

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Service Bulletin

First Sunday of Advent

December 1st, 2024

P: Pastor

L: Liturgist

C: Congregation

Prelude

GATHERING

Welcome/Land Acknowledgment/Affirming Statement

Lighting Advent Wreath

L: As we begin our Advent journey, a journey that takes us to the birth of Jesus, we light this first 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 Hymn ~ Worship # 240 ~ Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

Light one candle to watch for Messiah:

let the light banish darkness.

He shall bring salvation to Israel,

God fulfills the promise.

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 your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading – Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Psalm 25: 1-10

- ¹ To you, O Lord,
I lift up my soul.
- ² **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**
- ³ Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.
- ⁴ **Show me your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.**
- ⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- ⁶ **Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**
- ⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness,
O Lord.
- ⁸ **You are gracious and upright, O Lord;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**
- ⁹ You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.
- ¹⁰ **All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

Second Reading – 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Gospel Acclamation – *Alleluia*. Stand up and raise your heads— your redemption is drawing near. *Alleluia*. (Luke 21:28)

Gospel – Luke 21: 25-36

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. 1st -9:45 AM – Traditional worship service – 1st Sunday of Advent
-11:30 AM – Congregational Meeting
-5:00-8:00 PM – 2SLGBTQIA+ Youth Group

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

Dec. 15th -9:45 AM – 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 service – 4th Sunday of Advent

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.

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.

Loose Threadz– Every Tuesday from 9:30AM-3:00PM, ladies from the church and community are invited to meet in the church Fellowship Hall to sew together. Bring your own sewing machine and project. This group often donates quilts to many worthy local causes. If you are interested, please contact Debbie at 250-613-1824 for more details.

Quilting Class– Monday, January 20, 2025 – 9:00 AM-4:00 PM – 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 Eve – 6:00PM– We invite all to join us on Dec. 24th for a candelight and carols worship service starting at 6:00PM.

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

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

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 \(canadahelps.org\)](http://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 – Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

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

SECOND READING – 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming

of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

GOSPEL READING - Luke 21:25-36

C: Glory To You, O Lord

[Jesus said:] ²⁵"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

²⁹Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass

away.

³⁴“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

P: The gospel of the LORD.

C: Praise to you, O Christ