

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus.....LSB 338

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 35:1–10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;
the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;
it shall blossom abundantly
and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.
Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who have an anxious heart,
“Be strong; fear not!
Behold, your God
will come with vengeance,
with the recompense of God.
He will come and save you.”
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.
For waters break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;

in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
And a highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Way of Holiness;
the unclean shall not pass over it.
It shall belong to those who walk on the way;
even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.
No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
And the ransomed of the LORD shall return
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain gladness and joy,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

GRADUAL

P. Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.

C **Behold, your king is coming to you;**

righteous and having salvation.

L Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

From the house of the Lord we bless you.

EPISTLE READING

James 5:7–11

Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

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HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 11:2–15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way before you.”

Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

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OSL Education Opportunities:

Adult Bible Class: Sundays @ 10:30-11:30am, leader – *Pastor Manz* Currently studying the book of Amos.

Wednesday Bible Study: 1-2:30pm, leader – *Pastor Manz*

OSL West (3rd Thurs of the month): 10:15-11am, leader – *Pastor Manz*



THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

14 December 2025

Isaiah 35:1–10

James 5:7–11

Matthew 11:2–15

The Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ Brings True Rejoicing, Even Under the Cross

Sometimes life requires the astonishing patience of Job. Like him, we are to rejoice in the midst of affliction, be grounded in repentance under the cross of Christ, and hope relentlessly in His resurrection, that we might see *“the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful”* (James 5:11). In the promise of the Gospel, therefore, *“be patient”* and *“establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand”* (James 5:7, 8). Like St. John the Baptist, whatever your own kind of prison or suffering may be, call upon Jesus and receive the strength of His Word from those He sends to you. For as *“the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up,”* so is the Good News of Jesus preached to you also (Matt. 11:5). He comes and restores the fortunes of Zion, His Holy Church, so that *“sorrow and sighing shall flee away”* (Is. 35:10).

We are needing someone to do Fellowship on December 28. If you would be able to volunteer for this, please let Mickey know in the church office at 792-1084.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:
December 18 – Dorothy Sanders
December 19 – Al Schulz



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:
December 19 – Ron & Julie Dlouhy



Acolyte for December:
December – Makenna Dunkerson

UPCOMING DATES OF INTEREST

- December 14 @ 3:00p Christmas Caroling and chili
o supper
- December 17 @ 1:00p Bible Study
 - @ 7:00p Mid-Week Advent Service
 - @ 7:30p Confirmation Class
- December 18 @ 10:15a OSL West
- December 24 @ 4:00p The Nativity of Our Lord
– Christmas Eve Service

December 25- January 2 Pastor on Vacation

December 25 and January 1 – Church Office Closed

This Week at Our Savior

Day	Date	Time	Description
Sunday	14	9:00a 10:00a 10:30a 3:00p	Worship Service Fellowship Bible Study & Sunday School Acolyte – Mckenna Dunkerson Caroling and chili supper
Monday	15		
Tuesday	16		
Wednesday	17	1:00p 7:00p 7:30p-8:30p	Bible Study w/Pastor Manz Mid-Week Service Confirmation
Thursday	18	10:15a	OSL West
Friday	19		
Saturday	20		
Sunday	21	9:00a 10:00a 10:30a	Worship Service Fellowship Bible Study & Sunday School Acolyte – Makenna Dunkerson

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