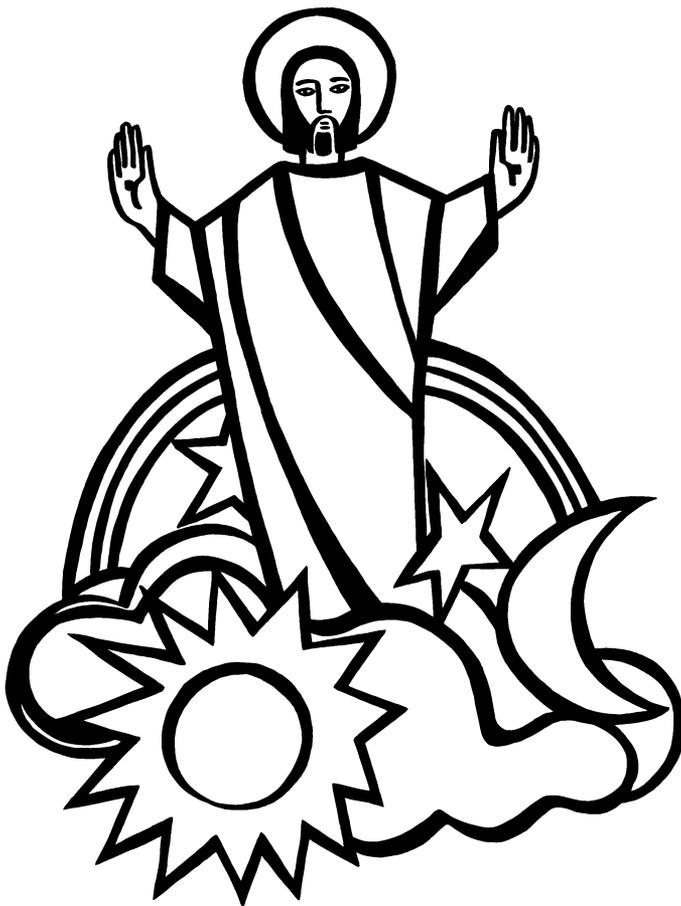


**Welcome To
Our Savior Lutheran Church**



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9:00 AM**

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WE GATHER IN CHRIST'S NAME

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH CANDLE

P: God of light, as we wait through the long winter nights for the birth of Christ, help us to keep watch. Help us to tend the tiny flame of hope. Make us alert until your gift of joy arrives. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God,

**C: to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

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: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

KYRIE

Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.

We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.

Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.

Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.

Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart.

Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray . . . Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.

C: By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S SAVING WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 64:1-9

This lament comes from a people who have had their hopes shattered. The visions of a rebuilt Jerusalem and a renewed people of God, spoken of in Isaiah 40–55, have not been realized. Instead, the people experience ruin, conflict, and famine. This lament calls God to account—to be the God who has brought deliverance in the past.

¹O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—²as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might

tremble at your presence! ³When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. ⁴From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. ⁵You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. ⁶We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. ⁷There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. ⁸Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

A: The Word of the Lord

C. Thanks be to God

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

²**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.**

³Restore us, O God; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

⁴**O LORD God of hosts, how long will your anger fume when your people pray?**

⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

⁶**You have made us the derision of our neighbors, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

¹⁷**Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one you have made so strong for yourself.**

¹⁸And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name.

¹⁹**Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.**

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

As the Christians in Corinth await the advent of Jesus, Paul reminds them how the Lord has already enriched them through spiritual gifts and will continue to strengthen them until the coming day of the Lord.

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

A: The Word of the Lord

C. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO St. Mark 13:24-37

Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus encourages his followers to look forward to the day when he returns in power and glory to end all suffering.

Jesus said: ²⁴“In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is

near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³²“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The End and The Beginning

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: God of power and might, tear open the heavens and come quickly to this weary world. Hear our prayers for everyone in need.

A brief silence.

A: We pray for the ministry we share in Christ's name. Open our hearts to your call for justice, peace, and healing. Attune us to the needs of the world as you draw near.
Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

A: We pray for this planet in need of restoration: for devastated habitats, polluted waters, thawing ice, blazing fires, swelling floods, and long-lasting droughts. Renew the face of the earth and our relationship to it.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

A: We pray for all people who care for others in our community and around the world. Fill them with compassion and the power to respond with justice for those who are oppressed, with welcome for those who are excluded, and with relief for those who suffer.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

A: We pray for people who are in crisis as the seasons change: for those without homes facing severe weather, for those who are unemployed or underemployed, and for those in poverty or facing food insecurity. Relieve their burdens, sustain their bodies, and ease their minds.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

A: We pray for the people in our families and congregation who live with depression, anxiety, chronic pain, addiction, and other invisible illnesses especially those name in our heart. Ease their suffering and support them when they struggle
Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

A: We give thanks for the lives and witness of those who died while waiting for justice, peace, or healing, those whose names we know and those whose names are known only to you. Sustain all who still yearn for the completion of your redeeming work. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

A: Draw near to us, O God, and receive our prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PEACE

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

C: **And also with you.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (Blessing of Bread & Wine)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray,

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord and risen Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Gracious and abundant God, you have done great things for us, and we rejoice. In this bread and cup you give us life forever. In your boundless mercy, strengthen us and open our hearts to the world's needs, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

WE ARE SENT OUT WITH JOY

BENEDICTION

P: The Creator of the stars bless your Advent waiting, the long-expected Savior fill you with love, the unexpected Spirit guide your journey, ✠ now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: Even as we watch and wait, Christ is here.
Come, eat and drink.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

This Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
2 Peter 3:8-15a
Mark 1:1-8

THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

TODAY – November 29

First Sunday of Advent

9:00 am Worship

MONDAY – November 30

5:00 pm Service & Mission Board Mtg

TUESDAY – December 1

8:30 am Men's Bible Study

SUNDAY – December 6

Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 am Worship

Live stream on Facebook only

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOOD MORNING! We are happy you have joined us today to praise, listen and be fed by Almighty God. Whoever you are and wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here! Holy Communion is celebrated at each worship service and we invite all believers to receive the sacrament with us. Children who commune at their home church are also welcome here; if your child does not commune please bring him/her to the table for a blessing. The ushers will direct you to the table. Please extend your hand if you desire to commune.

FOURTH QUARTER GIVING JUG will be focused on the Adopt-A-Family program sponsored and executed by the House of Compassion. Eligible families will receive a \$25 gift card at Walmart for a household supplies box. Food will be distributed by the Emergency Food Box. Gifts for children 17 and younger will be collected through Our Savior's Angel Tree. We are aware of the great need in our community and want to bring the Love of Christ to families in our area. Service & Mission

IN OUR PRAYERS TODAY

OSL MEMBERS

Pastor Mike – Covid

Allen Dale – recovering from surgery

Ken Lindblom – recovering from outpatient surgery

John Reardon – recovering from a fall

Hatti Groth – back issues

Vern Hunzelman – The Willows

Joe Gregor – health issues

Doreen Hasenwinkel – Bickford Assisted Living,
Marshalltown

Dale & Lois Wilson – health issues

Rick & Pat Smith – The Willows

Dave Luthro – Bickford Assisted Living, Ft Dodge

Floyd Harthun – health issues

Cathy Sease – health issues

Lola Breed – health issues

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Helen Lang – friend of Jamie & Mindy Hutcheson

John Slocum – stepson of Bev Slocum and
nephew of Charlene Barth

Linda Oltrogge – mother of Stacy Oltrogge

Aimee – granddaughter of Donna Patton

Kevin Sharp – son of Donna Sharp

Molly Berg – James Herschberger's cousin

Bob Lebib – friend of Bev Slocum

Aunt Clara & Uncle Bob – aunt & uncle of
Hap Kretzmann

Marshalltown Community – recovering from natural
disasters

Kirsten Martin – daughter of Joe & Felicia Duffy

Christy Schuler – friend of Donna Sharp

Brian Benjamin – friend of John Reardon

Tina Johnson – niece of Charlene Barth

