proph - e - sied Where tame live with the wild;  
2 A shoot will sprout from Jes - se's stem, A branch from Da - vid's line,  
3 As ban - ner of God's love un - furled, Christ came to suf - fer loss,  
4 Come, Je - sus, come, Mes - si - ah Lord, Lost Par - a - dise re - store;



The lamb and li - on side by side, Led by a lit - tle child!  
A Prince of Peace in Beth - le - hem: The fruit of God's de - sign.  
That by His death a dy - ing world Would ral - ly to the cross.  
Lead past the an - gel's flam - ing sword—Come, o - pen heav - en's door.

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## Serving Next Sunday

December 27, 2020

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## This Week at a Glance

- Today:** 9:00 am Worship led by Rev. Rick Milas (masks required)  
10:15-10:45 am Adult Bible Class and Sunday School (masks recommended)  
11:00 am Worship led by Rev. Rick Milas (masks optional)  
4:00 pm Facebook Live! Event
- Friday:** 9:00 am Christmas Day Divine Service with Holy Communion led by Rev. Adam Koontz  
(masks recommended)
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## Announcements

December 20, 2020

### Christmas Day 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](https://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 are recommended 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.

### **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 due Today**

This year Our Savior Lutheran will once again be supporting a local family during the Christmas season with our angel tree. All gifts are due today. 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!

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

Join us, via Facebook, this afternoon at 4:00p for Our Savior's Facebook Live Event. You will enjoy musical ensembles from those in our congregation, scripture readings, prayers, and works of inspirations and a virtual hymn sing! We have over 10 arrangements of special music from vocal solos, piano solos and duets, the adult choir, and more! Sit back, relax and enjoy this informal time of 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](http://www.facebook.com/OurSaviorLutheran).

### **The 12 Days Before Christmas**

This season as we prepare our hearts and minds for the birth of Jesus Christ, the Sunday School children will share their talents with us in anticipation of Christmas Day. The final 6 Days Before Christmas will continue with 5 Sunday School classes sharing stories, scriptures, and songs leading us down that long road to Bethlehem and the manger on that first Christmas Day. These short videos will be available to watch on the Our Savior Lutheran Church Facebook page. Go to [www.facebook.com/OurSaviorLutheran](http://www.facebook.com/OurSaviorLutheran) and enjoy the talents of our Sunday School student as we continue our journey to the manger.

### **Confirmation Classes**

Confirmation classes will resume on Wednesday, January 6, 2021, from 4:30-6p. If you have any questions, please contact Jan Lavicka.

### **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,

### **Focus on the Family**

If you and your family would like to sponsor one or more of the Focus on the Family monthly inserts, the signup sheet is located on the bulletin board in the Narthex. The cost is \$24, please indicate on your envelope or check "Focus on the Family". If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kendra.

### **Ministry Opportunities**

You can serve your Lord, as well as your brothers and sisters in Christ by serving in any of the following ways:

**Altar Guild.** This group serves the Lord by setting up and maintaining the Altar area. They set up for Holy Communion, clean the Communion Vessels, as well as the other items on the altar, change the flowers which adorn the altar, and change the banners. Normally, members volunteer to serve one or two months out of the year. The sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Dianne Estes or Sheila Selk.

**Greeter.** In an effort to be intentional in our efforts to make all feel welcome within our congregation, greeters are assigned to open the doors to our main entrance each Sunday morning. No special skills are needed. Just a smiling face and friendly voice. Volunteers serve only a few times each year. If you are already a greeter and wish to remain, do nothing. If you would like to be removed from the greeter list, please let Kendra know.

### **Streaming with Our Savior**

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

## Lutherans for Life Quote

“As we look forward to Christmas dinner and the celebration of our Savior’s birth, let us remember that Christ’s coming into the world began with an unexpected pregnancy. Mary of Nazareth was unmarried and certainly had reason to be confused and afraid when she was asked to carry the Son of God. But she courageously let God’s plan unfold for her and her Child and brought our Savior into this world, despite her uncertain circumstances.” *Right to Life of Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*



# Prayer List

*December 20 – December 26*

## Those celebrating a birthday:

Brian Neukomm	Today
Roger Reed	Monday
Bryce Clark	Tuesday
Jaylin Lavicka	Tuesday
Will Franke	Wednesday
Sara Janssen	Saturday

## 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 Schleaf  
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  
Rev. Doug Minton and family – as they consider a call to Our Savior  
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  
Bernearn 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, awaiting tests results for potential kidney 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

