

# OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Service Bulletin

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### Third Sunday of Advent

December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

P: Pastor

L: Liturgist

C: Congregation

Prelude

### GATHERING

Welcome/Land Acknowledgment/Affirming Statement

Lighting Advent Candle

L: As we continue our Advent journey, a journey that takes us to the birth of Jesus, we light this third candle. As the days grow dimmer this light is a sign of hope. May your light guide us through our loneliness and isolation so that finally we can dance with joy like a flickering candle and celebrate the gift of your presence with us. Amen

Opening Song ~ #240 – Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah (Verses 1, 2, 3)

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

**C: Amen**

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

P: To you, O God,

**C: all hearts are open,  
to you all desires known.**

**We come to you,  
confessing our sins.**

**Forgive us in your mercy,  
and remember us in your love.**

**Show us your ways;  
teach us your paths;  
and lead us in justice and truth,  
for the sake of your goodness  
in Jesus Christ our Savior,  
Amen.**

P: By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of + Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.

**C: Amen.**

Opening Hymn ~ #242 - Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

WORD

**First Reading – Zephaniah 3: 14-20**

**Psalmody: Isaiah 12: 2-6**

<sup>2</sup>Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid,  
for the Lord GOD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

<sup>3</sup>**With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation.**

<sup>4</sup>And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name;  
make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted.

<sup>5</sup>**Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;  
let this be known in all the earth.**

<sup>6</sup>Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

**Second Reading – Philippians 4:4-7**

Gospel Acclamation – ELW pg. 188

**Gospel – Luke 3:7-18**

SERMON

Hymn of the Day ~ #244 - Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

APOSTLES' CREED – ELW pg. 105

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

## PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## MEAL

Offertory Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving – ELW pg. 190

Holy, Holy, Holy – ELW pg. 190

The Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God – ELW pg. 191

Communion

Prayer after Communion

## 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 ~ #248 – People, Look East

## DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace and Love. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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Presiding	Rev. Peter Zimmer
Lector	Angela Senff
Musician	Joan Beek
Communion Assistant	Louise Ewen

## OSLC Calendar of Events:

- Dec. 15th – 9:45AM – Holy Communion worship service– 3rd Sunday of Advent  
– 5:00-8:00 PM - 2SLGBTQIA+ Youth Group
- Dec. 17th – 1:00PM – Preparation of Christmas Hampers
- Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> – 9:45 AM- traditional worship services- 4th Sunday of Advent  
– 5:00-8:00 PM - 2SLGBTQIA+ Youth Group
- Dec. 24th – 6:00 PM – Christmas Eve – Carols and Candlelight worship service
- Dec. 29th – No in-person worship service-  
– 10:00AM – online worship service with Lutheran Church of the Cross in Victoria.
- Jan. 5, 2025 – No in-person worship service-  
– 10:00AM – online worship service with Lutheran Church of the Cross in Victoria.

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**Quilting Class**– Monday, **January 20, 2025 – 9AM-4PM** -Fellowship Hall– All sewers who are interested in quilting are welcome to attend this class to learn new techniques for quilting. If you are interested, please contact Debbie at 250-613-1824.

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**Christmas Hampers**– Hello Everyone,

If you would like to help with Christmas hampers this year or have questions about the Christmas hampers you can email me at [normewen@telus.net](mailto:normewen@telus.net). If you would like to contribute financially you can by electronic transfer to [oslcdonation@gmail.com](mailto:oslcdonation@gmail.com) (indicate it is for Christmas hampers).

- By cheque mailed in or brought to the church Sunday morning or Wed. 10:00-12:00.
- Cash brought Sunday morning or Wed. 10:00-12:00 (indicate it is for Christmas hamper and give your address, ect. for a tax receipt. Thanks for your support of this ministry, Louise

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**Youth Group** is in search of certain activity items. If you have the following and would like to donate, please let us know!

- 1 pair of women's size 9 warm winter boots
  - Mittens/gloves, scarves and hats
  - 2 pairs of women's size 9 figure skates
  - 1 pair of women's size 10 figure skates
  - 1 pair of women's size 11 figure skates, or men's size 9 figure skates
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**Eternity for Today Writers' Group**– Would you like to encourage others through the scriptures? Do you enjoy theological study and discussion? We've been asked to write a week's worth of short reflections for Eternity for Today by mid-April. If you're interested in this, talk to Lauren or email [oslcospika@gmail.com](mailto:oslcospika@gmail.com) by January 15.

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**Searching for**– We are in need of a 12-15ft outdoor extension cord. If you have one you would like to donate, please let us know.

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### **Food Bank Appeal**–

December 10, 2024

Thank you so much to all those who have faithfully supported our Food Bank over many years. As you know, we are no longer receiving grant money to fund the Food Bank but are 100% reliant on our generous donors. Given the rise in inflation, the need for the food bank has increased for families as well as the price at the grocery store when we replenish our stock. As of November 30, 2024, we have \$2,636 remaining in our designated Food Bank fund which will help to fund Christmas hampers. However, without additional designated funds, we may need to close or alter our services moving into 2025. If you are interested in supporting the Food Bank, please consider a donation designated to the Food Bank through a cheque or e-transfer at [oslcdonation@gmail.com](mailto:oslcdonation@gmail.com).

With gratitude,

Joan Beek, Treasurer

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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](mailto:oslcospika@gmail.com) or 250-564-4336 to provide your name, address and email in order to register with us, so we may issue a charitable tax receipt and an envelope number. 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](mailto:oslcdonation@gmail.com) Please provide your envelope number and the purpose of the donation (e.g. general offering, etc.). We require your contact details in order to issue a tax receipt.
- Cheque: Mailed or placed in church mailbox or donated during Sunday worship service. Please provide: envelope number, if you have one; purpose of donation.
- Cash: Please only provide cash during Sunday morning worship service or during office hours. Place in envelope with details in order to receive tax receipt.
- OSLC website: Canada Helps: [Donate Now - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Prince George \(canadahelps.org\)](https://canadahelps.org) – **Canada Helps will issue a tax receipt directly to you**

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## READINGS FOR THE DAY

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### **FIRST READING – Zephaniah 3:14-20**

<sup>14</sup> Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!  
Rejoice and exult with all your  
heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!  
<sup>15</sup> The Lord has taken away the  
judgments against you,  
he has turned away your  
enemies.  
The king of Israel, the Lord, is in  
your midst;  
you shall fear disaster no  
more.  
<sup>16</sup> On that day it shall be said to  
Jerusalem:  
Do not fear, O Zion;  
do not let your hands grow  
weak.  
<sup>17</sup> The Lord, your God, is in your  
midst,  
a warrior who gives victory;  
he will rejoice over you with  
gladness,  
he will renew you in his love;  
he will exult over you with loud  
singing  
<sup>18</sup> as on a day of festival.  
I will remove disaster from you,  
so that you will not bear  
reproach for it.  
<sup>19</sup> I will deal with all your  
oppressors  
at that time.  
And I will save the lame  
and gather the outcast,  
and I will change their shame

into praise  
and renown in all the earth.  
<sup>20</sup> At that time I will bring you  
home,  
at the time when I gather you;  
for I will make you renowned  
and praised  
among all the peoples of the  
earth,  
when I restore your fortunes  
before your eyes, says  
the Lord.

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

### **SECOND READING – Philippians 4:4-7**

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always;  
again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let  
your gentleness be known to  
everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do  
not worry about anything, but in  
everything by prayer and  
supplication with thanksgiving  
let your requests be made  
known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace  
of God, which surpasses all  
understanding, will guard your  
hearts and your minds in Christ  
Jesus.

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

## **GOSPEL READING - Luke 3:7-18**

### **C: Glory To You, O Lord**

<sup>7</sup> John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup> Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>9</sup> Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

<sup>10</sup> And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" <sup>11</sup> In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." <sup>12</sup> Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" <sup>13</sup> He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." <sup>14</sup> Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

<sup>15</sup> As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup> John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

<sup>18</sup> So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

P: The gospel of the LORD.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**