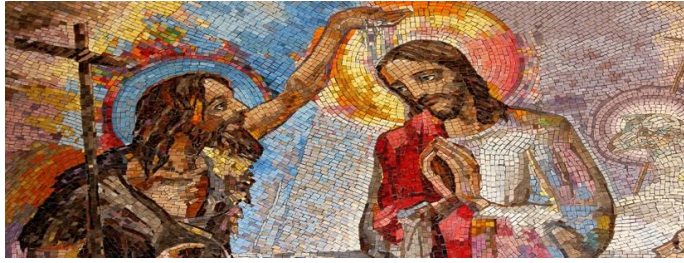


SAVING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH



The Third Sunday in Advent

Saturday, December 13, 2025 @ 3pm

Sunday, December 14, 2025 @ 8:30am, Livestreamed

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

Opening Hymn “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” **Hymn #50**

**Angels, from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o’er all the earth;
Once you sang creation’s story; Now proclaim Messiah’s birth:**

Refrain: Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn king.

**Shepherds, in the fields abiding, Watching o’er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing, Yonder shines the infant light.**

Refrain

**Sages, leave your contemplations, Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great desire of nations, You have seen his natal star.**

Refrain

**All creation, join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising To the eternal Three in One**

Refrain

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Almighty God, You sent Your Son Jesus to be the Messiah, who has opened a “new and living way” (Heb. 10:20) in the wilderness through His body, that through faith in Him we might be clothed with Your righteousness.

Teach us not to take Your forgiveness for granted and to listen to Your Word.

Lord Jesus, You are our Savior. You renew our minds and guard our hearts.

Teach us not to grumble against one another, but to stand together in one accord for Your glory as we wait for Your coming.

Holy Spirit, through John the Baptizer, You called all people to repentance and pointed to Jesus the Messiah, that we might be saved.

Teach us to trust in the One who is the Way, the Truth, and the Light, Jesus our Lord, that others might come to believe through Him.

(Please observe a moment of silence for personal reflection and self-examination)

Almighty God, You alone are worthy to be praised, for You sent Your Son, as a humble servant to take away our sins and restore a right relationship with You. Through Your Son Jesus, the Messiah, and faith in Him, You have forgiven us and given us the promise of eternal life. Teach us to rejoice in You as Your servants. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by His authority, I therefore declare to you who do truly repent and believe in Jesus Christ, the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, You called John the Baptizer to prepare the way of the Lord, and give witness to the coming of Your Son. Grant that we may stand together in one accord and bear witness to what Jesus, the Light of the world has done; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

PASTOR'S WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE – ANGELS

READING Luke 2:8-15 NT p. 935

Advent Hymn "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" (vs. 2) Hymn #54

**Still through the cloven skies they come With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heav'nly music floats O'er all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains They bend on hov'ring wing,
And ever o'er its babel sounds The blessed angels sing.**

THE WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 35:1-10 OT p. 649
(When Reading is concluded, the congregation responds, "Thanks be to God")

SECOND READING James 5:7-10 NT p. 1104
(When Reading is concluded, the congregation responds, "Thanks be to God")

SPECIAL MUSIC (SUNDAY) "Angel Song (Glory to the Newborn King)" Mock/Paige
Saving Grace Choir

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry" (vs. 1) Hymn #36
**On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he brings Glad tidings of the King of kings!**

GOSPEL Matthew 11:2-11 NT p. 889
*(Before the Gospel is announced, the congregation says "Glory to you, O Lord")
(After the Gospel is concluded, the congregation says, "Praise to you, O Christ")*

SERMON "Do You See It?" Pastor David Irgens

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn of the Day "Prepare the Royal Highway" Hymn #26

**Prepare the royal highway; the King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley A level road appear!
Then greet the King of glory, Foretold in sacred story:
Refrain: Hosanna to the Lord, For he fulfills God's Word!**

**God's people, see him coming: Your own eternal king!
Palm branches strew before him! Spread garments! Shout and sing!
God's promise will not fail you! No more shall doubt assail you!
Refrain**

**Then fling the gates wide open To greet your promised king!
Your king, yet ev'ry nation Its tribute too may bring.
All lands will bow before him; Their voices join your singing:
Refrain**

**His is no earthly kingdom; It comes from heav'n above.
His rule is peace and freedom And justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding For kindness so abounding:**

Refrain

RECEPTION OF OFFERING

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin, Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

HOLY COMMUNION (SATURDAY)

LORD'S PRAYER

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. Amen

BLESSING AND PRAYER (SATURDAY)

Sending Hymn "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" Hymn #54

**It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth To touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to all, From heav'n's all gracious king."
The world in solemn stillness lay To hear the angels sing.**

**Still through the cloven skies they come With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heav'nly music floats O'er all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains They bend on hov'ring wing.
And ever o'er its babel sounds The blessed angels sing.**

**And you, beneath life's crushing load, Whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way With painful steps and slow:
Look now, for glad and golden hours Come swiftly on the wing;
Oh, rest beside the weary road And hear the angels sing!**

**For lo! The days are hast'ning on, By prophets seen of old,
When with the ever-circling years Shall come the time foretold,
When peace shall over all the earth Its ancient splendors fling,
And all the world give back the song Which now the angels sing.**

BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL Go in peace and serve the Lord! Thanks be to God!

Psalms 146:5-10

⁵Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,
⁶who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;
⁷who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.
The LORD sets the prisoners free;
⁸the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰The LORD will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the LORD!

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