

OLSBURG/WALSBURG LUTHERAN CHURCHES

Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 8, 2024



Olsburg Lutheran Church
PO Box 128
Olsburg, KS 66520
Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Mission Statement:
Become Disciples,
Live as Disciples,
Make Disciples in Christ Jesus

Walsburg Lutheran Church
12351 Union Road
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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
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YOU ARE WELCOME AMONG US! Whether this is your first time worshiping with us or whether you have worshiped with us many times, we are grateful that we can worship together. We pray that God will bless your worship and strengthen you for the week ahead.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

P: For in a world full of dead ends, Advent invites us to begin again. So start here. Start now. Start with love and begin again.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Inspired by Isaiah 43:1-4 and Luke 1:26-29

P: God says,

C: "Do not be afraid."

P: God says,

C: "I have called you by name."

P: God says,

C: "I will be with you."

P: God says,

C: "You are precious and honored in my sight."

P: At the beginning of this season, at the start of this week, at the top of this hour,

C: May we wrap ourselves in these words. May we begin again.

P: Let us worship our Holy God!

***LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

P: In a weary and worn world, how do we begin again? Where do we start?

C: Let us begin together. Let us begin arm in arm. Let us begin by holding each other up, instead of tearing each other down. Let us begin with words of peace.

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah, verse 1 & 2 WOV 630

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah



- 1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.
He shall feed the flock like a shep - herd, gent - ly lead them home - ward.
Lift your heads and lift high the gate - way for the King of glo - ry.
He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954

Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune

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P: Yes, let us begin with peace. Today we light the candles of hope and peace.

C: May these lights remind us of what could be. May these lights mark a new beginning. May peace flow like a river, and may it start with us. Arm in arm, hand in hand, side by side.

P: May we begin again.

C: Amen!

***GATHERING HYMN**

All Earth is Hopeful

WOV 629

All Earth Is Hopeful

Toda la tierra



To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra al Sal - va - dor
 1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!
 2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:
 3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;
 4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



y el sur - co_a - bier - to, la ob - ra del Se - ñor; es el
 Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task; this, the
 "A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -
 new high - ways o - pened, will pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most
 This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -
 la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how
 ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -
 here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All
 world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. dar - nos li - ber - tad.
 God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.
 stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.
 clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!
 Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

2 *Dice el profeta al pueblo de Israel:*
 "De madre virgen ya viene Emmanuel,"
 será "Dios con nosotros," hermano será,
 con él la esperanza al mundo volverá.

3 *Montes y valles habrá que preparar;*
 nuevos caminos tenemos que trazar.
 Él está ya muy cerca, venidlo a encontrar,
 y todas las puertas abrid de par en par.

4 *En una cueva Jesús apareció,*
pero en el mundo está presente hoy.
Vive en nuestros hermanos, con ellos está;
y vuelve de nuevo a darnos libertad.

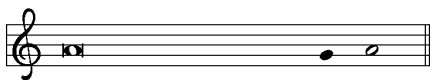
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*GREETING

P: The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

C: And also with you!

*KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



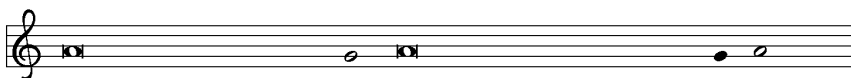
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



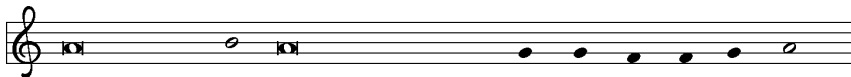
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



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

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Almighty and Ever-living God ,

C: you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: RUTH 1:6-15

Then Naomi started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had considered his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters. Why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me." Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her.

So she said, "Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law."

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: RUTH 1:16-17

But Ruth Said, "Do not press me to leave you,
to turn back from following you!

Where you go, I will go;
where you lodge, I will lodge;

your people shall be my people
and your God my God.

Where you die, I will die,
and there will I be buried.

May the Lord do thus to me,
and more as well,

if even death parts me from you!"

SECOND READING: ECCLESIASTES 4:9-12

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help. Again, if two lie together, they keep warm; but how can one keep warm alone? And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL**

P: The holy gospel according to Luke 3:1-6

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

P: The Gospel of our God

C: Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry ELW 249**

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
way for God with - in, and let us all our
and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. composite

Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

P: United as the body of Christ, let us profess our faith:

**C: We believe in a blessing God
Who calls us Beloved.**

**We believe that this blessing showed up in the life of Mary
And was also bestowed upon the poor in spirit,
the children,
the crowds,
the Jews,**

**the Gentiles,
the faithful and the doubting.
So in faith,
we trust that God's blessing,
like ripples on the water,
forever reaches toward us.**

**And with wild hope,
we believe
that because of this blessing,
we are covered in love.
We are more than enough.
Thanks be to God!
Amen.**

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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

P: God in your mercy
C: 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.
C: Amen.

OUR OFFERING

***OFFERING SONG O Little Town of Bethlehem v. 1 ELW 279**

O Little Town of Bethlehem



O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove
How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!
O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love.
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.
cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
No ear may hear his com - ing; but, in this world of sin,
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!
where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835–1893

Music: ST. LOUIS, Lewis H. Redner, 1831–1908

*OFFERING PRAYER

P: Creator God,

C: you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us. We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine.

Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

SENDING

***BLESSING**

P: As you leave this place, may you have the wisdom to lean on one other. May you have the courage to hold onto hope, the compassion to do the good that is yours to do, and the confidence to trust that God † sees you as a blessing. Amen.

C: Threefold Amen (sung.)

***SENDING SONG**

Prepare the Royal Highway

ELW 264

Prepare the Royal Highway



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Refrain



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
Music: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN, Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.
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*DISMISSAL

P: In the name of Christ, our new beginning, go in peace.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Bulletin Announcements for both churches

We continue to live-stream the worship services for those who are worshipping at home.

For in-home worship it is helpful to prepare a space for worship ahead of time. Remove distractions. Turn off the TV. Silence your cell phones. Provide worship bulletins for everyone (sharing is always good!). Make sure everyone can see the screen(s). Turn to your church's Facebook page to participate in the service of worship. A recording of the service is also available on each church's website.

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Olsburg Announcements

Olsburg Lutheran Church has a new facebook page. Please search for Olsburg Lutheran Church-ELCA. Our old page was hacked and we were having trouble accessing it, so we built a new one. We will begin posting our recordings to the new page in February.

Olsburg Lutheran Church Outreach and Fellowship committee is collecting food for local food pantries. The congregation is asked to bring donations through December. Please leave your donations in the box located in the narthex. Your donations can include non-perishable food items, toiletries, and paper towels. Thank you!

Walsburg Announcements

Winter weather has already arrived and cold weather gear is needed! Please help to decorate the Mitten Tree in the Narthex with new or gently used child-sized mittens, gloves, scarves, hats, and socks. Items will be collected on the tree until January 5, 2025, and then distributed throughout our community to school-aged children in need of extra warmth. Thank you for your support!

The Sunday School Christmas Program will be held Sunday December 22 during worship. We hope that you can attend this service to support our Walsburg Lutheran youth as they celebrate the birth of Jesus!

Thank you to everyone who donated cookies, worked or attended the Cookie Walk yesterday. Your support is very much appreciated.

Food Basket Christmas holiday needs: boxed holiday crackers, chili beans, baked beans, canned yams, boxed instant mashed potatoes, stuffing, egg noodles, cream of mushroom and cream of chicken soups, boxed macaroni and cheese, Hamburger Helper, brownie mix, fruit cocktail, pie filling, cranberry sauce, cocoa packets and jars of mixed nuts. Plastic grocery bags are also needed. Thank you for your support especially during the holiday season. Rhonda Baer

The Church is taking bids on leasing the pasture. It is for a 5-year lease, for details please talk to Don Campbell. Have bids to Don Campbell by December 31st, 2024.

Beginning in January 2025, Walsburg will start passing the offering plate again, with the children passing the special offering cans on the 4th Sunday of every month.

Annual reports are due by January 19th.

If you are a customer of Dillons, you can help the Walsburg women through the Dillons Community Rewards program. The first step is to create a digital account. Then link your shopper's card to an organization. The NPO number for Walsburg Lutheran Church Women of the ELCA is UR647. For any questions, contact Rita.

WELCA will be having a Christmas Luncheon at 12:30 P.M. on Thursday, December 12. All women of the congregation are invited to attend, and asked to bring a side dish. The meat will be provided.

We thank the following families for sharing a Poinsettia with us this Christmas season.

Vern Bulk - In Memory of Kim Bulk

Vern Bulk - In Memory of Carl Bulk Family

Vern Bulk – In Memory of Kermit and Edna Peterson

Bill and Roseanne Johnson

Sheri Storer - In Memory of Harold Storer and Other Loved Ones

Rhonda Baer Family & Ann Ingham Family - In Memory of Charles and Ruth Rosell

Rusty and Lynne Berry – In Memory of Loved Ones

Glenna Berry - In Memory of Bill Berry and Palmer Berry

Lee and Roberta Hartford - In Memory of our Parents and Loved Ones

Dennis and Donise Peterson Family - In Memory of our Parents and Grandparents

Brandon and Lori Rogge – In Memory of Family and Friends

Brandon and Lori Rogge – In Memory of Ken Rogge

Don and Rita Nelson - In Memory of Noah Aaron Nelson

Bill and Jan Neilson - In Memory of Rick Johnson and Clayton Neilson

Don, June, Justin, Kabe, Knox Campbell - In Memory of Brian Campbell

Roger and Ruth Stone – In Memory of Family Members

Mike and Becky Nelson Family - In Memory of Raymond and Milly Nelson

Marlene Jenkins - In Memory of Gary and our Parents

Gary and Amy Feigley – In Memory of Mark Ruthstrom

Diana, Amy, Kristin, Ben, & Jon – In Memory of Ruthstrom & Rosell grandparents

Connie and Sonja and Families – In Memory of our Parents, Bart and Norma Coutermarsh

Tracy McDonald – In Memory of Bryce McDonald

Tracy McDonald – In Memory of Family and Friends that have passed in 2024

Linda Toomire – In Memory of Kenneth & Ethel Flohr, Dale & Justine Flohr and Dulsie Flohr

Trever & Tammie Berry – In Memory of Tony Gordon

Sandy McCool – In Memory of Marty McCool

Sandy McCool – In Memory of Family and Friends

Mary Kay Henry and Jared Henry Family – In Memory of Gene Henry

