

## Program for the Week of December 24 – December 31, 2023

### Sunday:

8:00 Worship  
9:00 Coffee Time/Bible Class  
10:30 Worship  
2:40 Pre-Service Music  
3:00 Christmas Eve Worship  
4:40 Pre-Service Music  
5:00 Christmas Eve Worship

### Monday: Office Closed

9:00 Christmas Day Worship  
10:30 Fireplace Room Rental

### Tuesday:

### Wednesday:

### Thursday:

10:00 Bulletin Deadline

### Friday:

### Saturday:

10:30 Fireplace Room Rental

### Next Sunday:

8:00 Worship  
9:00 Coffee Time/Bible Class  
10:30 Worship

**Chancel flowers** are provided by the Meyer family in loving memory of Ruth.

**About the Cover:** From heaven to earth, Gabriel came bearing the news of the Christ Child. Conceived by the Holy Spirit, Jesus is God and man in one. He is where heaven and earth meet, bringing abundant blessing, peace, and joy in His presence. Likewise, the Lord is with us, bringing heaven and earth together at the Lord's Supper, where His very body and blood is given and shed for us.

**Christmas Eve Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal** We will rehearse this morning 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](mailto:suzie@oslcmandato.org)

**Ruth/Lydia Bible Study Circle** is Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup> in the Fireplace room at 9:30 for fellowship and refreshments with 9:45 Bible study. The lesson is "Equipped" on page 18-19 of the Winter Quarterly. Your Personal Mission Statement will help you to share your faith. Mary Circle and others are invited. All ladies are welcome!

**Mission Service** will meet on Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**Trinity Lutheran Church** in Janesville is hosting a bus to the 2024 Minnesota March for Life. The bus will leave from Trinity at 10:30am on Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> and return approximately 2:30pm. If you are interested in participating, please speak with Pastor Matheny so we can organize a group from Our Savior's to carpool to Janesville and share their bus.

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

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

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

**Thank you** to the directors and organizers of the choirs, special music, bells, and all the participants of the Children's Service. The service was a blessing.

**Thank you** to all who have kept Ruthann in their prayers these past few years. Ruthann will be in Mankato on January 1<sup>st</sup>. You are invited to Church on January 1 between 2:00 and 4:00 (East side door) for a time to thank you.

**From the Stewardship Committee: 2 Samuel 7:4-5:** "But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan. "Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in?' Nathan thought David's idea was great, so he blessed it with the Lord's name. But later that night, the Word of the Lord set him straight. The Word of the Lord, not our own desires or whims, must be the basis for what we think, say and do in God's kingdom.

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**Main Street Living** airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week see a special presentation produced by Lutheran Hour Ministries titled "Christmas on Main Street" – The Christmas message at a mission brings a grandson and his grandfather together. The worship service begins at 9:30am with the Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, President of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, who will present a Christmas message. For more information or to watch the program, go to [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

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

**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.mnsdistrict.org>

**Rose Bowl Parade** – Petal Pushers, for more information: <https://shop.petalpushers.org>  
The parade will be on Monday, January 1, 2024 at 10 am

**December Pray for Us Calendar** is in the Narthex.

**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:**

What reassurance do you find in a God full of truth?

**Holy Communion:** Advent means “coming”. Christ came in the flesh at Bethlehem, He comes now in word and sacrament, and He will come again in judgment. As we look forward to His final coming, we find our deepest joy and comfort in His present coming with His very body and blood for our forgiveness. 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 ..... Edith Williams  
Elder of the Day ..... [8:00] Gene Mensing; [10:30] Mike Blomquist  
Acolytes ..... [8:00] Madison Kettner; Lillian Matheny  
..... [10:30] Charlotte Doering; Avery Marso  
A/V Tech ..... Zak Tess