



FIRST SUNDAY
OF
Advent

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DECEMBER 3, 2023 AT 8:00 AM**

**OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
*LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD***

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Worship Service: Sundays at **8:00 a.m.**



WELCOME TO ALL guests and visitors. It is great to have you here with us to receive the gifts of God in this place. If you have any questions, please speak with an usher. We look forward to seeing you again!

COMMUNION: The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is being offered to our confirmed communicants today and is administered in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. It is celebrated in the confidence that we truly receive, under the bread and wine, the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, through which we further truly receive the forgiveness of sins. Besides individually receiving Christ's gift of forgiveness in this Sacrament, all those who commune here make a confession of their unity in the faith as it is believed and taught in our Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and in this congregation. Therefore, if you are not a confirmed communicant member, in good standing, of a Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod congregation, we kindly ask that you respect our beliefs and refrain from coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament until you have had an opportunity to speak with the Pastor.

Those serving in December

Pastor: Rev. Joel Picard
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Elder: Jary Boger
Media: Deanna Ihde
Altar Guild: Julie Dlouhy
Piano: Ophie Hart
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SERVICE OF THE WORD

ENTRANCE HYMN

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Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

📖 This is the Word of the Lord.

👉 **Thanks be to God**

EPISTLE READING

📖 This is the Word of the Lord.

👉 **Thanks be to God**

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HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 11:1-10*

📖 The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eleventh chapter.

👉 **Glory to You, O Lord.**

When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’” And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. And some of those

standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN

Savior of the Nations, Come**LSB 332, vv. 1-7**

SERMON by Pastor Picard

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CLOSING HYMN

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Blessings and safe travel for Pastor Picard, as he leaves during the closing hymn to meet his Knoxville congregation for their 9:30a worship service.

OSL Education Opportunities:

- Sunday School: Sundays @ 9:30-10:30am, leaders – Chris & Jerry Roby
- Adult Bible Class: Sundays @ 9:30-10:30am, leader – Doug DeJong, et al
- Wednesday Bible Study: 1-2:30pm, leader – Pastor Picard
- OSL West (3rd Thurs of the month): 10:15-11am, leader – Pastor Brandt



Happy Anniversary to:
12/3 Randy & Mary Ervin
12/8 Don & Sharon Pritchard



Happy Birthday to:
12/5 Dianne Breckenridge
12/8 Loretta Tool

This Week at Our Savior

Day	Date	Time	Description
Sunday	3	8:00a 9:00a 9:30a	Worship Service Fellowship Bible Study & Sunday School
Monday	4		
Tuesday	5		
Wednesday	6	1:00p 7:00p	Bible Study w/ Pastor Picard Midweek Advent Service
Thursday	7		
Friday	8		
Saturday	9		
Sunday	10	8:00a 9:00a 9:30a 3:00p	Worship Service Fellowship Bible Study & Sunday School Caroling, followed by Chili Supper

Holiday Schedule

Midweek Advent Services: 12/6, 12/13 and 12/20 at 7p

Caroling: 12/10 at 3p, Chili Supper to follow.

Christmas Eve: Divine Service at 9a w/Children's Program

New Years Eve: Divine Service 8a

WHICH ADVENT HYMNS DO YOU WANT TO SING?

ADVENT HYMNS IS OUR MIDWEEK THEME FOR 2023

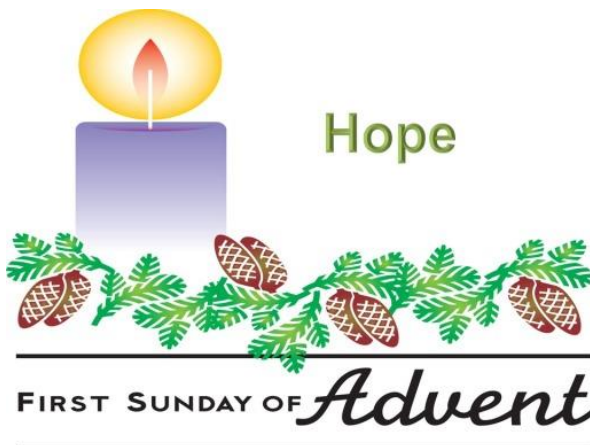
Advent is a rather short season, just 22 days in 2023. LSB lists 36 hymns for a 22-day church year season. Picking out the “right” hymns from such a long list is a challenge. Adding to the challenge is that I, as a guest pastor, don’t know which ones are familiar and favorites.

A listing of all 36 hymns will be made available in the entryway next to the kitchen. Should you wish to have input, mark up a blue ballot and place it in the box. Please jot down the numbers of about 5 Advent hymns that are well known at Our Savior. You may also indicate which hymns are unknown. Finally, if you wish to mark a favorite or favorites AND WHY it is one of your favorites this would be appreciated. Thank you for your input!!!

******Pastor Brandt*



LWML NEWS: Please join us Monday, December 18 at 4p for a Christmas Celebration. No business meeting is planned, just fun and games. Everyone is asked to bring a snack to share. Hope to see you then! *Gail Hartz*



Remember in your prayers.....

- ✝ Perry Jones, friend of Loretta Tool, recovering from a heart attack and double-bypass surgery at Mercy One Medical Center in Des Moines.
- ✝ Melanie True, daughter of Dianne Breckenridge recovering at Mercy One, Clive, Rehabilitation Hospital, after severely breaking her leg in a fall at home.
- ✝ Doc (Tom) Jessen, who is recovering from a fall, at Park Centre in Room #50, in Skilled Nursing
- ✝ Robert Bringolf, son of Bob and JoAnn, for healing and strength
- ✝ Doug and Joann Ringger, after the passing of Doug's brother, Bob Ringger
- ✝ Maxine Udelhoven, who is recovering at home from her recent hospitalization at Mercy One West Lakes in West Des Moines
- ✝ Jane Chaplin (Texas), Loretta Tool's sister, suffering with Parkinson's Disease and onset of Dementia.
- ✝ Marilyn Mertz, recovering at home after being hospitalized at Mercy West Lakes, WDM, for heart-related issues
- ✝ Nancy Janssen, continuing her recovery from foot surgery at home
- ✝ Stephanie Wellik, medical concerns
- ✝ Jan Vos & wife, Machele, son-in-law of Carol Twedt, recovering at home (stroke)
- ✝ Jeromy Van Baale, son of Carol Twedt, for heart and lung issues
- ✝ The Ministry of The Pregnancy Center of Central Iowa
- ✝ The suffering of those impacted and all people who continue to be impacted by the devastation of the Hamas-Israel War

Our Missionaries

James and Angela Sharp, Uruguay

Carl & Chen Hsi Li Hanson, Korea.

Phillip Magness, West & Central Africa

Rev. Philip & Deaconess Rachel Jaseph, Uruguay



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Please let Marsha know if you have an addition
or update to the Prayers for the congregation.