

ADVENT

# THE WORD MADE FLESH



## Bread of Life



Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer | 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent | Sunday, December 1, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

### Welcome (please pass the black welcome pads)

Inspired by the abundant hospitality of Jesus Christ, Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer welcomes all of God's children into the life of the church as 'we make God known through words and deeds'.

### Candle Lighting Ceremony

"Light of Hope" Joel Raney

Praise & Rejoice Choir will lead congregation

### Call to Worship

We begin the season of Advent with expectant and believing hearts.

**We wait upon the Lord and place our hope in God's word.**

During Advent we confront the doubt that often exists around us.

**We wait upon the Lord and place our hope in God's word.**

During Advent we confront the doubt that often resides within us.

**We wait upon the Lord and place our hope in God's word.**

During Advent we confront the division that often occurs between us.

**We wait upon the Lord and place our hope in God's word.**

### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

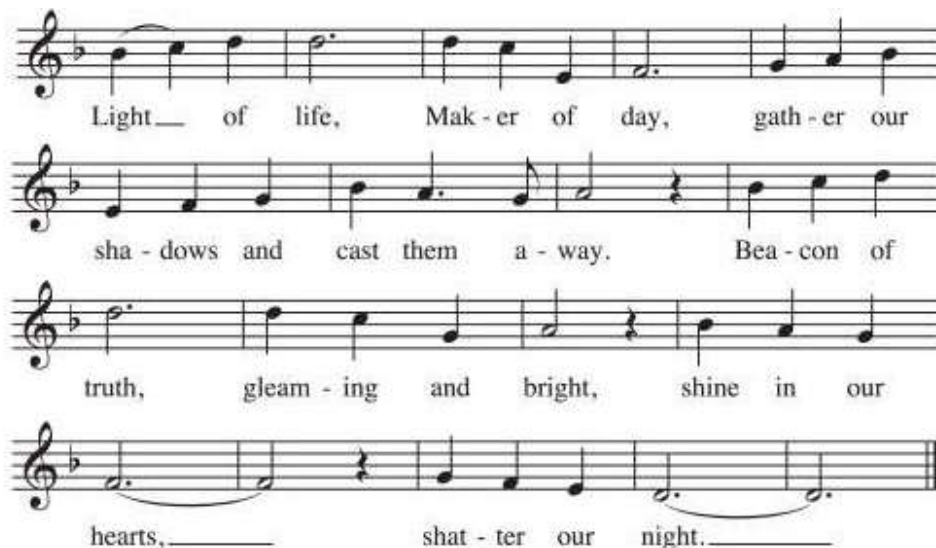
The name of the city of David, the little town of Bethlehem, means "House of Bread." It was the birthplace for Jesus our Savior, who called himself the Bread of Life. We light the first candle on our Advent wreath remembering that Jesus, the living Bread from heaven, came to offer himself as the perfect sacrifice for our sins. **Jesus, Bread of heaven, feed us now and forever.**

### Opening Hymn (congregation sings with the choir)

"Light of Hope"

Words and Music by Joel Raney

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## Confession and Forgiveness

Through the prophet Isaiah, the Lord asks us, "Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?" (Isaiah 55:2). We turn away from God's will to things that can never satisfy us. Let us confess our sins to God and ask his forgiveness. **Almighty God, we have turned away from your Word and your will for our lives. We try to satisfy our needs by following the temptations of the devil, the world around us and our own sinful desires. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.** God has had mercy on us. He sent his Son into the world to be our Savior and, for his sake, forgives our sins. God tells us, "Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live" (Isaiah 55:2-3). I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. **Jesus, Bread of heaven, feed us now and forever!**

## Greeting

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

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## Canticle of Praise

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## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. **Gracious God, as we embark upon another Advent journey, we pray that we would be encouraged by hope, strengthened by unity, and inspired through faith. May our ears be open and our hearts ready to receive the gift of hope embodied in the Word made flesh. We pray this in the name of Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

## First Reading

Exodus 16:1-17

<sup>1</sup>The whole congregation of the Israelites set out from Elim; and Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. <sup>2</sup>The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." <sup>4</sup>Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. <sup>5</sup>On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." <sup>6</sup>So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, <sup>7</sup>and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" <sup>8</sup>And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord." <sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining." <sup>10</sup>And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup>The Lord spoke to Moses and said, <sup>12</sup>"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God." <sup>13</sup>In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup>When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat. <sup>16</sup>This is what the Lord has commanded: "Gather as much of it as each of you needs, an omer to a person according to the number of persons, all providing for those in their own tents." <sup>17</sup>The Israelites did so, some gathering more, some less.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

Colossians 3:15-17

<sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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## Children's Church

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6<sup>th</sup> Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### Gospel Reading

John 6:27-35

<sup>27</sup>Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." <sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." <sup>30</sup>So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" <sup>31</sup>Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." <sup>32</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." <sup>34</sup>They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." <sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Sermon

"Bread of Life, Happy Christian New Year!"

Pastor Dan Overbo

### Hymn of the Day

"My Lord, What a Morning"

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## Sacrament of Holy Baptism

**Emma Lynn Harberts**

*Daughter of Jamon & Alisha Harberts*

*Sponsors: Taylor & Jessica Pack, Audrey Urban*

### Profession of Faith

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

**I do.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

*(Congregation may be seated.)*

### Welcome

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world. Amen.**

## Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/Ill:     *DeAnn Fylling- Niece of Deanna & Dan Hickel, Arlyn Adolphsen,  
Sandy Sheehan, Gregory Cluts,  
Gretchen Morrow Bray- Daughter of Darline Morrow & Sister of Ann (Greg) DeSpiegler,  
Gene & Gloria Fastnacht- Friends of Rod & Doris Knight,  
Christy Buresh- Niece of Bernie (Kevin) Luoma,  
David Norgaard- Father of Heidi (Lance) Hochstetter,  
Connie Dunn- Daughter of Annette Gugel*

Baptism:             *Emma Lynn Harberts*

## Offering

*Text to Give: 605-250-6765 or Scan the QR code located in the pew  
Noisy Can Offering (for all ages) Mission of the Month:  
**LCOOR Care Fund***



## Offertory Response

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

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## Offering Prayer

Let us pray. **Gracious God, with our gifts we declare that our hope lies in you. We trust you to provide all that we need, and so we are secure in offering these generous gifts. May our giving be a sign of our faith and hope. Bless these gifts, that they might indeed serve your purposes here and in the world. Amen.**

## Communion

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.**

## Thanksgiving at the Table

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.

## Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

## Distribution

## 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.**

## Announcements

### Blessing (John 6:33-34 and 2 Thessalonians 3:16)

Jesus said, "The bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

**Give us this bread always."**

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.

**Amen.**

### Sending Hymn

"Hark, the Glad Sound!"

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### Call to Service

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Please share the peace, as well as your name when you leave today.

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### Serving

**Preaching:** Pastor Dan Overbo; **Organist:** Kristy Tostenson; **Ushers:** Cal Wiesner, Darwin Brinkman; **Communion Assistants:** Amanda Kienow, Steven Ays; **Coffee Servers:** Doug & Shelly Alvine; **Welcome Center:** Janet Even & Pam Luckhurst;



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# THE WEEKLY WORD - ANNOUNCEMENTS



## CHRISTMAS PLANTS

ORDER A CHRISTMAS PLANT IN HONOR OR IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE OR TO THE GLORY OF GOD TO BEAUTIFY THE SANCTUARY FOR CHRISTMAS EVE.

**\$20 EACH**



## FAMILY CHRISTMAS BINGO

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 | 6-7:30 PM**

### PRIZE DONATIONS NEEDED:

- Prizes for children, families and older individuals
- Prizes do not need to be extravagant or expensive
- Donations can be dropped off in the church office until *Thursday, December 12th*

Along with playing Christmas Bingo we will have children's crafts and snacks available. The Family Christmas Bingo is for **all ages**, because we all belong to the LCOOR family!

## Advent Tour of Nativities

A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT  
CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST

**November 29 - December 2 | 1-5PM**

Featuring Nativities from LCOOR Members

## THE WORD MADE FLESH



### 4 WEEK ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

Sundays at 8:30 a.m. with Pastor Dan beginning **December 1**. Sign up at the Welcome Center.



Week 1: Bread of Life



Week 2: Salt of the Earth



Week 3: Rock of Ages



Week 4: Light of the World

## Seeking Special Music for Christmas Eve Worship

We are seeking individuals, groups or families to provide special music during our three Christmas Eve services (1:00 pm, 3:30 pm, 5:30 pm.) This could be singing, instrumental or any other kind of special music. Please contact Kristy Tostenson, Praise & Rejoice Choir Director at (605) 949-1372 by **December 1** if you are interested.

## NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

**Wednesday, December 4 at 5:15 p.m.**

If you are interested in attending please contact Twila in the church office at (605) 886-2696.

*New Members will be recognized during worship services on December 7, 8 & 11.*

## COOKIES NEEDED

Sandwich Ministry is in need of cookies. We have cookie kits available for pick up at the Welcome Center or church office. You can also bake your own & drop them off at the church. Thank you!



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## ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

Weekly Sessions  
Sundays at 5:00 PM  
December 1 thru Epiphany

This Bible study is hosted by Pasque Learning Community and takes place via Zoom.

Visit: [www.sdsynodlearns.org/collections](http://www.sdsynodlearns.org/collections) for more information and to enroll.

## LCOOR PRESCHOOL Advent Calendar Fundraiser



**\$10**

Available at the Welcome Center

## DECEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH

LCOOR Care Fund

Mission of the Month dollars are above and beyond your regular giving. Please clearly mark your offering with Mission of the Month.





# Calendar: December 1-11

## Sunday December 1

10:30 a.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal  
1:00-5:00 p.m. Advent Tour of Nativities

## Monday December 2

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry  
11:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels Delivery  
1:00-5:00 p.m. Advent Tour of Nativities  
5:30 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting  
6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

## Tuesday December 3

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Group  
11:00 a.m. Text Study  
11:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels Delivery  
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

## Wednesday December 4

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry  
11:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels Delivery  
12:15 p.m. Men's Lunch  
4:45 p.m. Community Meal (Chicken Alfredo)  
5:15 p.m. New Member Orientation  
5:30 p.m. Church School  
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Workshop  
6:30 p.m. 1st Grade Christmas Story Milestone Recognition  
6:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion  
7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

## Thursday December 5

9:00 a.m. Quilting  
11:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels Delivery  
5:15 p.m. Al-Anon  
6:00 p.m. Bible Study with Pastor Dan

## Friday December 6

Church Office Closes at Noon  
8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry  
11:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels Delivery

## Saturday December 7

5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship with Holy Communion  
(New Members Received)  
6:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Meal

## Sunday December 8

8:30 a.m. Church School  
8:30 a.m. Confirmation Workshop  
8:30 a.m. The Word Made Flesh Bible Study  
9:30 a.m. Worship (New Members Received)  
9:30 a.m. 1st Grade Christmas Story Milestone Recognition  
10:30 a.m. Church Council Meeting  
10:30 a.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal

## Monday December 9

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry  
6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

## Tuesday December 10

11:00 a.m. Text Study  
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Executive Committee  
6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting

## Wednesday December 11

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry  
9:30 a.m. Combined Circle Christmas Gathering  
12:15 p.m. Men's Lunch  
4:45 p.m. Community Meal (Goulash)  
5:30 p.m. Church School  
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Workshop  
6:30 p.m. Worship (New Members Received)  
7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

## Attendance & Offering

November 10 Live Stream- 104  
Saturday, November 16- 61  
Sunday, November 17- 301  
Wednesday, November 13- 142

### Offering (11/18-11/24):

General Fund: \$8,398.09;  
Church School: \$12.26;  
Mission of the Month: \$136.63;  
Debt Reduction: \$35;  
Other: \$135;

### Simply Giving Offering (11/18-11/22):

General Fund: \$4,857.53;  
Debt Reduction: \$200;  
Mission of the Month: \$155;  
Other: \$20;

## Staff

### Senior Pastor

Dan Overbo

### Associate Pastor

Laura Overbo

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### Custodian

Roman Gainor

# DECEMBER 1, 2024 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*The coming of Jesus gives us hope.*

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 21:25-36	The coming of the Son of Man
Monday	Jeremiah 33:14-16	The Lord’s wonderful promise
Tuesday	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13	Paul’s words of thanks
Wednesday	Luke 17:20-21	The coming of the kingdom
Thursday	Matthew 6:25-34	Do not worry
Friday	Colossians 1:9-14	The person and work of Christ
Saturday	Psalms 25:1-10	A prayer for guidance and help
Sunday	Luke 3:1-6	Prepare the way of the Lord

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*“So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near.” Luke 21:31 (NRSV)*

## PRAYERS AND BLESSING

### A Prayer for the Week:

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. In you I place my trust, O God, and wait for you all day long with hope in Christ. Amen. (Psalm 25:1-2, 5)

### Mealtimes Prayer:

Lord Jesus, bless us with hope as we prepare for your coming. We give thanks for this gift of food that strengthens us as we wait. Amen.

### A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you with hope.



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## HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*



## WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

## CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What is something you hope for during the Advent season?
- When you are afraid, where do you turn for guidance and hope?

## DEVOTIONS



*Read:* Luke 21:25-36.

Whether it is a friend who betrays us or we see violence in the news, we can worry and feel fearful about the future. When life is going well and we seem not to have a care in the world, we can forget our need and desire for God's saving work in our lives and in the world. When bad things happen and we want to hide, that is the time to be alert, look up, and see the one we have been waiting for. We will not be disappointed for the kingdom of God is near and nothing can stop God's heroic work from taking place. That is the message of Jesus for people living in unsettling times, whether thousands of years ago or today. This message is important to hear anytime, especially at the beginning of Advent, the time of hope and waiting for Christ's coming into our world as Savior.

*Discuss:* Bad things do happen. How is God with you during those difficult times?

*Pray:* **Dear God, in times of fear and discomfort, help us to remember your saving work in our lives and wait with hope knowing that your kingdom is near through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you help someone look to the future with hope?

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



The Advent Wreath is a Christian tradition. Make one for your home. Purchase a round wreath or Advent Wreath frame. Decorate it with greens, ribbons, or other materials. Place four candles on it. The circle represents God's infinite love. Light the first candle that symbolizes the theme of hope.

*Say:* **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. (Jeremiah 33:14)**

*Pray:* **Lord, thank you for your promise to us which is filled with expectation and hope. Amen.**

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