

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 7, 2025



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SERVICE OF THE WORD

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

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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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

~ HOPE FOR THOSE WHO ARE WEARY ~

P: The Light shines in the darkness,

C: but the darkness has not overcome it.

P: During Advent our weary souls seek God's daily strength.

C: The Lord gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

P: We grow weary when fear overshadows faith.

C: The Lord gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

P: We grow weary when destructive actions erupt in the world around us.

C: The Lord gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

P: For all of us feeling weary this Advent season:

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

Today we light two candles. The **first candle** illuminates patience in the areas of our lives where God has called us to wait. The **second candle** extends the promise of strength to all who feel weary and weak in the shadows of this world. As we continue our Advent journey, may our hope be kindled as the light grows brighter.

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

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

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: 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.

P: 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 #239 "HARK, THE GLAD SOUND!"

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 [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 11:1-10 | PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19 | ROMANS 15:4-13

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 3:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 3rd chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON – PASTOR TRAVIS FISHER-KING

HYMN #249 “OH JORDAN’S BANK THE BAPTIST’S CRY”

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

P: 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)

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

C: Amen.

PEACE (PAGE 206)

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(Greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING (PAGE 206)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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P: It is indeed right...and join their unending hymn:

C: **♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

HOLY COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED TODAY

All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available.

**♪ O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.**

HYMN#256 "COMFORT, COMFORT NOW MY PEOPLE"

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN (HYMN #820)

♫ **O Savior, precious Savior,
whom yet unseen, we love;
O name of might and favor,
all other names above:
we worship thee; we bless thee,
to thee alone we sing;
we praise thee and confess thee,
our holy Lord and King.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray. (*concluding...*Jesus Christ our Lord.)

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: 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 #254 “COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS”

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Keep awake.

C: Thanks be to God!

RINGING OF THE BELL

POSTLUDE

Leader: Travis Fisher-King

Organist: Jason Bousselot or Linda Whitman

Acolyte: Wyatt Easterday

Communion Assistant: David Burke

Lector: David Burke; **Next Week:** Marcia Edens

Usher: Rachel Burke

Cleaner: Amy Glover

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

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December 7, 2025

Tuesday,
December 9th 12:00 pm “Meet and Eat” at Buck’s Corner

Wednesday,
December 10th

10:00 am	Naomi Circle at Marsha's Witte's home
5:45 pm	Christmas Program practice at Our Savior's
6:15 pm	Mid-Week Advent Meal at Our Savior's
6:30 pm	Worship Committee at Our Savior's
7:00 pm	Mid-week Advent Service at Our Savior's
7:30 pm	Bible Jam
7:30 pm	Joint Council meetings at Our Savior's

Sunday,
December 14th

9:30 am	Dress Rehearsal at Our Savior's
10:30 am	Children's Christmas Program at Our Savior's
	ONE SERVICE at Our Savior's

Announcements

Dewitt Community Hospital Auxiliary

You are invited to join the DeWitt Community Hospital Auxiliary at their December general meeting. It will be held on Tuesday, December 9th, at 10:00 am. in the Clinton County Satellite Office, in 226 11th St., DeWitt. The Chamber Singers will perform, and we will be sharing cookies with you!

Thank You Note - Carroll Assistance Center

Thank you all for the generous donations to our center. All the food, paper products and monetary gifts were really appreciated. We can't Thank You enough! They will be put to good use. May you all have a blessed Holiday Season. Sincerely, The staff at the CAC.

Announcements

Mid-Week Advent

Mid-Week Advent services will be held Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. A meal will be offered at 6:15 pm. Our Savior's will host the service on December 10th. Faith will host the service on December 17th.

Children's Christmas Program

The Children's Christmas Program will be at 10:30 am on Sunday, December 14th at Our Savior's. Two rehearsals are at 5:45 pm on Wednesday's December 3rd and December 10th. Dress rehearsal is on Saturday, December 13th at 9:30 am at Our Savior's. Final run through will be at 9:30 am on December 14th.

Ministry Volunteers

The Worship Committee is organizing the 2026 Ministry List for each congregation – Acolyte, Lector, Altar Minister, Communion Assistant, and Usher. Specific instructions for each of these roles are available. If you are willing to serve in any of these roles, please contact a member of the Worship Committee or inform Nicole in the parish office, 563-246-2622. Assistance will be given to anyone interested in learning these ministry tasks. Thank you to everyone who served in 2025.

2025 Worship Committee Members:

Our Savior's: Jason Bousselot*, Dan Burke*, Deb Detlefs*, and Linda Whitman.

Faith: Brittnay Hoffmann*, Andrea Shelton, Terri Bousselot*

*Denotes council member

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.

Announcements

God Squad Christmas Party

The God Squad Christmas Party will be held on Wednesday, December 17th at Our Savior's following Worship. Junior High and High School youth are invited to join in the holiday fun!

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. Pets are considered on a per case basis, and no smoking. If you know anyone looking, please contact a member of Our Savior's Council or Nicole in the church office.

Annual Reports due to office

All reports for **Faith** and **Our Savior's** Annual Reports are due in the church office by **Monday, December 15th**. These reports include: Pastor, Council Presidents, God Squad, Feeding the Children, Memorials and Gifts, Our Savior's Cemetery, and all Committees (Education, Outreach, Property & Management, and Worship). Financial reports, budgets, and audit reports are due in the church office by Monday, January 12, 2026.

Sunday, December 14th there will be **one** service at Our Savior's at 10:30 am. (Children's Christmas Program)

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

Christmas Day Worship at Faith at 9:00 am

Sunday, December 28th there will be **one** service at Faith at 8:00 am. There will be no Sunday School that morning.

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 email at pastorzion@netins.net

If he is unavailable by phone please contact Pastor Roberta Pierce.

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