



**HOLY INNOCENTS DAY
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Worship Service: Sundays at **9:00 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.

SERVING IN DECEMBER

Pastor: Rev. Michael Manz
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Greeters: Carmen & Dorothy Sanders
Fellowship: Ron & Julie Dlouhy
Elder: Tim Huegel
Media: Doug Woebbeking
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Acolyte: Mckenna Dunkerson
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PASTOR MANZ' OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:

Monday	Vacation
Tuesday	Vacation
Wednesday	Vacation
Thursday	Vacation
Friday	Vacation

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

By All Your Saints in Warfare.....LSB 517
(Vs 1, 9, 3)

Please stand as you are able.

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Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 31:15–17

Thus says the LORD:

“A voice is heard in Ramah,
lamentation and bitter weeping.
Rachel is weeping for her children;
she refuses to be comforted for her children,
because they are no more.”

Thus says the LORD:

“Keep your voice from weeping,
and your eyes from tears,
for there is a reward for your work,
declares the LORD,
and they shall come back from the land of the enemy.
There is hope for your future,
declares the LORD,
and your children shall come back to their own country.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

GRADUAL

P. Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked.

For you, O Lord, are my hope.

C Upon you have I leaned from before my birth;

you are he who took me from my mother's womb.

P My mouth is filled with your praise,

and with your glory all the day.

EPISTLE READING

Revelation 14:1–5

Then I looked, and behold, on Mount Zion stood the Lamb, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven like the roar of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder. The voice I heard was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps, and they were singing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and before the elders. No one could learn that song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth. It is these who have not defiled themselves with women, for they are virgins. It is these who follow the Lamb wherever he goes. These have been redeemed from mankind as firstfruits for God and the Lamb, and in their mouth no lie was found, for they are blameless.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Stand

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HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 2:13–18

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

When [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son."

Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

“A voice was heard in Ramah,
weeping and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

APOSTLES CREED *p.192*

Sit
SERMON HYMN
The Star Proclaims the King Is Here.....LSB 399

SERMON “Gladness Amidst the Sadness” Pastor David Splett

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Crown Him with Many Crowns.....LSB 525
Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning.....LSB 400
Let Us All with Gladsome Voice.....LSB 390
As with Gladness Men of Old.....LSB 397

Stand

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CLOSING HYMN

Children of the Heavenly Father.....LSB 725

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OSL Education Opportunities:

Adult Bible Class: Sundays @ 10:30-11:30am, leader – *Pastor Manz* .

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

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

Beginning on January 4, will be adding the Introit to the Divine Service. "Introit" is a Latin word that means "entrance" in English. It is usually taken from the Psalms and has been used in the Church for about 1,600 years. We will be speaking it responsively. The Introit brings us into the presence of God and announces the theme of each Sunday's service and ties it in with the readings of the day.

THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

28 December 2025

Jeremiah 31:15–17

Revelation 14:1–5

Matthew 2:13–18

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

“A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children” (Jer. 31:15). Herod rages and sends to kill all boys two years and younger (Matt. 2:16), desperate to destroy the newborn King of kings. The Church remembers these innocent victims as martyrs. They died for the One who came to die for them. This dark commemoration bears witness to the cruelty of sinful men and the world’s hatred of Christ, who has sanctified our fragile life even from His conception and birth. But the boy who escaped Bethlehem’s bloody streets unscathed went on to face thorns, nails and spear for them and for us. He is the Lamb whose name is written with the Father’s name on the foreheads of His baptized saints (Rev. 14:1). By His death, He has redeemed an inheritance for Himself and brought peace at last by His blood. On the fourth day of Christmas, we sing *“a new song”* of the Lamb, of Christ the true martyr, whose death testifies that our redemption is won. We *“follow the Lamb wherever he goes”* (Rev. 14:3, 4), for He will bring our tears to an end.

The new volunteer lists will be posted on the bulletin board in the narthex next to the mailboxes very soon. There are several empty spaces to be filled. Please consider giving of your time and talents and signing up for one or more of these opportunities.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

December 29 - Blake Sorensen
Madison Parmenter
January 2 – Jim Krizman
JoAnn Bringolf
January 3 – Marsha Berndt



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

No Anniversaries this week



Acolyte for December & January:

December – Makenna Dunkerson
January – Blake Sorensen

UPCOMING DATES OF INTEREST

December 25- January 2 Pastor on Vacation

January 1 – Church Office Closed

December 28-January 14 – Collections for “Not Just Books” Fair

January 6 @ 6p

Men’s Group

January 6 @ 7:30p

Elder’s Meeting

**January 7 @ 1p
@ 7p**

Bible Study

Confirmation

January 11

Installation of Officers

January 11 @ 1:00p

Council Meeting

January 11 @ 1:30p

Voter’s Meeting

January 12 @ 4:00p

LWML Meeting

January 13 and 16 @ 9a

Quilting

January 18 and 25 – “Not Just Books” Fair

January 27 and 29 @ 9a

Quilting

This Week at Our Savior

Day	Date	Time	Description
Sunday	28	9:00a 10:00a 10:30a	Worship Service Fellowship Bible Study & Sunday School Acolyte – Mckenna Dunkerson Pastor Splett- guest Pastor Pastor Manz on Vacation
Monday	29		Pastor on Vacation
Tuesday	30		Pastor on Vacation
Wednesday	31		Pastor on Vacation
Thursday	1		New Year's Day - Office is Closed Pastor on Vacation
Friday	2		Pastor on Vacation
Saturday	3		
Sunday	4	9:00a 10:00a 10:30a	Worship Service Fellowship Bible Study & Sunday School Acolyte – Blake Sorensen MITES SUNDAY

Sunday January 11 worship service will include the Officer Installation for those beginning newly elected/appointed positions for Our Savior Lutheran. Those who are *currently serving terms* are also asked to be present at this installation to receive an affirmation of their continued terms. If you're unable to be present at this service, please make Randy Ervin (president) aware. Below is a listing of our current officers. Those with an asterik (*) by their name depicts the newly elected/appointed members.

President Randy Ervin
Elders: Doug Woebeking
Tim Huegel
Ron Dlouhy
Jary Boger*
Trustees: Rick Schiller
Bob Meisner
Joel Tool*
Reese Jones*
Foundation: Rick Hartz
Chris McKinney*
Jon Harkin*
Secretary: Selina McKinney
Treasurer: Sue Fortune
Financial Secretary: Donita Huegel

January 11 at 1:30p will be our next Voter's Meeting. This will be the 4th quarter reports for 2025. The packets for the meeting will be available on the table in the Narthex January 4 and January 11, 2026.

Please plan to attend.

LWML will once again hold their annual "Not just Books" Fair this coming January. Wouldn't it be great to check off your first January resolution win - to declutter your shelves - with this perfect opportunity to donate those dusty items and bring new joy to others! "Not Just for Books" Fair welcomes all forms of media entertainment - dvds, cds, vhs tapes, puzzles, games, and of course, books, books, books! A collection spot will be designated in the fellowship hall for bringing in your donations (Dec 28 thru Jan 14). The "Not Just for Books" Fair will officially open for business on Sunday, Jan 18 and 25. Proceeds from the Fair will go towards Mites.

Beginning on Thursday, January 15 from 6:15 pm to 7:30 pm I will be teaching a weekly Adult Confirmation Class. Everyone in the congregation is invited! Feel free to invite your friends and family as well. It's a great opportunity to refresh your understanding of the Bible and the Small Catechism. No commitment necessary. You can drop in whenever you like. If you are interested in attending and do not have a Small Catechism, please let me know so that I can provide you with one. I look forward to seeing you there!



Remember in your prayers.....

- John Kelchen, brother-in-law of Julie & Ron Dlouhy, is continuing to recover at home.
- Shane Hoffman, a former member and the son of Tammy Hoffman DeJong. We are grateful for a successful surgery. He continues to be hospitalized as he recovers from meningitis.
- Marge Mesner, Bob's mother, who had a stroke.
- Stephanie Wellik, who is under hospice care.
- Carole Zimmerman for skin cancer.
- Esther Schulz for recovery from surgery on her leg.
- Dianne Breckenridge, who has multiple health issues.
- Tom Tisdale, who is seeking further answers from Mayo Clinic on his health issues.
- Marva Doerring, who is in long term Skilled Care at Newton Village.
- Nancy Janssen who is in Valley Vista.
- The Ministry of The Pregnancy Center of Central Iowa

Our Missionaries

Rev. James & Angela Sharp & Family – Puerto Rico
Pastor Carl & Chenhsi Li Hanson, Korea.
Cody & Aurelie Mock & Family - Latvia



*In case of hospitalization or desire for a pastor visit, please contact
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Please let Mickey know if you have an addition or update to the Prayers for the congregation. Thank you.