

Program for the Week of December 17 – December 24, 2023

Sunday:

8:40 Pre Service Recital
9:00 Children's Christmas Service
10:00 Christmas Reception

Monday:

6:30 Early Bird Bible Study

Tuesday:

10:00 Staff Meeting
7:00 Worship Service on KTV

Wednesday:

1:30 Advent Worship
2:00 Worship Service on KTV
4:45 Introductory Bells
5:20 Handbell Choir
5:20 Introductory Choir
5:30 Meal
6:05 Brass

6:30 Advent Worship

7:30 Jr. Confirmation

7:30 Vocal Choir

Thursday:

9:00 Private Confession

10:00 Bulletin Deadline

6:30 Stephen Ministers

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday:

8:00 Worship

9:00 Bible Study/Coffee Time

10:30 Worship

2:40 Pre Service Recital

3:00 Christmas Eve Worship

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5:00 Christmas Eve Worship

We welcome you this morning as our Sunday School children present the Christmas story "Joy to the World. Following the service, make your way to the Fellowship Hall for fellowship and refreshments. Everyone is welcome!

About the Cover: John was not the light, but his prophetic preaching testified to the light. Christ alone is the light that cannot be overcome by any darkness in this world – not even the darkness of death on the cross. Likewise, John's preaching still enlightens today because Christ is its source. God's Word casts out the works of darkness to bring us into the light of Christ so that we become the children of God.

Today is MITE Sunday. The featured #3 Mission Grant is Journey's Lutheran School - \$100,000. Journeys Lutheran School in Milwaukee is serving God's Children with Special Needs. Visit www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-3. The District Mission focus is POBLO International. We invite you to pray for POBLO International in your personal and corporate prayers that those who lead & serve would be strengthened in their efforts to reach people with the good news of Jesus.

Prayer Shawl: If you, or someone you know, may find comfort in a Prayer Shawl, please call Marcella B. Eilders, 507-317-4127.

Christmas Eve Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal We will rehearse this morning after the Christmas Program Reception and on December 24th between services from 9:30-10:15 in the chapel. Come to one or both rehearsals. If you can't make it to either, that's ok too. We'd love to have you join us on Christmas Eve. Please contact Suzie Gangi if you are interested at 507-341-4173 or suzie@oslcmandato.org

Mission Service will NOT be held in December. A good time to complete a personal mission service. We will meet again in January. Thank you to everyone who came to put the projects together and for the generous donations we received so the projects could be done!

The December 2023 edition of the Lutheran Witness is available. It contains the MN South District News insert.

Thank you to our Shut-in Card volunteers for 2023: Vel Brunner, Marion Brunz, Chris Dumke, Marcella Eilders, Karen Fischer, Betty Mace, Theresa McLaughlin, Judy Mensing, Rhonda Rastedt, and Mark Wellner. Blessed to be a blessing! Shut-in card volunteer sign-up list for 2024 is on the LWML bulletin board. Questions? Call Dolly Blomquist at 507-388-4594, leave a message or email blomdart@hickorytech.net. Thank you!

Anyone interested in placing flowers for our worship services in December, please contact Judy Mensing, 507-387-4908.

The Our Savior Lutheran Layman's League and Lutheran Hour Ministries has closed the bank account. A check for \$344.60 was given to Our Savior Lutheran Church for the Lutheran Hour Ministries. Future Lutheran Hour and/or Lutheran Layman League donations may be made to Our Savior Lutheran Church with designation. Our Lutheran Layman's League will still continue with activities.

The Young at Heart (S.A.G.E.S.) has closed the bank account. A check for \$344.60 was sent to S.A.G.E.S. to be applied to Our Savior registration at the Gathering. The Young at Heart group is growing and are planning many activities here at Our Savior in the future.

The Winter Quarterly 2023, Lutheran Woman's Quarterly is here for you. The theme for this quarter is Equipping Women.

Lutherans for Life. Save the date! Lutherans for Life, Lifelines will hold a public information event on January 27, 2024, at 9:00 am at Trinity Lutheran Church, Waconia. Rev. Fred Hinz will be there to discuss recent Minnesota government legislative and bureaucratic mandates.

Wednesday Night Meals: During Advent, meals will begin at 5:30pm. All are welcome to come for a good meal before the Mid-week Advent Service at 6:30pm. Check the sign-up sheets in the Fireplace room to see where you can help.

From the Stewardship Committee: 1 Thessalonians 5:18 - “Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” Christians express their thanks to God in many ways; in prayer, in giving to the Lord’s work, in acts of service to others, in faithful living in their daily callings. Everything we do to honor God in our lives is a means of returning thanks for the Lord’s many gifts to us.

Listen to KFUE.ORG, a media ministry extension of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. All programs are archived at www.KFUE.org for 24/7 on-demand listening. Have a question or comment? Find us at @KFUEradio on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. This week we are looking ahead to the Fourth Sunday in Advent on The Coffee Hour (December 20th at 9am), dive into Advent hymnody on Sharper Iron’s “Nothing but Christ Crucified” (weekdays at 8am). The 12 Days of Christmas begins December 24th with music and messages for the Christmas Season!

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week’s *This is the Life* episode, “Christmas Is” features a shepherd in a Christmas play who learns the importance of Christmas. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Shawn Ethridge from St. Paul’s Evangelical Lutheran Church in Fulda, who will present a message titled “The Identity of the Savior” based on John 1:6-8, 19-28. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the “Twin Cities” tab.

Follow One Voice for Public Policy: Go to the website: <https://www.msdistrict.org/public-policy>. Read the information from Rev. Fred Hinz. Don’t have access? Hard copies are in the Narthex.

Orphan Grain Train amazing giving and donations – take time to read the December 1st OGT in the Mission Center. Your donations are so important to the success of bringing relief for human need worldwide.

December Pray for Us Calendar is in the Narthex.

Pick up your copies in the Narthex of all the District Synodical publications. The LHMS, The Lutheran Layman Fall Issue. Use the website: <https://www.msdistrict.org>

Welcome to Our Savior's Lutheran Church! We are Christians gathered around the unchanging Word and Gifts of Jesus Christ which give forgiveness and salvation now and forever. Our Savior has more than enough blessings for everyone and promises that He will turn no one away. Please let us know who you are and how we can serve you by completing a registration card found in the seat backs and placing it in the offering plate at the entrances to the sanctuary.

At Our Savior Lutheran Church we live to make Christ known.

Monthly Memory Verse:

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,
glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.
John 1:14

Weekly Discussion Question:

How is God, full of grace, different than other gods or the world?

Holy Communion: Luther encouraged each person in his parish to frequently receive the Lord's Supper because of "the trouble that lies heavy on him". By this he meant the daily troubles brought upon us by the world and by Satan and by our own sinful nature. In this gift of the Savior, we do find rest and refreshment for our souls. Those who understand the meaning of communion and wish to receive it today are asked to review the statement on the back of the registration card.

Serving today:

Liturgist & Preacher Rev. Adam M. Matheny
Organist Barb Anderson
Elder of the Day Randy Burmeister; Lon Whitehead
Acolytes Lucas Bjortomt
A/V Tech Matt Brand



Kids Recital 2023

Avery Marso, Linnea Hendley, and Madison Chapman, vocal Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
Joel Brand, French horn.....Beautiful Savior
Madison Chapman, clarinet duet with Edith Williams..... The First Noel
Laina Gangi, violin.....O Come All Ye Faithful
Tobin Gangi, organWhat Child Is This
Lars Anderson, piano.....Hark the Harold
Angels Sing
Wesley Whitmore, piano.....Away In A Manger
Lydia Bjortomt, piano.....We Wish You A Merry Christmas
Peter Bittner.....Silent Night
Jimmy Bittner.....O Come All Ye Faithful and O Little Town of Bethlehem
Lillian Matheny, piano What Child Is This and Bring a Torch Jeannette Isabella
Elijah Matheny, piano.....Angels We Have Heard on High and O Little Town of Bethlehem
Arthur Tess, piano..... O Come All Ye Faithful
Natalie Tess, piano..... Angels We Have Heard on High

Worship Schedule

Wednesday, December 20th
Midweek Advent Worship
1:30pm & 6:30pm



Sunday, December 24th
Divine Service with Holy Communion
8am & 10:30am

Christmas Eve Service of Readings & Carols
3pm & 5pm



Monday, December 25th
Christmas Day Divine Service with Holy Communion
9am


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