

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Service Bulletin

Second Sunday of Advent

December 8th, 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 second 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)

1. Light one candle to watch for Messiah:

let the light banish darkness.

He shall bring salvation to Israel,

God fulfills the promise.

2. Light two candles to watch for Messiah:

let the light banish darkness.

He shall feed the flock like a shepherd,

gently lead them homeward.

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 our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; 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 – Malachi 3:1-4

Psalm: Luke 1:68-79

⁶⁸ Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel,
you have come to your people and set them free.

⁶⁹ **You have raised up for us a mighty Savior,
born of the house of your servant David.**

⁷⁰ Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from our enemies,
⁷¹ from the hands of all who hate us,

⁷² **to show mercy to our forebears,
and to remember your holy covenant.**

⁷³ This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:

⁷⁴ to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
**free to worship you without fear,
⁷⁵ holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.**

⁷⁶ And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

⁷⁷ **to give God's people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.**

⁷⁸ In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

⁷⁹ **to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

Second Reading – Philippians 1:3-11

Gospel Acclamation – *Alleluia*. Prepare the way of the Lord. All flesh shall see the salvation of God. *Alleluia*. (Luke 3:4, 6)

Gospel – Luke 3:1-6

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED – ELW pg. 105

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offertory Prayer

Lord's Prayer – ELW pg. 112

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.

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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OSLC Calendar of Events:

Dec. 8th – 9:45 AM – Traditional worship service – 2nd Sunday of Advent
– 5:00-8:00 PM – 2SLGBTQIA+ Youth Group

Dec. 15th – 9:45AM – Worship of Holy Communion – 3rd Sunday of Advent
– 5:00-8:00 PM – 2SLGBTQIA+ Youth Group

Dec. 17th – 1:00PM – Preparation of Christmas Hampers

Dec. 22nd – 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 Candelight worship service

Dec. 29th – No in-person worship service-
10:00AM – Online worship service with Lutheran Church of the Cross in Victoria

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.

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. If you would like to contribute financially you can by electronic transfer to 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

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

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 by January 15.

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.

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 250-564-4336 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 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 – Malachi 3:1-4

¹See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

L: Word of God, word of life

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING – Philippians 1:3-11

³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus

Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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GOSPEL READING - Luke 3:1-6

C: Glory To You, O Lord

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan,

proclaiming a baptism of
repentance for the forgiveness of
sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of
the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in
the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill
shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made
straight,

and the rough ways made
smooth;

⁶and all flesh shall see the
salvation of God.’”

P: The gospel of the LORD.

C: Praise to you, O Christ