



THIRD SUNDAY
OF
Advent

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DECEMBER 17, 2023 AT 8:00 AM**

**OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
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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
Usher(s): Michael Weddell
Elder: Jary Boger
Media: Deanna Ihde
Altar Guild: Julie Dlouhy
Piano: Ophie Hart
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SERVICE OF THE WORD

ENTRANCE HYMN

O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide **LSB 355, vv. 1, 6-7**

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Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

[P] This is the Word of the Lord.

[C] **Thanks be to God**

EPISTLE READING

[P] This is the Word of the Lord.

[C] **Thanks be to God**

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HOLY GOSPEL *John 1:6-8, 19-28*

[P] The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

[C] **Glory to You, O Lord.**

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

...

This is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” And they asked him, “What

then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.” So they said to him, “Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.”

(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) They asked him, “Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” John answered them, “I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.” These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN

Let the Earth Now Praise the LordLSB 352

SERMON by Pastor Picard

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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:
12/19 Ron & Julie Dlouhy



Happy Birthday to:
12/18 Dorothy Sanders

<i>This Week at Our Savior</i>			
Day	Date	Time	Description
Sunday	17	8:00a	Worship Service
		9:00a	Fellowship
		9:30a	Bible Study & Sunday School
Monday	18	4:00p	LWML Christmas Celebration
Tuesday	19	6:30p	Council Meeting
Wednesday	20	Cancelled 7:00p	No Bible Study w/ Pastor Picard Midweek Advent Service (Pr. Brandt)
Thursday	21	10:15a	OSL West Bible Study (Pr. Brandt)
Friday	22		
Saturday	23		
Sunday	24	9:00a	Christmas Eve Service and Children's Program Fellowship

Holiday Schedule

Christmas Eve: Divine Service at 9a w/Children's Program
New Years Eve: Divine Service 8a



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*



2024 ---- Volunteers

Need January Volunteers ASAP!

The new lists are on the office door ready for *Volunteers* for the upcoming year. If you specified a task and month on your stewardship form it has been filled in for you. We will begin to fill in the blanks the first week in January so if you have some preferences, please add your name. If you can help in January, please be sure to let the office know.



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Remember in your prayers.....

- ✝ The families of Perry Jones and Loretta Tool, for peace and comfort after the death of Perry on Dec. 6
- ✝ Melanie True, daughter of Dianne Breckenridge recovering at Mercy One, Clive, Rehabilitation Hospital, after severely breaking her leg in a fall at home.
- ✝ Maxine Udelhoven, for continuing health concerns
- ✝ Jane Chaplin (Texas), Loretta Tool's sister, suffering with Parkinson's Disease and onset of Dementia.
- ✝ Marilyn Mertz, for continuing health concerns
- ✝ Nancy Janssen, for her continuing recovery at home from foot surgery
- ✝ 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.