



Nov. 30-Dec. 1, 2024

Advent 1

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**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** God gathers us through Word and Sacrament to celebrate God's presence and to receive God's gift of grace. God has made us his people through our baptism and keeps us close to him through the preaching of the word and God's presence in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. We give thanks today for the gift of faith God has planted in us, and we depart to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

We extend a special **welcome** to those who are our guests. May God bless this time of worship for you as we are blessed by your presence. If you have no church home we invite you to join with us and consider Our Savior's as your church home. If you are not baptized and would like to talk about baptism as part of your faith journey, please speak with one of the pastors.

**PEACEKEEPER BAGS FOR CHILDREN** to use during worship are available in the coat room.

**FELLOWSHIP PADS:** We ask everyone to sign and pass the fellowship pad in the pew and return it to the rack when done.

**OFFERING:** No offering is collected during our worship this day; however, we do welcome your support of our ministries and thank you for your gifts. Together we make a difference in the lives of others.

Offering plates are available as you leave the sanctuary. For online giving go to the church website: [oursaviorswestsalem.org/giving](http://oursaviorswestsalem.org/giving). Or text your gift amount to 608-471-7267 and follow the instructions on the response you receive. Or use the QR Code to the right. Thank you for your generosity and support of our work together.



# Order of Worship

\*Please stand as you are able

## PRELUDE

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

Handbells

8 & 10:30 AM

## WELCOME

## READING 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

<sup>9</sup>How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup>Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. <sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup>And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. <sup>13</sup>And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near. You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the world. You show up in our lives at unexpected times. Bless us as we light this candle to keep vigil for your arrival. We trust that even though we do not know the day or the hour, you hurry to gather all people to your peace. **Amen.**



"We Light the Advent Candle"

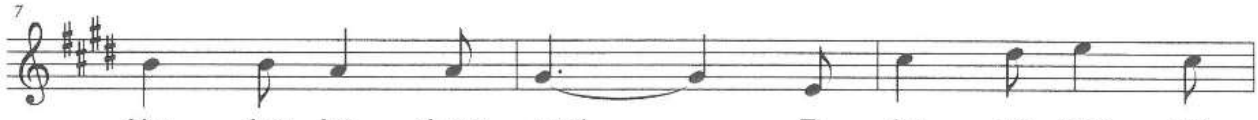
Sing verse one



1 We light the Ad - vent can - dle. The love of Christ so  
 2 We light the Ad - vent can - dle. The hope of Christ so  
 3 We light the Ad - vent can - dle. The joy of Christ so  
 4 We light the Ad - vent can - dle. The peace of Christ so  
 (opt.) 5 We light the Ad - vent can - dle. The light of Christ so



dear \_\_\_\_\_ il - lu - mi - nates our dark - ness: God's  
 dear \_\_\_\_\_ il - lu - mi - nates our dark - ness: God's  
 dear \_\_\_\_\_ il - lu - mi - nates our dark - ness: God's  
 dear \_\_\_\_\_ il - lu - mi - nates our dark - ness: God's



king - dom has drawn near! \_\_\_\_\_ To - day we light one  
 king - dom has drawn near! \_\_\_\_\_ To - day we light two  
 king - dom has drawn near! \_\_\_\_\_ To - day we light three  
 king - dom has drawn near! \_\_\_\_\_ To - day we light four  
 king - dom has drawn near! \_\_\_\_\_ This eve we light the



can - dle bright, for proph - e - cy fore - told the night that  
 can - dles bright for arms of love that held him tight the  
 can - dles bright, for an - gels all ar - rayed in white with  
 can - dles bright for Da - vid's cit - y as the site where  
 can - dle bright as God's great love shines through the night that



Je - sus Christ was born, \_\_\_\_\_ that Je - sus Christ\_ was born.  
 night that Christ was born, \_\_\_\_\_ the night that Christ\_ was born.  
 news that Christ was born, \_\_\_\_\_ with news that Christ\_ was born.  
 Je - sus Christ was born, \_\_\_\_\_ where Je - sus Christ\_ was born.  
 Je - sus Christ was born, \_\_\_\_\_ that Je - sus Christ\_ was born.

## **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
alive in the world, reviving creation,  
arriving soon.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God  
and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of mercy,

**we confess that we have sinned.**

**We trust earthly powers and human authority alone.**

**We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.**

God of might,

**we confess that we have sinned.**

**We have turned away from our neighbors.**

**We have trusted false promises.**

God in our midst,

**we confess that we have sinned.**

**We plead: come to us.**

**Bring your mercy to birth in us.**

A righteous branch springs forth:  
it is Christ the Lord, our Savior,  
in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy.  
By the power of the Holy Spirit,  
receive the grace and forgiveness of God  
through Christ Jesus, whose day draws near.

**Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

**#244**



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;  
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;  
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ring bore,  
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.  
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.  
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.  
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.  
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;  
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.  
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.  
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.  
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

**\*GREETING** page 98 (in front of the hymnal)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

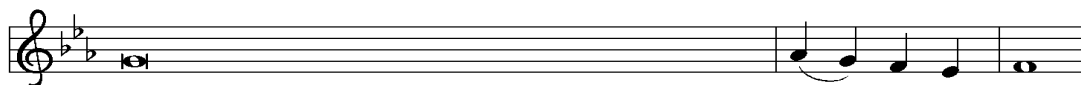
# \*KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



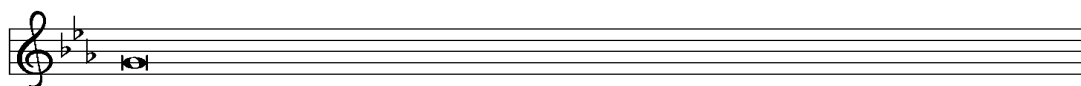
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



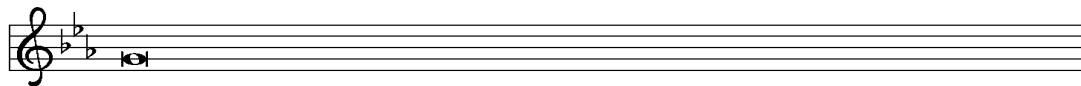
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.




Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

**\*THIS IS THE FEAST**

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and




blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:




Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

*Refrain*




hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

*Refrain*



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

“Away in a Manger”  
“Angels We Have Heard on High”  
Handbells

## **READING**

Jeremiah 33:14-16

<sup>14</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

### **\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. Both staves are in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a sharp sign, followed by a double bar line. The melody consists of quarter notes: D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,' are written below the notes. The second staff also begins with a treble clef and a sharp sign. The melody consists of quarter notes: D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. The lyrics 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes. The piece ends with a double bar line.

**\*GOSPEL**

Luke 21:25-36

The Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said: <sup>25</sup>“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup> People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” <sup>29</sup> Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup> as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>34</sup> “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup> like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup> Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.****SERMON****\*HYMN**

“Christ, Be Our Light”

**#715**



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



*Refrain*  
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

## \*APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **\*PRAYERS**

P: As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

*(After a brief silence...The **congregation** is invited to read aloud individually the prayer petitions as the spirit moves them. If more than one person reads the petition, all the better!)*

God of righteousness, your people live in hopeful expectation of your coming. Fill your church with renewed passion for our shared mission, and deepen our relationships with other Christians and other faith traditions in our local community and across the world. Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of the cosmos, all creation shows that your presence is near. Help us sense your goodness and love in the sun and moon, in sprouting leaves and bare branches, in the roaring sea and quiet breeze. Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of the nations, your reign extends over all principalities and powers. Give leaders and all in authority hearts for justice and peace. Encourage efforts to enact policies that benefit the common good. Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of change, you accompany us through life's transitions. Be near to all who are changing jobs, moving, welcoming children, or facing the loss of loved ones. Sustain those who are ill or suffering. Accompany those who are isolated, alone, or homebound, especially Arlan and Lana. In times of change, remind us of your steadfast love. Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of community, your Spirit holds us together. Sustain our care for one another. Inspire us to seek new ways to live together and to embrace the diversity of thought and identity in our communities. Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of love we pray for your servants to be faithful disciples of Jesus. Be with our confirmation students, especially Addison as she seeks to grow in her discipleship, and guide her family that together they may reflect your love and grace. Lord, in your mercy.

**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God of memory, we give you thanks for faithful ones who have died. Tend to our grief and sorrow with renewed trust in your promise of abundant and eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

P: Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

**\*PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please share a sign of peace with those around you.*

**MISSION MOMENT**

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed our right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
 pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**\*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER** page 112 (*in front of hymnal*)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.  
Amen.

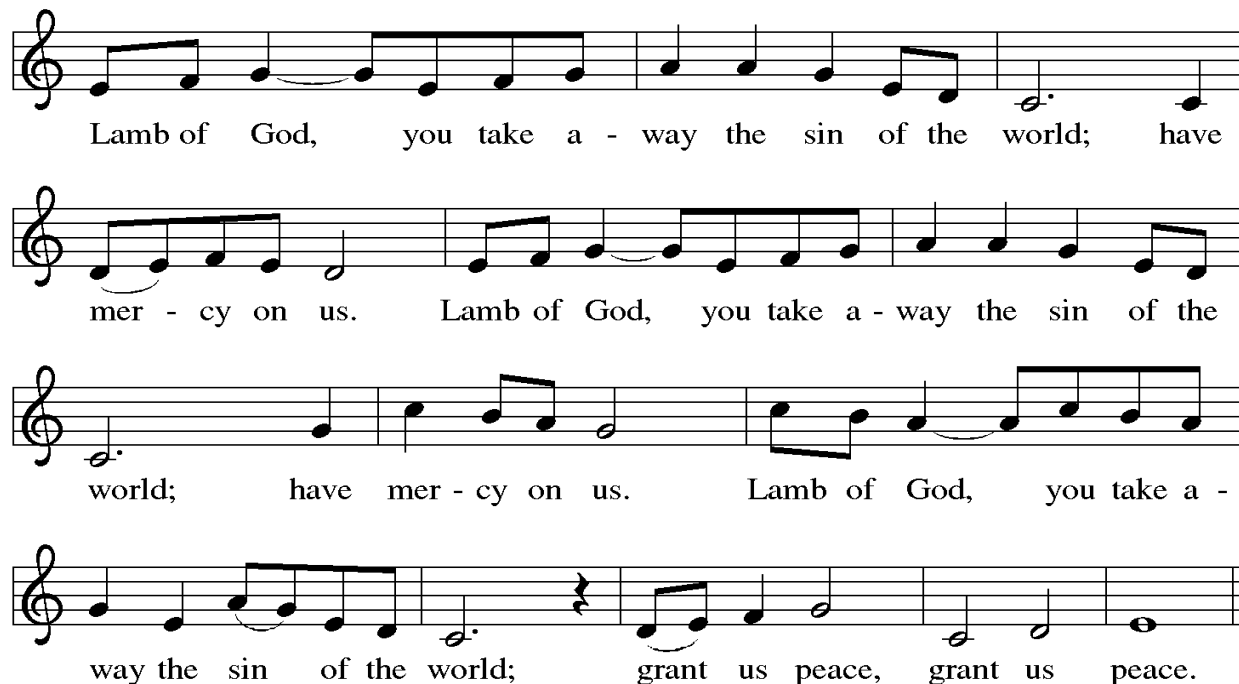
**\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

God feeds us with tender mercy.  
Come to the table.

**HOLY COMMUNION** *All who believe that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, bringing to us the gift of forgiveness and the promise of eternal life, are welcome to gather at the Lord's Table. Younger children are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

*Both wine and grape juice are available – grape juice glasses are purple. Gluten free wafers are also available.*

**AGNUS DEI** "Lamb of God"



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

"All Who Hunger Gather Gladly" #461

"Nothing Can Trouble ACS 1003

Na - da te tur - be, na - da te\_es - pan - te.  
Noth - ing can trou - ble, noth - ing can fright - en.

Quien a Dios tie - ne na - da le fal - ta. Na - da te tur - be,  
Those who seek God shall nev - er go want - ing. Noth - ing can trou - ble,

na - da te\_es - pan - te. So - lo Dios bas - ta.  
noth - ing can fright - en. God a - lone fills us.

**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Generous God, we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation. We thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace. We thank you for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world. Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in your name. **Amen.**

**\*SENDING OF HOME COMMUNION**

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist XXX in this ministry on which she is/he is/they are sent forth. Bless her/his/ their time with YY, and in your love and care, nourish and strengthen them in this sacrament, that through the body and blood of your Son we all may know the comfort of your abiding presence. **Amen.**

**\*BLESSING**

God of endings and beginnings, God in the darkness and the light, God, our hope for the journey, bless and keep you now and forever. **Amen.**



**\*HYMN**

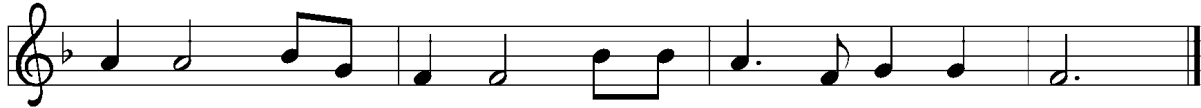
**"My Lord, What a Morning"**

**#438**

*Refrain*



My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn - ing; oh,



my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be - gin to fall.



- 1 You will hear the trum - pet sound,
- 2 You will hear the sin - ner cry, to wake the na-tions un - der - ground,
- 3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,



*Refrain*

look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be - gin to fall.

**\*DISMISSAL** *(Done from the back of the church)*

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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Eric Sorenson, Senior Choir Director

**CARD MINISTRY** - Please be sure to sign the cards for this week's shut-ins, Arlan Gilbertson and Lana Helgeson. The cards are on the table by the Pre-K/K classroom.

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** - A time for fellowship and treats between services on Sundays! Please sign up to bring treats or to serve what others have provided.

**CONFIRMATION AFTER SCHOOL & CLASS**

**Wednesday, December 4**

**6 pm – 6 & 7 Confirmation Class**

**7 pm – Hanging of the Greens Worship**

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

**6 p.m.**

|                     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| Worship Assistant   | Lexi Schulz         |
| Communion Assistant | Chad Vick           |
| Welcoming Team      | Dennis & Ann Sprain |

**8 a.m.**

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| Worship Assistant   | Shiloh Gullickson   |
| Communion Assistant | Lynette Ender       |
| Welcoming Team      | Mike & Joyce Larson |

**10:30 a.m.**

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| Worship Assistant   | Bennett Ihle         |
| Communion Assistant | Tracey Beckley       |
| Welcoming Team      | Eric & Barb Sorenson |

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|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Home Communion           | Carolyn Karl                   |
| Altar Guild for December | Stacey Sjoquist/Tracy Skrentny |



**Hungry Jar Offering  
for December –  
LaCrosse Warming Center**

As we anticipate the cold weather ... The La Crosse Warming Center's mission is to work with the greater La Crosse community to better serve those experiencing homelessness with dignity and respect by providing a safe and warm place for homeless adults 18 years and older to get in out of the cold during the winter months from November 1 until May 1. The Warming Center is located at 413 South Third Street in La Crosse. Guests are able to take a shower and wash their clothes. To keep the doors open, hundreds of volunteers from area churches and the community are needed to staff the center. Please be generous as we care for those who are hurting.

**STEWARDSHIP** - If you have not returned your intent card, please do so as soon as possible. Together we can make a difference with God's blessings.

**NORWEGIAN DINNER DISBURSEMENT MEETING** -December 1 – 9:15 AM.

**DECK THE HALLS** - Sunday, December 1 following the 10:30 am service. Please join us as we put up the trees and decorate the rest of the church for Advent and Christmas. Hot chocolate, apple cider and cookies will be provided. Your whole family is invited to have fun and make memories.

**HANGING OF THE GREENS WORSHIP** - Wednesday, December 4 at 7 PM.



**EGGNOG AND CAROLS** – Sunday December 8 @Hunter’s – 6 p.m.

**LAKEVIEW CARING TREE** – If you took a tag from the Lakeview Caring Tree, please remember the gifts (*wrapped with the tag on the outside of the package*) are due back in the office by December 6<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for helping to make Christmas just a little brighter for our neighbors!

**POINSETTIAS** - If you would like to purchase or provide a poinsettia for Christmas Eve, please fill out a form located in the Gathering Area and return it to church by December 8<sup>th</sup>. The cost of a poinsettia will be \$25.

### **SCRIP CARDS MAKE GREAT GIFTS!**

Scrip cards make great gifts and help support Our Savior’s Sugar Creek Bible Camp Camperships and World Hunger! You can’t beat that!!



Culver’s, Kwik Trip, Kwik Trip car wash, Woodman’s.

Available after worship services and in the office during the week.

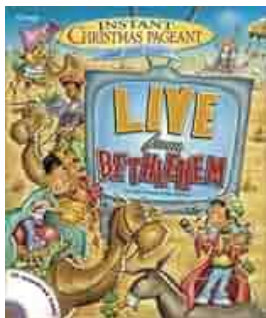


## **Ecumenical Advent Worship**

**at the Presbyterian Church**

**December 11 – 7 PM**

We join with St Teresa’s and the Presbyterian Church of West Salem to enjoy the carols that are so much a part of the season. Though we are of different traditions, we come to worship the same child in the manger!



## Sunday School Christmas Program "Live from Bethlehem"

December 15<sup>th</sup>  
During the  
10:30 AM worship

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM REHEARSAL** - Saturday, December 14 – 3-5 PM.



### Check it out and Give it a try!

December 15



If you play piano ... On Sunday, December 15, after the 10:30 service, anyone who is interested is invited to come to the balcony and play their Christmas pieces on the *NEW* organ! Don't be shy, Linda will be there to help you. Have you prepared a song for a Christmas recital? Let's find out what it sounds like on the organ! **All ages welcome!**

## Christmas Cantata- "A Carol Suite"

December 22<sup>nd</sup> - 8 & 10:30 AM



Join us as the Senior Choir presents "A Carol Suite", a four-movement suite of traditional carols beautifully arranged for choir and piano. You will recognize these hymns and enjoy the creative way they are presented. The choir has loved working on the Suite and looks forward to singing it for you!

### CARE AND SHARE FOOD PANTRY-



The Care and Share Food Pantry is open Saturdays, 10 AM to Noon. We are thankful for all the donations we have recently received. Many local families have benefited from your generosity. Monetary, food, and personal items are always appreciated.



## **Christmas Eve**

*We are there, at the manger,  
worshiping the child!*

1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 10 PM

Music ... Holy Communion ... Candlelight ...  
and the Christmas Gospel



### ***Christmas Eve 3:30 Worship Livestream***

(find the link on the home page of the web site – [www.oursaviorswestsalem.org](http://www.oursaviorswestsalem.org))

*Recording available for later viewing on YouTube - Access on home page of web site*



## **Christmas Day**

*December 25 + 10 AM*

Worship with Holy Communion

*In the light of day rejoice as we continue to celebrate  
the wonder of the newborn Christ!*

Check out the December newsletter ([www.oursaviorswestsalem.org](http://www.oursaviorswestsalem.org)) to find out more.

## Mark your calendars now ...

It's been over five years ... and we've grown ... we have welcomed new faces in our pews and classrooms ...

We will be doing a new pictorial directory in the new year! Pictures will be taken **Wednesday, February 26 through Saturday, March 1**. You can sign up online any time ([www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com) – Church Code: wi378 – Password: photos), between worship services, or call the church office and we'll help you. We would LOVE to have EVERYONE included in this new directory.



## Nominations



It's getting to be that time – time to lift up new leaders for our mission and ministry. We will be seeking leaders willing to share their time and talent with the Congregation Council, Mission Endowment Fund, Synod Assembly, Sugar Creek, and Eagle Crest Communities. If you ... or someone you know ... has the gifts and the calling to provide leadership for our work together, contact Jeff Haldeman or one of the pastors.

We will also be asking you during worship to share names with us. Look around – who do you see whom God has gifted...and maybe called...to leadership in the community of faith? *These are challenging and exciting times...yet, God is at work in you!*

**Check out our social media pages and keep up on what's going on, including livestreaming of worship ...**



Facebook Page - Our Savior's ELCA – West Salem

Instagram Page – oursaviors\_ws

YouTube Channel (for livestream and recording of worship) - [youtube.com/@techoslca](https://www.youtube.com/@techoslca)