Our Savior Lutheran Church

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Second Sunday in Advent

December 7, 2025

Welcome Visitors!

We celebrate the Lord's Supper at this holy gathering in celebration and confession that the Word who became flesh and dwelt among us (John 1:14) is present here with His body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine we receive at the altar (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:24-25).

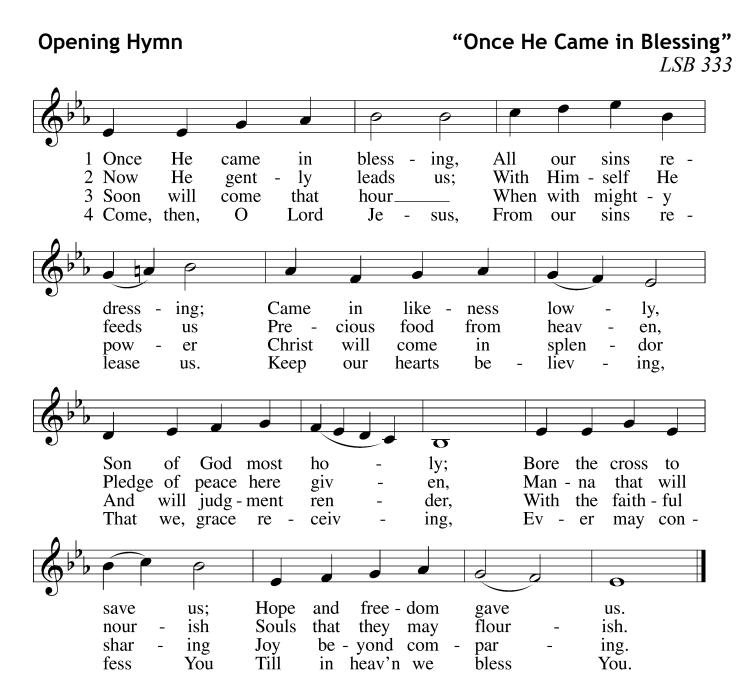
Because this Sacrament is called Communion, all who come to the rail are to confess the same confession of faith. Because there are differences between denominations, we ask that you please speak to Pastor if you are not a member of a Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod congregation.

This practice is not a judgment upon anyone's faith. It is the Church's ancient practice to make sure that no one takes Jesus' body and blood to their harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). During the distribution, we ask that you sing the distribution hymns, meditate upon Jesus' death and resurrection as the reason for our gathering, and pray for the day that the devilish divisions between us will be abolished by the Son of God when He returns.

Divine Service Setting One

Prayer Before Worship

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.



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Invocation LSB 151

P In the name of the Father and of the

→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

LSB 151

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- 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 Hisauthority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Introit

Psalm 105:4-8; antiphon; Isaiah 40:3b

In the wilderness prepare the way | of the LORD;*
make straight in the desert a highway | for our God.

Seek the LORD | and his strength;*

seek his presence con- tinually!

Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,*

his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

O offspring of Abraham, his | servant,*

children of Jacob, his | chosen ones!

He is the | Lord our God;*

his judgments are in | all the earth.

He remembers his covenant for- | ever,*

the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- ations.

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

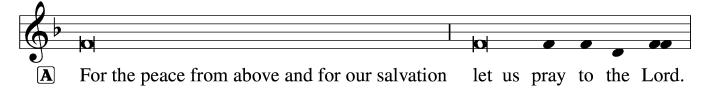
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make straight in the desert a highway | for our God.

Kyrie

LSB 152

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

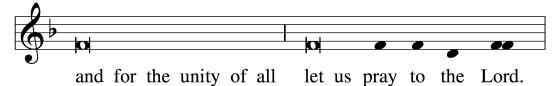








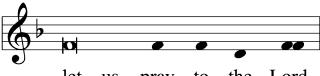
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,







For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let pray to the Lord. us



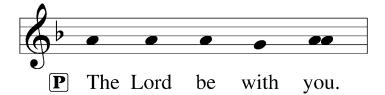
have mer - cy. Lord,



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord.



Salutation and Collect of the Day





P Let us pray.



Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. ²And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth. and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. ⁶The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. ⁹They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

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

Epistle Reading Romans 15:4-13

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name."

¹⁰And again it is said,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."

¹¹And again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him."

¹²And again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope."

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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

Alleluia and Verse LSB 157



Holy Gospel Matthew 3:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.



¹In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." ³For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

"The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight."

⁴Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹"I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and

he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

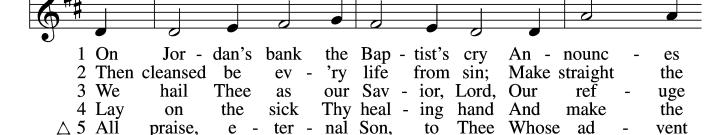
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



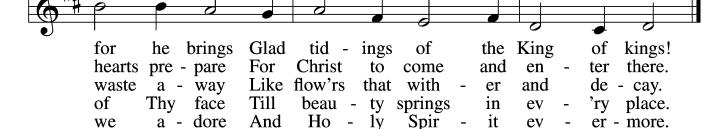
Sermon Hymn

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist Cry"

LSB 344







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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.

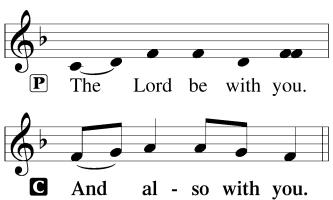
Prayer of the Church

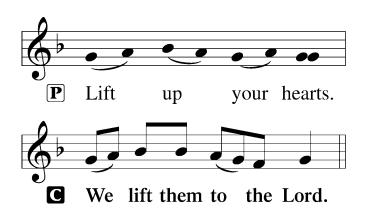
- **P** In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy

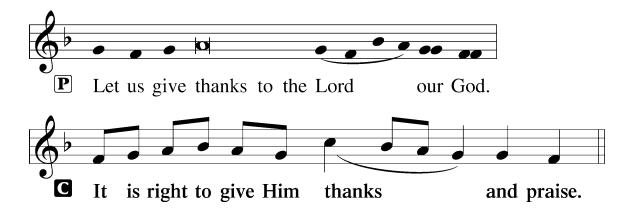
Offering



Preface LSB 160

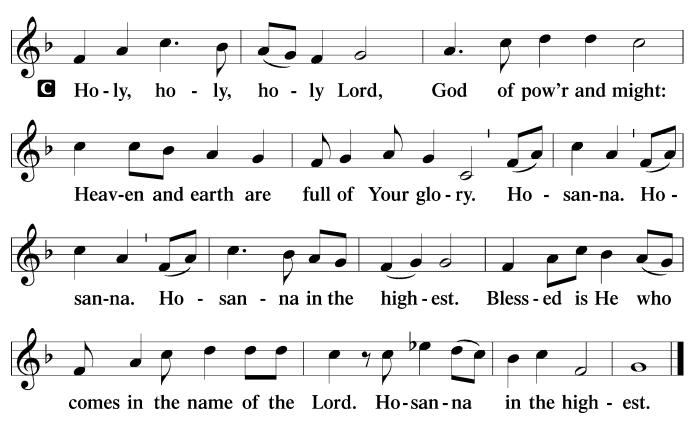






P It is truly good, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus LSB 161



Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

- P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, . . . one God, now and forever.
- C 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 + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

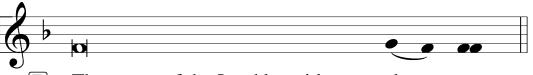
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

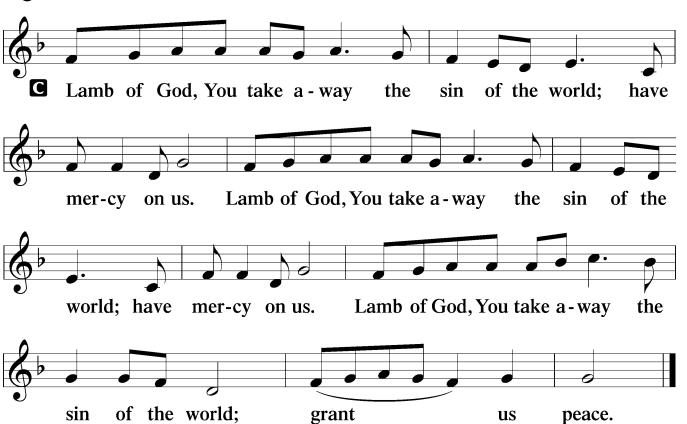
Pax Domini LSB 163



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



Agnus Dei LSB 163



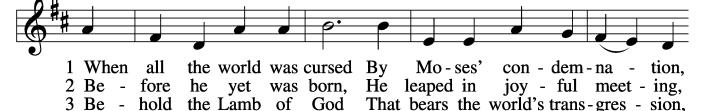
Prayer Before Communing

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive his holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Distribution Hymns

"When All the World Was Cursed"

LSB 346



4 O grant, dear Lord of love, That we re-ceive, re-joic - ing,



Saint John the Bap - tist came With words of con - so - la - tion. Con - fess - ing Him Lord Whose moth-er he was greet - ing. as re - moves dev-il's dread op - pres - sion. Whose sac - ri - fice The word pro-claimed by John, Our true re - pen-tance voic - ing,



With true fore - run - ner's zeal The great - er One he named. Jor - dan's roll - ing E - li - jah By stream, Α new bold, Be - hold the Lamb of God. Who takes a - way our sin, glad - ly on our Sav-ior's we may walk Up way



pro - claimed. And Him, as un - known, As Sav - ior he yet He tes - ti - fied of Him Of whom the proph - ets told: Who for our peace and joy Will full a - tone - ment win. live with His Un - til we Him In day. e - ter - nal

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4 In that fair home shall nev - er Be si - lent mu - sic's voice;



May slum-ber not be - fall Nor watch - ful - ness de - crease. us long - a - wait - ed sto Of heav'n - ly joy takes place: ry From sin and from the dev il, From all ad - ver - si - ty, With hearts and lips for - ev shall We in God re - joice, er



May all our lamps be burn - ing With oil e - nough and more The pa - tri - archs shall meet us, The proph - ets' ho - ly band; From sick-ness, pain, and sad - ness, From trou - bles, cares, and fears, While an - gel hosts are rais - ing With saints from great to least



May door! with Him re - turn - ing, find an o-pen A - pos - tles, mar - tyrs that ce - les - tial land. greet In us And grant us heav'n - ly glad - ness And wipe a - way our tears. might - y hymn for prais - ing The Giv - er of the feast.

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Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the lifegiving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Thank the Lord LSB 164



Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Post-Communion Collect

- **A** Let us pray.
- C Amen.

Benediction LSB 166

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

→ give you peace.



Closing Hymn

"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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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today: Worship at OSLC, 9am, Christian Education, 10:15am

Today: Worship at Good Shepherd, 11:30am

Monday: Comforters Lunch Outing, 1pm Tuesday: Pastors Winkel at OSLC, 9am

Tuesday: Elders, 7pm

Wednesday: Bible Study, 10am; Bulletin Deadline, 10am

Wednesday: Confirmation, 3:15pm

Wednesday: Advent Meal, 5:45pm; Hymn Sing, 6:45pm

Wednesday: Advent Service, 7pm

Thursday: Service at Gilman Healthcare, 10:45am

Saturday: Men's Bible Breakfast, 8am Worship at Immanuel, 6pm

Those Serving at OSLC

	12/7/25	12/10/25	12/14/25
Elder	Justin Schroeder	Justin Schroeder	Jim Winder
Organist	Theta Lee	Theta Lee	Linda Kellerhals
Radio Monitors	Dean Lingley Patty Bruens		Neil and Courtney Rieches
Sound Board	Patrick Teig	Patrick Teig	Dean Lingley
Greeters	Jon and Diane Goldenstein		Jake and Olivia Harms
Acolyte	Avery Schroeder	Avery Schroeder	Jaylin Lavicka
Head Usher	Elders	Elders	Elders
Altar Guild	Sheila Selk Patty Bruens	Sheila Selk Patty Bruens	Sheila Selk Patty Bruens

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will not meet in December. We will start again in January with a new study "A New Song: Save Me, O My God." This is a study of 6 Psalms - 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 10. In these Psalms your Savior will part the clouds of fear, calm the sea of distress, and give you a fresh breeze of hope in the light of His grace. Cost for this study is \$5. Talk to Renee to get your copy of the book.

ADVENT MEALS and FELLOWSHIP continue Wed, December 10, starting at 5:45pm. This week we will have a pasta night. Enjoy Cheesy Baked Ravioli, Spaghetti Squash Chicken Carbonara, salad, and dessert. We will take a **free will donation** to benefit the **Angel Tree**. This is especially helpful for those that want to help this family in need, but can't go shopping for gifts. Thank you for your support helping those in need in our community!

THANK YOU to Pastor and Renee Minton for sponsoring the Radio Broadcast this morning in honor of Gabriel Minton's 23rd birthday this week. "And they said, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' " (Acts 16:31)

TASTE OF CHOCOLATE: Please join us TODAY, December 7 from 2p-4p for Taste of Chocolate at CrossRoads Youth Center. Enjoy everything chocolate and a chance to win \$500. All proceeds will benefit CrossRoads Youth Center (110 E. Jones.)

THE ANGEL TREE will be in the narthex during the Christmas season. Please feel free to take as many angels as you like. All presents need to be wrapped, with the angel attached, and back under the tree by **Sunday, December 21**. Brenna will be delivering the gifts to the family on Tuesday, December 23. If you would rather not shop for an item, but would still like to help, please see Brenna Schroeder.

2026 ALTAR GUILD: Sign up list is in the Narthex. We are looking for a few more people to help with the "behind the scenes" necessities. This is a simple job and the commitment is minimal – just 1 or 2 months a year.

2026 GREETERS LIST: If you are currently on the Greeters List, you will stay on unless you talk to Renee. If you want to be added, please talk to Renee. It is a commitment of 2-3 Sundays a year.

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES have arrived and will be distributed in December. If you have not used them in the past and would like a set please talk to Gretchen B. or Renee M. by December 17. Thank you!

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE QUOTE "Children brightly signaled hope in our sin-infested world of old—consider the births of Seth, Isaac, Moses, Samson, Samuel, John, and, finally, of course and paramount, Jesus. And we, too, must become as children." *James M. Kushiner, Fellowship of St. James – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

PRAYER LIST

Those celebrating a birthday:

Jessica Hines Monday
Jan Lavicka Monday
Gabriel Minton Tuesday
Rob Wade Thursday
Dennis Selk Saturday

Those celebrating an anniversary:

Phil and Cindy Raddatz Thursday (54 years)

Those suffering from cancer:

Linda Buhrmester John Lee Ethel Lucht Nancy Tobeck Joey, radio listener Dale Colvin, cousin of Jim Winder Janet Doyle, friend of Patty Bruens Tim Evans, brother in law of Bob Storm Lisa High, friend of Becky Hiles Kris Hines, daughter in law of Bonita Hines Kendra Howard, niece of Doug Benner Pamela Howard, sister of Doug Benner Joe Judd, brother in law of Dennis Selk Troy Schaumburg, friend of Connie Langellier Sue Schreier, friend of Renee Minton Fred Wright, brother of Marvin Wright

Those requesting your prayers:

Dave Lucht, health issues Larry Tobeck, recovering from surgery

Homebound Members

Dianne Estes
Delmer Henrichs
Dorothy Knake
Joann Sloan
Brenda St. Peter

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

Karl Gibbs - serving as a chaplain in the U.S. Navy
Justin McGahan - Milford community member, serving in the U.S. Army
Corey Moore - OSLC Member and son of Kevin and Kasey Moore, serving in the U.S.
Marine Reserves

Timothy Raddatz - nephew of Phil and Cindy Raddatz, serving in the U.S. Coast Guard

Law Enforcement

Wyatt Alt - Iroquois County Sheriff Department

Central Illinois District Congregations: Trinity in Roanoke and Bruce Scarbeary her pastor.

Iroquois Circuit Congregations: St Paul in Woodworth and Michael Ruhlig her pastor.

Those studying at the Seminary:

Seminarian Simon Niemtschk, Concordia Seminary, St Louis, MO. Vicar Jacob Bergstedt, Redeemer Lutheran, Gresham, OR.

Those serving in the Mission Field:

Rev. Jordan Andreasen, his wife Alison, and children, Abigail, Bethany, Benjamin, Aaron, and Ethan, our international missionary, currently serving in Romania. Rev. Andreasen works with the Confessional Lutheran Church in Romania and in the surrounding Balkan-Mediterranean subregion.

