OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Service Bulletin

First Sunday of Advent

November 29th, 2026

P: Pastor L: Liturgist **C: Congregation**

Prelude

GATHERING
Welcome/Land Acknowledgment/Affirming Statement

Lighting Advent Wreath
L: Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

The first Sunday of Advent is the Sunday of HOPE or EXPECTATION. When we hope for, or expect, an event we are waiting for it to happen. Today our HOPE and expectation is the coming of Jesus our Lord.

C: **Come Lord Jesus, come quickly.**

L: (Isaiah 9:2) The people who walk in darkness have seen a great light. They lived in a land of shadows, but now light is shining on them.

We expect Jesus' coming as a baby at Christmas. We welcome his coming into our hearts as our Lord. We wait for his coming as our God at the fulfillment of time.

Lighting the candle of HOPE.

We light the candle of HOPE, may its light reflect the HOPE we all have in Jesus who is the light and HOPE of the world.

C: Father, you awaken in us the desire for the coming of your Son, Jesus. We know that there are places in the world where the light of HOPE grows dim. Give us the courage to be proclaimers of HOPE to

all the world. This we ask in the name of Jesus, who is our HOPE. Amen.

Opening Hymn ~ **A Candle is Burning** (Sandra Dean/ James R. Murray © 1986)- tune 'Away in a Manger'.

1. A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright; a candle of hope in December's dark night. While angels sing blessings from heaven's starry sky, our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.

APOSTOLIC 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.

Hymn of Praise **–** ELW #242 ~ Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

PRAYER OF THE DAY
Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. 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.

WORD

First Reading – Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

[1]Hear, 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.
[3]Restore 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?
[5]You 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.
[7]Restore 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.
[18]And 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.

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel Acclamation – ELW pg. 142

Gospel – Mark 13:24-37

SERMON

Hymn of the Day ~ ELW #715 ~ Christ, Be Our Light

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PEACE
P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.

Offertory Prayer

The Lord's Prayer – ELW pg. 145

SENDING
Announcements

Blessing
P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
    The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
    The Lord look upon you with favour and + give you peace.
C: Amen.

Sending Hymn ~ ELW #244 ~ Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

DISMISSAL
L: Go in peace and Love. Serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Leading	Lauren Aldred
Lector	Rev. Peter Zimmer
Musician	Joan Beek

OSLC Calendar of Events:

Worship Services:

Nov. 29, 2026	**12:30 PM –** 1st Sunday of Advent worship service led by Lauren Aldred
Nov. 29, 2026	**2:00 -4:30 PM –** Making jam for Christmas hampers, all welcome.
Dec. 6, 2026	**10:00 AM – (note time change)** 2nd Sunday of Advent Rev. Wendy McRae to preside over Eucharist worship service with Grace Anglican and Our Saviour's Lutheran Churches.
Dec. 13, 2026	**12:30 PM –** 3rd Sunday of Advent, worship service led by Lauren Aldred
Dec. 20, 2026	**12:30 PM –** 4th Sunday of Advent, worship service led by Lauren Aldred.

Food Bank: Tuesdays, 10 AM – Noon, use back basement entrance.

Explore- Making Jam – **November 29, 2026 – 2:00 -4:30 PM** – Let's gather to make jam for the Christmas hampers. Everyone also takes home a jar. There will be tea, Bannock and gf Bannock. All welcome. Please use back basement entrance of church.

Christmas Hampers – We would like to provide hampers for our families in need again this year. We are grateful to accept cash donations and non-perishable items for the hampers. Volunteers are needed for the following activities.

- Sunday, Dec. 20th – 11:30 AM – light lunch while we decorate the hamper boxes
- Monday, Dec. 21st – 1:00 PM – filling the boxes
- Tuesday, Dec. 22nd – 10AM to Noon – boxes to be picked up.

Worship Service Change: Rev. Wendy McRae has been called to interim ministry with the local Anglican churches. Grace Anglican has graciously invited Our Saviour's Lutheran to collaborate with Holy Communion services on the First Sundays of the month with alternating Lutheran and Anglican liturgies during the 10AM worship service. Next service will be December 6, 2026 with a Lutheran liturgy.

Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR)- Give gifts that change lives this Christmas! CLWR's new Gifts from the Heart catalogue is full of meaningful, tangible gifts that will honour your loved ones and share God's love with the world! This special 80thanniversary edition highlights gifts that help refugees and displaced people, alongside favourite gifts like chickens, goats and clean water. Copies are available through the church, by emailing clwr@clwr.org or you can shop online at clwr.org/GFTH.

Grace Anglican warmly invites OSLC to attend the following upcoming events:

- **Sunday, December 20th- 1:30 PM - Soup Kitchen -** at St. Vincent de Paul

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Offering / Giving:

Thank you to those who so generously give of their time, talents and gifts. We provide several options for you to contribute. If you require a charitable tax receipt for your donation, please contact the church office at oslcospika@gmail.com or 250-617-9716 to provide your name, address and email in order to register with us, so we may issue a charitable tax receipt. Tax receipts are issued by February of each year for the previous year.
Giving may be made in the following ways:

- Electronic transfer to oslcdonation@gmail.com Please include message with the purpose of the donation (e.g. general offering, designated food bank, etc.). We require your contact details in order to issue a tax receipt.
- Cheque: Mailed or placed in offering plate during Sunday worship service. Please indicate if cheque is for a designated purpose.
- Cash: Please only provide cash during Sunday worship service. Place in envelope provided, with details in order to receive tax receipt.
- Online: Credit Card: OSLC website link: Canada Helps: Donate Now - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Prince George (canadahelps.org) **– Canada Helps will issue a tax receipt directly to you**

Thank you for making a difference in many people's lives through your ongoing financial support and participation in the mission of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.

READINGS FOR THE DAY

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FIRST READING – Isaiah 64:1-9

1 O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
2 as 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!
3 When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
4 From 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.
5 You 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.
6 We 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.
7 There 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.
8 Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
9 Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

L: Word of God, word of life.
C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

3 Grace to you and peace
from God our Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ.

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

L: Word of God, word of life.
C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING - Mark 13:24-37

C: Glory To You, O Lord

24 "In those days, after that
suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not
give its light,
25 and the stars will be
falling from heaven,
and the powers in the
heavens will be shaken.
26 Then they will see 'the Son
of Man coming in clouds'
with great power and
glory. 27 Then 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. 29 So also, when you
see these things taking
place, you know that he is
near, at the very
gates. 30 Truly I tell you, this

generation will not pass
away until all these things
have taken place. [31]Heaven
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. [33]Beware, keep
alert; for you do not know
when the time will
come. [34]It 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. [35]Therefore, 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, [36]or else he may find
you asleep when he comes
suddenly. [37]And what I say
to you I say to all: Keep
awake.

P: The gospel of the LORD.
C: Praise to you, O Christ