



Start your New Year with Jesus

**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER 31, 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
Usher(s): Michael Weddell
Elder: Jary Boger
Media: Deanna Ihde
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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 *Luke 2:22-40*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.

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

When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or

two young pigeons.” Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation
that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel.”

And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Stand

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SERMON HYMN

Have No Fear, Little Flock **LSB 735**

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 Birthday

1/2 JoAnn Bringolf & Jim Krizman

1/3 Marsha Berndt

1/6 Lincoln Pratt

1/7 Ula Dow & Tamie Schiller



**Sunday, January
14 at 1:30 pm**

This Week at Our Savior

Day	Date	Time	Description
Sunday	31	8:00a 9:00a 9:30a	Worship Service Fellowship Bible Study & Sunday School
Monday	1		Happy New Year!
Tuesday	2		
Wednesday	3	1:00-2:30p	Bible Study w/ Pastor Picard
Thursday	4	9:00a	Care and Share Meeting
Friday	5		
Saturday	6		
Sunday	7	8:00a 9:00a 9:30a	Worship Service Fellowship Bible Study & Sunday School



2024 ---- Volunteers

The new lists are on the office door ready for "Volunteer *Sign ups*" 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.



Remember in your prayers.....

- ✝ Maxine Udelhoven, in hospice care
- ✝ 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 is continuing her recuperation at home (post leg fracture)
- ✝ 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.