

# OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Service Bulletin

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### Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21<sup>th</sup>, 2025

P: Pastor

L: Liturgist

C: Congregation

Prelude

### GATHERING

Welcome/Land Acknowledgment/Affirming Statement

### LIGHTING ADVENT WREATH

L: As we continue our Advent journey, a journey that takes us to the birth of Jesus, we light this fourth 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

Lighting Advent Wreath ~ ELW #240 ~ Light One Candle to Watch for  
Messiah (Verse 1, 2, 3, 4)

Lighting of the Candle

Opening Song ~ ELW #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.**

Hymn of Praise ~ ELW #264 ~ Prepare the Royal Highway

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**C: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## WORD

### First Reading – Isaiah 7:10-16

#### **Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19**

- <sup>1</sup> Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- <sup>2</sup> **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,  
stir up your strength and come to help us.**
- <sup>3</sup> Restore us, O God;  
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
- <sup>4</sup> **O Lord God of hosts,  
how long will your anger fume when your people pray?**
- <sup>5</sup> You have fed them with the bread of tears;  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- <sup>6</sup> **You have made us the derision of our neighbors,  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**
- <sup>7</sup> Restore us, O God of hosts;  
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
- <sup>17</sup> **Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,  
the one you have made so strong for yourself.**
- <sup>18</sup> And so will we never turn away from you;  
give us life, that we may call upon your name.
- <sup>19</sup> **Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;  
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.**

### Second Reading – Romans 1:1-7

*(All who are able, please rise.)*

Gospel Acclamation – Emmanuel (Isaiah 7:14) (sung 3x)

Emmanuel, emmanuel,

His name is called

Emmanuel.

God is with us,

Reveal'd in us,

His name is called

Emmanuel.

## **Gospel – Matthew 1:18-25**

SERMON

*(All who are able, please rise.)*

Hymn of the Day ~ Mary, Did You Know?

APOSTLES' CREED – ELW pg.105

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Prayer Response ~ ELW #262 ~ Wait for the Lord

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

Offertory Prayer

The 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.**

Sending Song ~ ELW #723 ~ Canticle of the Turning

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace and love. Keep awake.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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Worship Leader	Robin Dielissen
Lector	Eric Elle
Musician	Joan Beek

## OSLC Calendar of Events:

### Worship Services

**December 21, 2025, 12:30 PM** – Fourth Sunday of Advent worship service; Robin Dielissen will lead worship.

**December 24, 2025, 7:00 PM** – Christmas Eve Candlelight service with bluegrass band musicians. Lauren Aldred will lead worship.

**December 28, 2025** – OSLC will not have a worship service this Sunday. All are invited to join in worship with Grace Anglican at 8 AM or 10 AM, for a service of Holy Eucharist. For those wishing to worship on-line, please join with Lutheran Church of the Cross (Victoria) at 10 AM for their live-stream service of Communion [www.lutheranvictoria.ca/live](http://www.lutheranvictoria.ca/live)

**January 4, 2026, 12:30** – Second Sunday of Christmas worship service; Lauren Aldred will lead worship.

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**Youth Group:** Sundays, 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM - 2SLGBTQIA+ and Allies Youth Group for ages 15-29 at 2640 Goheen Street, use back basement entrance.

**Food Bank:** Tuesdays, 10AM- Noon, use back basement entrance. Closed December 30th.

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**Dec. 21, 2025, 1:30 PM** – Decorate Christmas hamper boxes- all volunteers welcome to assist with all Christmas hamper activities.

**Dec. 22, 2025, 10 AM** – Organize Christmas hampers

**Dec. 23, 2025, 10 AM-Noon** – Christmas hampers picked up

**Greeters** – Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Starting in January, we are looking for volunteers to arrive before the service to greet visitors.

## **Offering / Giving:**

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- OSLC website: Canada Helps: [Donate Now - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Prince George \(canadahelps.org\)](https://canadahelps.org/en/donate-now-our-saviour-s-lutheran-church-in-prince-george/) – **Canada Helps will issue a tax receipt directly to you.**

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## **READINGS FOR THE DAY**

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### **FIRST READING – Isaiah 7:10-16**

<sup>10</sup>The Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, <sup>11</sup>"Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." <sup>12</sup>But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test." <sup>13</sup>Then Isaiah said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup>Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel. <sup>15</sup>He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. <sup>16</sup>For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **SECOND READING – Romans 1:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, <sup>2</sup>which he promised beforehand through his

prophets in the holy scriptures, <sup>3</sup>the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup>and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, <sup>5</sup>through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the gentiles for the sake of his name, <sup>6</sup>including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

<sup>7</sup>To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

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

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL READING – Matthew 1:18-25**

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

<sup>18</sup>Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to

expose her to public disgrace,  
planned to divorce her  
quietly. <sup>20</sup> But just when he had  
resolved to do this, an angel of the  
Lord appeared to him in a dream  
and said, "Joseph, son of David, do  
not be afraid to take Mary as your  
wife, for the child conceived in her  
is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will  
bear a son, and you are to name  
him Jesus, for he will save his  
people from their sins." <sup>22</sup> All this  
took place to fulfill what had been  
spoken by the Lord through the  
prophet:

<sup>23</sup> "Look, the virgin shall become  
pregnant and give birth to a son,  
and they shall name him  
Emmanuel,"  
which means, "God is with  
us." <sup>24</sup> When Joseph awoke from  
sleep, he did as the angel of the  
Lord commanded him; he took her  
as his wife <sup>25</sup> but had no marital  
relations with her until she had  
given birth to a son, and he named  
him Jesus.

P: The gospel of the LORD.

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