

# OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

## 12-1-19 Worship Bulletin & Announcements

### *Words of Reflection this Advent*

The story of faith is often reflected as a journey from darkness to light. The Old Testament speaks of Israel living in bondage and darkness, awaiting the light of the promised Messiah. The arrival of the Messiah is punctuated by light every step of the way: a bright angelic host proclaiming the news to shepherds keeping watch over their flocks; a shining star inviting Magi from afar to the young Christ-child in an act of worship and praise. The gospel of John refers to Jesus as the “light of all people” and Jesus even referred to Himself as the “light of the world”.

The Christmas story is more than just the recording of a miraculous historical event. Each time the story is re-told in scripture, music, meaningful traditions, or life-changing encounters with the God of the universe, it becomes fresh and new as the love and hope of Jesus is born again in each of us! Are you amazed at the assurance that the star that once shone over Bethlehem still shines in the hearts of those who seek the warmth of God’s mercy and presence? It shines into the darkness of your world – whatever that darkness may be. May your life be filled with the light of Christ’s unending love as you celebrate again the good news of the Christmas story!

*Light of the World*



# Sunday December 1, 2019

## Events This Week at OSLC

<b>SUN (1<sup>st</sup>)</b>	Worship – Sanctuary	8:15, 9:30 ,11a.m.
	MercyCare Sunday	
	<b>NO</b> Sunday School	
	Adult Bible Study	9:35 a.m.
<b>MON (2<sup>nd</sup>)</b>		
<b>TUES 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	LHLH Chapel	9:30 a.m.
	Caring For One Another Bible Study Room 106	2:00 p.m.
	Gov. Board New Member Meeting - Homesteaders	6:00 p.m.
<b>WED (4<sup>th</sup>)</b>	Weekly Staff Meeting	9:30 a.m.
	Ladies Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Family Meal	5:00 p.m.
	F.R.O.G.S Youth Choir	5:30 p.m.
	Confirmation/NUTS/GLo	6:00 – 6:55 p.m.
	Adult Choir	6:00-6:45 p.m.
	Advent Service	7:00 p.m.
<b>THU (5<sup>th</sup>)</b>		
<b>FRI (6<sup>th</sup>)</b>	Pastor Trampe's Day Off	
<b>SAT (7<sup>th</sup>)</b>	Men's Bible Study at Homesteaders Restaurant	8:00 a.m.
	Men's Bible Study at OSLC	9:00 a.m.
	Parents Day Out/Gift Wrapping Youth Fundraiser	9:00 a.m.

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Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Friday – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



**Our Worship Today  
December 1, 2019  
First Sunday in Advent**

**8:15 a.m. Worship Service**

**Welcome and Opening Prayer**

**Opening Hymn:**

LSB #350 "Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come"

**Opening Sentences: Psalm 25:5**

**All: "You are the God who saves me, I put my hope in you all day long."**

**An Advent Confession: Spoken Together**

**Heavenly Father,**

**We know that Jesus' return should delight and thrill us.  
Please forgive us for our cold hearts toward him.**

**We know that Jesus is coming as our risen Lord. Please  
forgive our slowness to obey him.**

**We know that Jesus is coming as the one who died for us.  
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**We know that Jesus is coming as Emmanuel – God with us.  
Please forgive our lack of likeness to him.**

**We know that Jesus is coming as Judge of all. Please forgive our slowness to tell others the good news about him.**

**We know that Jesus is coming to bring in the new creation. Please forgive us for how, in our struggles, we fail to look forward to all we have in him.**

**Please forgive us. Change our hearts and lives to reflect yours.**

**Amen.**

### **The Promise of Forgiveness:**

Pastor: We celebrate the God of promise who says to us, "I will keep the promise that I made to My people." And that promise is Jesus, the love of God sent to the world to die for our sins and rise again for our assurance of eternal life. Remembering this promise, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. This is the Advent of our God!

### **Scripture Readings:**

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Matt 24:36-44 (Large print: pg1543; Regular print: pg 806)

**Confession of Faith:** Nicene Creed

**Sermon Hymn:** LSB #513 (Tune 644) "The Clouds of Judgement Gather"

**Pastor's Message:** "Hopeful Expectation: An Advent Primer"

**Gathering of Our First Fruits, Tithes and Offering**  
***MERCYCare Sunday***

# The Celebration of Holy Communion

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1. Do I believe that I am a sinner in need of God's forgiveness?
2. Do I believe that Christ gives me His true body and blood in this sacrament for the forgiveness of my sins?
3. Do I promise, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to amend my sinful life?
4. Do I share a oneness in faith with the church body with which I am about to commune?

If you have difficulty answering "yes" to any of the above questions, please follow the guide of Scripture and wait to take communion today. Our Pastor would be glad to visit with you in preparation for the next time Holy Communion is offered.

*Non-alcoholic wine is available for those with alcohol sensitivities.*

*Please signal your desire to the Pastor by briefly holding your hand in the "stop" position before receiving the cup. Gluten Free wafers are available upon request.*

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## Words of Institution (Spoken by Pastor)

### Music During Distribution:

LSB #621 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent"

LSB #710 "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"

## The Prayers of the Church

### The Lord's Prayer

### Benediction:

Pastor: May the God of hope fill you with joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit  
**All: Amen.**

## Closing Hymn: LSB #575 "My Hope is Built On Nothing Less"

## Ministry Moment: Men's Winter Refuge Meals

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## **9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services**

**Opening Song:** “Blessed Assurance (My King is Coming Soon)”

**Welcome, Opening Prayer and Invocation**

**Ministry Moment:** Men’s Winter Refuge Meals

**Children’s Message**

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**We Sing:** "Hope Now"

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**Gathering of Our First Fruits, Tithes and Offering**

***MERCYCare Sunday***

**Special Music:** "Winter Snow" The Haugens

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**Music During Distribution:**

“I Am Not Alone”

**Prayers of the Church**

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**Confession of Faith:** Nicene Creed

**Benediction:**

Pastor: May the God of hope fill you with joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit     **All: Amen.**

**Closing Song:** “Christ Has Conquered All”

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS!

## MERCYCare Offering Today



*SPECIAL OFFERING  
THIS SUNDAY FOR  
**MERCY CARE**  
Your opportunity to build up the  
Body of Christ through this  
ministry is offered on the 1st  
Sunday of every month!  
Matthew 25:35-40*

The Mercy Care Ministry at Our Savior Lutheran Church provides a unique opportunity for our congregation to show unto others a portion of the unending, faithful, steadfast love that our Heavenly Father first shows, as written in Lam 3:22-23 and Luke 6:36. The OSLC Board of Elders will prayerfully use these funds to assist

those who are facing or experiencing a crisis. Please consider giving mercifully and generously today. Checks can be made to Our Savior Lutheran Church. You can also designate "Mercy Care" on your giving envelope and place in the offering. Most importantly, please pray for this ministry and for those in immediate need. Thank you, sincerely!

## Angel Tree Gifts Due Next Sunday



It starts with a gift. It leads to lives and families transformed by Christ.

The Angel Tree is up! The outdoor manger scene is in place. Passersby have said it is the best Christmas message about Christmas. Plain and simple.

The **gifts are to be returned** (wrapped, with the angel tree on it) by Sunday, **Dec 8**. After the gifts are returned, they will be sorted and grouped by family and town. Then another team will do the delivery before Christmas.

Please keep these children, families, workers, shoppers and delivery people in prayer. These gifts bring the very special message of our Savior to young hearts and families and we are thankful for the opportunity to serve.

-Angel Tree Team

Questions: Call 720-0710 leave a message

## Parent's Day Out Saturday. Dec 7



You've heard of "Parent's Night Out"? We're taking it a step further! The OSLC youth, together with parents and the Youth Ministry Team, are hosting a **PARENT'S DAY OUT!!**

We will be providing childcare at OSLC from **9:00am until 8:00pm** on **Saturday, December 7**. Do your Christmas shopping, clean the house, bake all day, have lunch with a friend, or take a nap! We will care for the kids! The cost will be \$20 for the first child plus \$5 per sibling. This cost covers 4 hours! (\$10 additional per family per hour after 4 hours).

We have some exciting plans! We will be playing games, watching movies, decorating cookies, reading stories, making Christmas cards, singing Christmas carols and more! Stop by and see us in the Fellowship Hall for more information and to reserve your spot! Contact Joelle Schaan (701) 340-9548 if you want to volunteer or if you have any questions.

## Gift Wrapping Available



During our Parent's Day Out event on **December 7<sup>th</sup>**, we will also offer a gift-wrapping service! A free will donation will be taken that benefits the youth. Bring in your Angel Tree gifts or anything else you need wrapped! They may be picked back up on Saturday or Sunday morning, December 8<sup>th</sup>!

## Calendars & Birthday/Anniversary List



December calendars and Birthday/Anniversary lists are available in the Fellowship Hall.

## Viewing OSLC Services

OSLC services are available on Facebook. Not on Facebook? You can still view them through our website: [www.oslcnow.com](http://www.oslcnow.com) Go to the website and click on "Past Worship Services" and choose which service you'd like to watch.

## Advent Services

**Wednesday, Dec 4 7:00 p.m.** – DesLauriers Family

**Wednesday, Dec 11 7:00 p.m.** – Congregational Advent/Christmas Hymn-Sing

**Wednesday, Dec 18 7:00 p.m.** – elevenAM Praise Band Christmas Concert



### Wednesday Night Activities **TIME CHANGES**

during Advent (December 4th, 11th, & 18th)

Family Meal: 5:00-6:00PM

FROGS Youth Choir: 5:30-6:00PM

GLO, Confirmation, NUTS: 6:00-**6:55 PM**

Adult Choir: 6:00-**6:45PM**

Advent Worship Service: 7:00PM

## “We’ve Saved a Place for You” Christmas Potluck



Ladies! You are invited to join us for our Annual Ladies Christmas potluck **Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.** Share your favorite dish with us and feel free to bring a \$10 gift for the gift exchange. We will share some beautiful Nativity scenes with you. If you have one you’d like to share, let us know and we will “save a place” for it as well. Please, sign up today in the Fellowship Hall.

## Men’s Winter Refuge Christmas Meals



Last year our church family provided a week's worth of dinners for Minot's Men's Winter Refuge. This year we would like to expand it! We're asking for volunteers to bring in a hot meal for 10-15 men each night from **Dec. 16th through Dec. 25th**. All you do is make the meal, bring it to the shelter (1038 43<sup>rd</sup> St SE)

about 6:30pm, and set it up. You can stay and eat with the men if you wish. As God showed His mercy by sending His Son on Christmas Day, let's show some mercy for our neighbors during this special time. If you can help, please call Nick Dreyer, 701-720-2314.

## Children's Christmas Concert Details

Our Christmas Concert will be here before you know it! The program will be **Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 4pm**



### Rehearsals include:

Sunday mornings during Sunday School (9:30-10:45am)

Wednesday evenings during GLo (6:00-6:55pm)

Sunday, December 8th (9:30-Noon)

Saturday, December 14th including the Birthday Party for Jesus (10-11:30am)

Check out the Sunday School, GLo, and Nursery Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/OSLCSSandGLo/>) for more info.

## Christmas Caroling



Would you like to go Christmas Caroling with the choir? Just meet us at Our Savior Lutheran Church at **5:45 p.m. on Monday, December 16th** so we can carpool. We will be singing at several assisted living facilities and at Trinity Nursing Home. Come help spread Christmas cheer with

others!!! Bring a fun Christmas hat to wear, too, if you have one. All are welcome to join us!

## Christmas Eve Services



Christmas Eve Services will be held at OSLC **Tuesday, Dec 24 at 3:00 and 4:30 p.m.** Please join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

## KHRT Horn of Plenty



On **Wednesday, December 11**, we will be helping with KHRT Horn of Plenty food and toy packing! All students in grades 7-12 are invited to meet us at 3514 N Broadway (the former Club Store Outlet location behind ASK Fitness) from 5:30-8:00pm. Confirmation students are expected to be here (no class at OSLC).

On **Saturday, December 14**, we will begin distributing packages from 3:00-7:00. We will meet in the garage on the south end of the parking lot at 3:00pm. We will put together cold-packs for each family that include a Turkey, Potatoes, Onions, Butter, Milk, Eggs, and a ministry gift from KHRT. Members of our Youth Ministry Team, Board of Elders, and some parents will work together with students to deliver the non-perishable food items, toys, and cold packs to families in the community! Afterward, we will meet back at OSLC to have pizza and play some games before sending everyone home at 7:00pm.

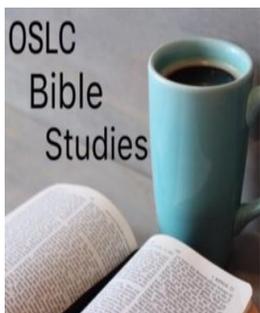
## Christmas Cards For Veterans



We are collecting Christmas cards for the Veterans at the American Legion in our area. If you want to donate cards, please leave them in the office. We have many folks that come to write, sort and package the cards for delivery in our area. We did 3,700 cards last year for the new enlisted and local veterans. We have folks that pick up the cards for the events planned for the veterans.

-Minot Volunteers for Veterans

## Bible Studies at OSLC



**Sundays 9:35 a.m** - Adult Study in Great Room

**Tuesdays 2:00 p.m.** - "Caring for One Another" Study Rm 106

**Wednesdays 9:30 a.m.** - Women's Bible Study

**Saturdays 8:00 a.m.** – Men's Bible Study at Homesteaders Restaurant

**Saturdays 9:00 a.m.** – Men's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall

## Week of Hope 2020 – Loveland, CO



Students entering 7th grade and up are welcome to join us on our 2020 summer mission trip to Loveland, Colorado! This trip is scheduled for July 10-17, 2020. Trifold information brochures and registration forms can be found on the bulletin board in the hallway by the kitchen. **Students interested in attending are asked to participate in the December 7th Parent's Day Out fundraiser!** For more information, please contact Joelle Schaan (701) 340-9548.



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OSLC Sunday School, Glo & Nursery:

[www.facebook.com/OSLCSsandGLO](http://www.facebook.com/OSLCSsandGLO)

Follow us on Twitter: @OSLCNOW

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## Give Electronically Today!

1. Text "oslcnow" to 77977 on your phone to receive a one-time reply containing a link to give to OSLC (1msg/request). Please be aware that Msg & Data rates may apply. For full Terms & Conditions please visit <https://pushpay.com/terms>. For the Privacy Policy please visit <https://pushpay.com/privacy>. For help: reply HELP or STOP to cancel
2. Use the OSLC App and give directly from your phone.

## Our Response to God's Love

<b>Our 2019 General Fund Budget</b>	<b>\$544,899.95</b>
Amount needed each week	\$10,478.85
Amount Needed by Nov 24, 2019	\$482,027.10
2019 Year to Date General Funds Received	\$398,677.14
General Funds Received Last Week	\$8,762.09
Worship Attendance Nov 24, 2019	372

**Loan Balance as of 11-1-2019 \$154,116.47**

## Please Remember in Prayer

### Our members & regular visitors facing health difficulties:

Wayne Bethke, Linda Burgard, Fay Clark, Devon Dahlien, Brittany Fink (granddaughter of Darald & Joyce Nielsen), Tori Francis (Daughter of Rhonda and Morey Francis), Cheryl Gessner, Lori Glein, Ethel Hauf (Tom Hauf's Mother), Gladys Hempler, Joyce Herdt, Don Just (brother of Marcella Ludwig), Shelly Khaldi (Daughter of Darald & Joyce Nielsen), Chanda Klug, Edith Lade, Linda Nielsen (Daughter-in-law of Darald & Joyce Nielsen), Sharon Palmer, Jim Potts, Gary Trueblood, Alex and Doris Steinwand (Pam Trueblood's parents), Arlen Vollmer (brother of Deb Jungling), and LaVern Yates (Ross Yates' Mother), Mavis Zahursky.

**Our Homebound:** Louie and Myrtle Bachmeier, Olive Boots, Dorothy Brandt, Wanda Brandt, Bev Dubbs, Bob Herzog, Cecelia Howe, Vail Jensen, Ray Mertz, Clara Schell, Jack Stack, John and Arlette Wood

## *Visitors*

Thank you for joining us, today. Please fill out the bright green attendance cards found in the pew backs to be collected during the song prior to the sermon.

Feel free to visit the visitors table in the Fellowship Hall and please introduce yourself to our worship leaders and others.

We were blessed to have you with us, today.

