

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 21, 2025



OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP, SETTING 10 (PAGES 203-209)

*The liturgy is in the front of the ELW with numbers at the bottom of the pages.
The hymns begin in the middle of the ELW with numbers at the top of the pages.*

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fourth Sunday of Advent ~ Hope for Those Who Are Wounded ~

L: Advent is a time to bind up the broken hearted.

C: Come, Lord, and make all things new.

L: For past wrongs that prevent us from moving forward:

C: Come, Lord, and make all things new.

L: For any bitterness that scratches our soul:

C: Come, Lord, and make all things new.

L: For relationships left in decay and neglect:

C: Come, Lord, and make all things new.

L: For any action that has wounded us or by which we have wounded others:

C: Grant that we might have the peace of Christ as we wait, the love of Christ as we act, and the grace of Christ as we speak.

Candle Lighting

This morning, we light four candles. The **first candle** is the light of hope for those in times of waiting. The **second candle** is the light of hope for those who are wearied by the circumstances of life. The **third candle** is the light of hope for those eagerly watching for God's promised glory. The **fourth candle** is the light of hope for those who carry the wounds of life. Today we acknowledge our pain and the pain we have caused others. As the light shines, we turn to the Savior who came to rescue the lost, to help the hurting, and to bind up the broken.

ACCLAMATION: HYMN #715 (REFRAIN)

**♪ Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose home is heaven
and earth, whose salvation is sure.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

L: Long-expected God,

C: we confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security
only you can provide. We reach for swords and spears,
reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war. We become
impatient while waiting and weary of keeping awake.

**Free us from self-reliance, and teach us to live in harmony
with our neighbors. Increase our trust in God's timing, and
awaken us to your advent among us, that we may abound in
the hope you have promised.**

C: Amen.

L: God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God's own
righteousness. ☩ You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and
ready to welcome the Savior.

C: Amen.

HYMN #257 "O COME, O COME, EMMAUEL" V1-4

GREETING

L: 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 [PAGE 203]

♪ 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!

CANTICLE OF PRAISE [PAGE 204]

♪ Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. (*concluding...now and forever.*)

C: Amen.

READINGS

ISAIAH 7:10-16 | PSALM 80:1-7, 17-19 | ROMANS 1:1-7

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION [PAGE 205]

♪ 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.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 1:18-25

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 1st chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON –DOREEN HENNING

HYMN #259 “FLING WIDE THE DOOR”

CONFESSION OF FAITH: NICENE CREED

P: Living in the Hope of the Gift of Christ’s coming again, we confess our faith.

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

L: In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation.

(Each petition ends: P: God of grace, C: hear our prayer)

L: Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray. *(concluding...our Savior and Lord.)*

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

L: May God who comes among us, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to
share today and always.

C: Amen.

HYMN #257 “O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL” V5-8

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Keep awake.

C: Thanks be to God!

RINGING OF THE BELL

POSTLUDE

Those to keep in prayer: Lydia Szelag, Mallory Bousselot, Cathy
Goddard; the homebound: Carol Christensen, Delores Lahann, Myrna
Kay Peterson, Vera St. John, and Bus Seastrand; and those serving in
the military, Andrew Grau.

Leader: Doreen Henning

Organist: Jason Bousselot or Linda Whitman

Acolyte: Wyatt Easterday

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This Week At A Glance

Week beginning December 21, 2025

Wednesday,
December 24th

9:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
at Our Savior's

Thursday,
December 25th

9:00 am Christmas Day Worship at Faith

Friday,
December 26th

Church office closed

Sunday,
December 28th

8:00 am Worship at Faith
One Service Only

Monday,
December 29th – January 5th

Church Office Closed

Announcements

Special Collection of Warm Clothing

During the weeks of Advent and Christmas, the parish will be collecting winter wear. Please bring new (or very gently used) winter coats, hats, gloves and mittens to Faith and Our Savior's. The items will be given to the Carroll Assistance Center in Wheatland for distribution to those who need something warm to wear this winter.

House for Rent by Our Savior's

Do you know anyone looking for a house to rent? The house by Our Savior's will be available for rent soon. There is no smoking allowed and pets will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Any interested parties may contact a member of Our Savior's Council or Nicole in the church office.

Annual Reports due to office

Financial reports, budgets, and audit reports are due in the church office by Monday, January 12, 2026.

**Pastor Leah will preside at worship with communion on
Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Worship.**

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at Our Savior's at 9:00 pm.

Christmas Day Worship at Faith at 9:00 am

Sunday, December 28th One service at Faith at 8:00 am.
No Sunday School

Parental Leave Information

While Pastor Leah is on Parental Leave please contact the following Pastors. **Pastor Dennis Rodenberg** will cover all emergencies and funerals, if he is unavailable **Pastor Roberta** can be contacted as a back up to Pastor Dennis Rodenberg.

Pastor Dennis Rodenberg: Phone: 563-880-5345 or

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