



GATHERING IN COMMUNITY  
GROWING IN OUR SAVIOR  
GOING OUT TO SHARE HIS LOVE

NOVEMBER 30, 2025  
10:00AM

**1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

"O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the Lord."  
Isaiah 2:5



**WELCOME!**

## Opening Song – Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

### Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** 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.

**P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

### Kyrie

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** Amen.

## Gloria in Excelsis

**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

**C** Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Worship Songs

### Sharing in the Peace

*(People may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).)*

## Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 2:1–5

<sup>1</sup>*The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.*

<sup>2</sup>*It shall come to pass in the latter days  
that the mountain of the house of the LORD  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be lifted up above the hills;  
and all the nations shall flow to it,*

<sup>3</sup>*and many peoples shall come, and say:  
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob,  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths."  
For out of Zion shall go the law,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.*

*<sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;  
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war anymore.*

*<sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD.*

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

Romans 13:8–14

*<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.*

*<sup>11</sup>Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup>The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup>Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy.*

*<sup>14</sup>But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.*

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 24:36–44

*<sup>36</sup>[Jesus said:] “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. <sup>37</sup>As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. <sup>42</sup>Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Apostles' Creed

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Sermon Hymn 348 The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns



- 1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phant breaks,
- 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,
- 3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose
- 4 Oh, bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall dawn up - on our race
- 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau - ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.  
But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.  
And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.  
The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face.  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo-ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

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## Sermon

Vicar Mark Chaffee

## Prayer of the Church

## Offering song "I love the Lord" (Psalm 116)

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **☩ Amen.**

### **The Words of Our Lord**

**☩ 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.”**

**☩ 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**

#### **Pax Domini**

**☩ The peace of the Lord be with you always.**

**☩ Amen.**

### **Distribution**

#### **Communion Hymns:**

The Advent of Our King, LSB 331

Savior of the Nations Come, LSB 332

What Child is This, LSB 370

### **Post-Communion Collect**

**☩ Let us pray.**

**☩ We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **☩ Amen.****

## Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace.

**C** Amen.

## Closing Hymn 343 Prepare the Royal Highway



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!

2 God's peo - ple, see Him com - ing: Your own e - ter - nal king!

3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom - ised king!

4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!

Palm branch-es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!

Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.

His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:

God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!

All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!

So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

*Refrain*



Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!

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## Dismissal

**P** Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Announcements



**Moving Forward with a High School:** Last Sunday's Voters Assembly affirmed the recommendation by Our Savior's School Board to expand Our Savior's Christian School by adding a high school beginning with 9th grade in September, 2026. Over 90% of the voters supported this recommendation. May God guide the administration, faculty, School Board, and the church as we implement this plan for expansion.

**Nominations** for Elders and members of the Church Council are now being received in preparation for elections at the end of January. Contact Brian Dollard if you have nominations for Elders and contact Heather Baird or Mark Stuart with names of nominees for Church Council - specifically for Secretary, Financial Officer and Member-at-Large.

**Christmas Gifts:** We are again partnering with Roessleville Elementary School in purchasing Christmas gifts for three families whose children attend that school. A list of requested gifts is on a table in the breezeway along with instructions. Please consider purchasing one or more of those gifts as a way of blessing some of the families in our neighborhood.

**The Monthly Midweek Service** will be held this coming Wednesday, December 3rd, beginning at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary. The worship service will be followed by a luncheon in the Fellowship Room. All are invited.

**Advent Vespers** will be held on the December 3, 10 and 17 beginning at 6:30 p.m. These brief worship services will include a meditation given by one of our Elders. There will also be an opportunity for food and fellowship at Advent Suppers held from 5:30-6:15 p.m in the Fellowship Room on those same Wednesdays. Come and bring food or drink to share.

**A Men's Breakfast** is scheduled for Saturday, December 6th, 8:30-10 a.m. in the Fellowship Room. Our guest speaker will be Pastor Jason Miliski who will share his testimony about how God called him out of a Jehovah Witness household to serve as a proclaimer of Jesus Christ. Jason and his family are currently living in our parsonage until they enter the mission field in Ecuador this coming summer. All Our Savior's men and their friends are invited to come for this time of good food, fellowship and spiritual growth. Sign up in the narthex or contact Tom Roemke (518/669-0790 or troemke115@gmail.com) if you plan on coming. There is no charge, but an offering will be taken.



**Christmas Caroling:** Dear Our Savior's family, I am organizing the Christmas caroling where we spread the love of Jesus to our homebound and elderly. On Saturday, December 13th, we will meet at church at 3:00 in the side room with the plan to leave for caroling by 3:30. We are in need of some Christmas baked goods for about 12 people. We will give some Christmas goodies to the people whom we will visit. We will gather back at church for dinner around 5:30 or later depending on the length of caroling. The meal which will be served will be soup, chili, cornbread, and some cookies for dessert. We will have hot apple cider, hot chocolate, or coffee and tea. If you are coming with us it would be very welcomed to bring some part of the meal. If you are able to help with a part of the meal please, let Betsy Kocsis know through email at [betsy.kocsis@gmail.com](mailto:betsy.kocsis@gmail.com) or leave a message at 518-869-9897. Please, consider this outreach as it blesses so many people. The nursing homes, thank the groups for coming to visit the people.

**Baked Goods:** We are also looking for some baked goods for our homebound to whom we will be caroling to on December 13th. They appreciate cookies, mini loaves of bread, and mandarin oranges. Please, drop off the goodies to the side room by noon on December 12th. If you can help pack the goodies that would be welcomed also. I will be making up the packages on December 12th around 3:00. All wrapping is purchased and ready for the packing. Thank you so much for spreading the love of Jesus to the people who are lonely and in need of Jesus' touch through our touch and care.

Yours in Christ Jesus, Betsy Kocsis

### **Christmas Poinsettias:**

Once again, we look forward to decorating the church at Christmastime with poinsettia plants! Purchasing poinsettias "in honor of" or "in memory of" loved ones is a beautiful way to express your love for family and friends! This year your poinsettias will decorate the altar on Sunday, Dec. 21st and following the service, plants may be taken home or delivered. However, you may also choose to leave it for the Christmas Eve service and take it with you afterwards.

**To place your red or white poinsettia plant order (Your cost is \$10.00 per 6" potted, foil wrapped pot) we offer 2 options:**

1. Please see Lori Dollard or Heide Lenge in the breezeway before or after service on Dec. 7th OR Dec. 14th
2. If you would rather order online, please scan here with your phone:



Cash accepted, otherwise *please write checks out to "Our Savior's Lutheran Church" with "poinsettia order" noted in the memo.* \*Please note - our supplier (Valoze's) suggests ordering as soon as we are able in order to ensure quantity and color choices. Therefore please make every effort to place your order no later than Sunday, the 14th.

Thank you for helping beautify our sanctuary as we celebrate and welcome Immanuel!

**Night To Shine**, a prom for people with disabilities, will be held at Our Savior's on February 13, 2026. This is a unique opportunity to let Jesus' love shine through us to our honored guests and their parent and caregivers. Our guest list is filled, but there is a need for volunteers, particularly for buddies to accompany the guests. Volunteers are also needed to help with decorations, set up and take down, making corsages and assisting in the respite room. You may register as a NTS volunteer through our church website ([oslalbany.org](http://oslalbany.org)).

**Prayer needs:**

**Healing:** Christine Baird, Barbara Bruso, Fred Dignon, Paul Gansle Kathy Hawley, Phyllis Lubiniecki, Barbara MacGowan, Jennifer Noble, Patty Marshall, Nora Schoonmaker, George Swint, Eric Unright, Al & Helen Walck, Joan & Walter Weis, Lori & Peter Whitehouse, Dave Wolcott, Tim Zuelsdorf.

**Homebound:** Inge Glidden

**Assisted Living:** Christine Baird, Hazel Gutkoska, Marga Hildenbrandt, Lois O'Brien

**Looking ahead to next week – the Second Sunday in Advent**

(7 December 2025)

Isaiah 11:1–10

Romans 15:4–13

Matthew 3:1–12

***By the Preaching of Repentance, We Are Prepared for the Coming of the Lord***

*"John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 'Repent'"* (Matt. 3:1–2). His preaching of repentance for the forgiveness of sins prepared people for the coming of Christ into the world. St. John's work was historically complete with the incarnate advent of Jesus, but his vital ministry continues in preaching Law and Gospel. The Son of God has come in the flesh, *"a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots"* (Is. 11:1), and continues to bear the fruits of righteousness. His good tree of the cross is *"a signal for the peoples"* (Is. 11:10), by which He calls the nations to repentance. *"With the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips"* (Is. 11:4), He slays the wicked and brings the dead to life, making sons of Abraham out of lifeless stones. So also the *"root of Jesse"* comes to us, *"even he who arises to rule the Gentiles"* (Rom. 15:12), that *"we might have hope"* and be filled *"with all joy and peace in believing"* (Rom. 15:4, 13).

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**Pastor Patrick Singh** is serving as part time vacancy pastor at Our Savior's, providing pastoral care and leadership in cooperation with Vicar Mark. You may contact Pastor Singh by email ([patrick204642003@yahoo.com](mailto:patrick204642003@yahoo.com) or by cell phone (917/254-2597) if you wish to talk or schedule a time to meet with him.

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