Welcome to Worship
ADVENT 1 - Vigilant Hope
November 28 - 29, 2026, 5:00 p.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

WE GATHER

The order of worship is set out in this bulletin. Words are projected on the screen.
Unless noted otherwise, the page and hymn numbers are listed for the Red ELW Hymnal.
● Participation Guide: P = Pastor, L = Worship Leader, **C** = **Congregation**

Prelude (5:00) **O Christmas Tree** — German Carol
Cam Green, piano

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(9:00) **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel** — arr. Charles Callahan
Nicholas Davis, organ

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" arr. Charles Callahan
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(11:00) **"Sinfonia" from Messiah** — arr. K. Abeling
Saxophone Ensemble

"Sinfonia" from Messiah, G.F. Handel / transc. K. Abeling.
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Welcome / Announcements

Call to Worship - Advent

L: We gather together in this place:
C: prophets and dreamers, singers and poets,
L: we who dare to imagine a world renewed;
C: we who dare to dream God's dream.
L: We proclaim expectation with Isaiah!
C: God's redemption is near!
L: Through tears and through trials,
C: we hold fast to our hope.
L: Do not fear, for God is faithful.
C: Our redemption rises with the dawn.
L: Come and worship, all you who dream and wait.
C: We have come to wonder and praise.

Gathering Song **Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn** ELW 242

1 Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn,
for angels herald its dawning.
Sing out your joy, for soon he is born,
behold! the Child of our longing.
Come as a baby weak and poor,
to bring all hearts together,
he opens wide the heav'nly door
and lives now inside us forever.

2 To us, to all in sorrow and fear,
Emmanuel comes a-singing,
his humble song is quiet and near,
yet fills the earth with its ringing;
music to heal the broken soul
and hymns of lovingkindness,
the thunder of his anthems roll
to shatter all hatred and blindness.

3 In darkest night his coming shall be,
when all the world is despairing,
as morning light so quiet and free,
so warm and gentle and caring.
Then shall the mute break forth in song,
the lame shall leap in wonder,
the weak be raised above the strong,
and weapons be broken asunder.

4 Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night,
though dark the winter and cheerless,
the rising sun shall crown you with light,
be strong and loving and fearless.
Love be our song and love our prayer
and love our endless story;
may God fill ev'ry day we share
and bring us at last into glory.

"Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn" Marty Haugen, b. 1950.
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Invocation

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

C: And also with you.

Opening Prayer

Lighting ot the Advent Candle

P: The birth of Jesus has been told and retold a thousand times and in a thousand ways.

C: Its impact cannot be contained in any one perspective. The element of the story

we focus on changes how we hear it, how we imagine it, and how we experience it.

P: Close your eyes for a moment …

Mary and Joseph held on to hope when their options seemed to be in short supply. It was a hope that things would get better.

C: We light the candle of HOPE because God's hope creates a path for a new, unknown story to unfold.

The **HOPE** candle is lit.

Lighting Song **The Will to Dream** Fox/Hamilton/Meisenheimer

Give us the will to dream,
The will to dream.
Give us the will to dream.
Give us the will to dream,
The will to dream.
Give us the will to dream as we prepare the way. (repeat)

The Will to Dream | by Nathan Evans Fox, Andrea Hamilton, Amanda Meisenheimer | CCLI Song #7271979 | © 2025 Illustrated Ministry, LLC.

Invocation

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C: And also with you.

THE WORD

First Reading Isaiah 2:1-5

1 The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. 2 In days to
come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains
and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.
3 Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to
the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his
paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
4 He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall
beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up
sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more. 5 O house of Jacob, come, let
us walk in the light of the Lord!

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel** ELW 257

Refrain Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

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The Holy Gospel Mark 13:24-37

P: The gospel according to Mark.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

24 “But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will
not give its light, 25 and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens
will be shaken.
26 “Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory.
27 Then he will send out the angels and gather the elect from the four winds, from the ends of
the earth to the ends of heaven.
28 “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts
forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. 29 So also, when you see these things taking
place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 30 Truly I tell you, this generation will not
pass away until all these things have taken place. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but
my words will not pass away.
32 “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son,
but only the Father. 33 Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. 34 It
is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each
with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. 35 Therefore, keep awake,
for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or
at cockcrow or at dawn, 36 or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly.
37 And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

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Message Pastor Brian Wise

Hymn of the Day **All Earth Is Hopeful** ELW 266

1 All earth is hopeful, the Savior comes at last!
Furrows lie open for God's creative task:
this, the labor of people who struggle to see
how God's truth and justice set ev'rybody free.

2 People of Israel, you heard the prophet tell:
"A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel";
she conceived him, "God with us,"
our brother, whose birth
restores hope and courage to children of this earth.

3 Mountains and valleys will have to be prepared;
new highways opened, new protocols declared.
Almost here! God is nearing, in beauty and grace!
All clear ev'ry gateway, in haste, come out in haste!

4 We first saw Jesus a baby in a crib.
This same Lord Jesus today has come to live
in our world; he is present, in neighbors we see
our Jesus is with us, and ever sets us free.

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Apostles' Creed

C: 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 into hell. 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 of the People

L: I will end each portion of the prayers with the words "God of our hope,"
and invite you to respond, **"Hear our prayers, and shape us into people of hope.**

Sharing of the Peace

L: May the peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Impact Talk / Offering Invitation

Music Offering

(5:00) **Sweet Little Jesus Boy** arr. Don Hart
Cam Green, piano

"Sweet Little Jesus Boy" Robert MacGimsey, arr. Don Hart.
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(9:00) **Every Valley**
Cantata Choir

"Every Valley" John Ness Beck
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(11:00) **'His Yoke is Easy' from Messiah** arr. K. Abeling
Saxophone Ensemble

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Offertory (5:00, 9:00) **Soon and Very Soon** ELW 439

Soon and very soon
we are goin' to see the King,
soon and very soon
we are goin' to see the King,
soon and very soon
we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!

"Let the Vineyards be Fruitful" Richard W. Hillert, © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin Augsburg Fortress.

Offering Prayer

THE MEAL

Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.
and also with you.
Lift up your fears, your hopes, your dreams.
We lift them up to God.
Let us give thanks to our generous, imaginative God.
We joyfully give our thanks and praise.

All (spoken **Holy, holy, holy Lord**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

P: We receive this bread and this cup in the same spirit of defiant love that you demonstrated to us by your words and actions. May we be restored and renewed by this memorial meal today.

On the night you gathered your friends to eat together in the midst of their fear, and yours, a common meal was transformed into elements of grace to be shared, remembered, and celebrated by generation upon generation.

You took a simple loaf of bread. Blessed it. Broke it. Shared it. You encouraged your friends to eat, letting the bread nourish and sustain them for what was to come.

Then you took a cup of wine. Blessed it. Passed it. And said to drink from it, letting the warmth trickle down, reminding them of your ever-present love.

Because of these simple and remarkable acts, we offer ourselves to be your hands and feet, and we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Let us pray:

The Lord's Prayer

P: With confidence, we pray the prayer you taught us to pray, saying:.

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen.

All are invited to come forward to receive the holy gifts. Those not receiving may come forward for a blessing. Please let an usher know if you need to receive communion at your seat.

Communion Song **Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying** ELW 436

1 Wake, awake, for night is flying,
the watchmen on the heights are crying;
awake, Jerusalem, at last.
Midnight hears the welcome voices,
and at the thrilling cry rejoices:
"Come forth, you maidens! Night is past.
The bridegroom comes! Awake;
your lamps with gladness take!"
Alleluia! Rise and prepare the feast to share;
go, meet the bridegroom, who draws near.

2 Zion hears the watchmen singing,
and all her heart with joy is springing.
She wakes, she rises from her gloom.
Her dear friend comes down, all glorious,
the strong in grace, in truth victorious:
her star is ris'n; her light is come.
Now come, O Blessed One,
Lord Jesus, God's own Son.
Sing hosanna!
Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,
and follow to the banquet hall.

3 Gloria! Let heav'n adore you!
Let saints and angels sing before you,
with harp and cymbal's clearest tone.
Gates of pearl, twelve portals gleaming,
lead us to bliss beyond all dreaming,
with angel choirs around your throne.
No eye has caught the light,
no ear the thund'ring might
of such glory.
There we will go: what joy we'll know!
There sweet delight will ever flow.

"Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying," Philipp Nivolsi, 1556-1608; tr. composite.
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Prayer after Communion

WE ARE SENT

Advent Responsive Sending

Let us affirm God's gift of strong and sturdy hope together.

We believe in a strong and sturdy hope—
A hope which fully sees the world's pain,
While refusing to accept life must be this way.
We name false stories and lament shallow optimism, idealism, or wishful thinking.
With the Spirit's compassion and imagination, we believe things can and will get better,
Committing all we have and all we are into making a new reality, God's dream, come true.
We give our creativity and courage, our prayers and perseverance, remembering that "hope is what we do."
Like Isaiah, we remember what God has done before, and the truth that nothing new comes without someone, somewhere, first imagining what others could not yet see.
As God's family, we believe hope lives and moves in a communal way.
We will hold in our hearts the presence of those who've embodied hope before us
As we carry forward the dream.

Benediction

Sending Song (5:00, 9:00) **Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding** ELW 246

1 Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding!
"Christ is near," we hear it say.
"Cast away the works of darkness,
all you children of the day!"

2 Wakened by the solemn warning,
from earth's bondage let us rise;
Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.

3 See the Lamb, so long expected,
come with pardon down from heav'n.
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all, to be forgiv'n;

4 So, when next he comes in glory
and the world is wrapped in fear,
he will shield us with his mercy
and with words of love draw near.

"Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!" Text: Latin hymn, 1632: tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878

(11:00) Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning ACS 949

1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
for this work's almost done. *Refrain*

Refrain
Children, don't grow weary;

children, don't grow weary;
children, don't grow weary,
for this work's almost done.

2 Darker midnight lies before us,
darker midnight lies before us,
darker midnight lies before us,
for this work's almost done. *Refrain*

3 Lo, the morning soon is breaking,
lo, the morning soon is breaking,
lo, the morning soon is breaking,
for this work's almost done. *Refrain*

4 Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
for this work's almost done. *Refrain*

"Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning," African American spiritual.

Dismissal

L: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God. We will!

Postlude (5:00) **The Most Wonderful Time of the Year** Pola/Wyle
Cam Green, piano

"The Most Wonderful Time of the Year" Eddie Pola and George Wyle
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(9:00) **Rejoice, the Lord is King** arr. Anna Laura Page
Nicholas Davis, organ

"Rejoice, the Lord is King" arr. Anna Laura Page
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(11:00) **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel** arr. K. Abeling
Saxophone Ensemble

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Thank you to the Cantata Choir, the saxophone Ensemble: Ken Abeling, Kevin Carroll, Karlee Van Kley, Rod Russeau, and all who gave of their time to plan, serve, and participate in today's worship.

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This Week in Prayers:

We continue to pray for Gary Griesbach and Shelley May Hutchison.

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Worship Service Opportunities

● Our Saviour's Campus,	Traditional Worship, Blended	Saturday, Sunday,	5:00 pm 11:00 am	Sunday,	9:00 am
● Celebration Campus,	Contemporary	Sunday,	10:00 am		

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Membership at Our Saviour's is focused on relationships. To learn more about membership, visit www.oursaviours.com, email membership@oursaviours.com, or contact the main office at 630-355-2522.

Upcoming Events

Information for groups and events, as well as registration links, can be found on the News & Events page of our website: https://oursaviours.com/news-events

- **Chicago Gargoyle Brass and Organ Ensemble Concert:** Sunday, November 29, 2:30-4:00 pm, Our Saviour's Campus. Enjoy this free concert featuring a leading Midwest brass and organ ensemble known for adventurous programming, major commissions, and acclaimed recordings.
- **Advent: *"The Will to Dream"* Bible Study** on all four Sundays at 10:15 am in the Gathering Room (music wing) at Our Saviour's Campus. Together, we'll explore the lectionary Gospel readings for each week and reflect on the stories and messages that guide us through the Advent season.
- **Poinsettia Plants Pre-sale:** Nov 28th - Dec 20. Help decorate both campuses for Christmas, and take a plant home with you after worship.
- **Women's Ministry: Flower Arranging Class:** Friday, December 4, 6:30–8:30 pm, Celebration Campus. Join professional florist Janet Gallagher for a fun evening of creativity and fellowship! $40 to create; register by Nov. 15 OR just observe and enjoy fellowship for $10; register by Dec. 4.
- ***Sharing Trees*** feature ornaments highlighting our mission partners and opportunities to give. Supports Holy Family Little Learners, Loaves & Fishes, Feed My Starving Children, Mozambique, Slovakia, LSSI, Haiti, OSLC Little Free Pantry, and the OSLC Good Samaritan Fund. Take an ornament, fulfill a need. Return gift items as directed.
- **Christmas Cantata**: Sunday, Dec. 6, 2:30 pm in the OS Sanctuary. *The Promise Fulfilled* - the story of Jesus' birth through music performed by OSLC ensembles and orchestra. This concert is free and open to the public.
- **Christmas in Harmony Concert:** Saturday, December 12, 7:00 pm, and Sunday, December 13, 3:00 pm, OS Sanctuary. Enjoy the sounds of the season as the Northern Illinois Harmony Alliance brings together 50 voices from six Chicago-area choruses, including Naperville's Chorus of DuPage. The concert features four-part a cappella harmonies, award-winning quartets, familiar Christmas favorites, and a musical telling of the Christmas story. Tickets range from $15 to $25, with group discounts available and free admission for children under 5 with an adult ticket. Tickets will also be available for purchase in the Narthex following 9:00 am worship on December 6, from 10:00-10:30 am, and at the door on concert days.

- **Christmas Caroling:** Sunday, December 13, 2:00 pm, meet at Our Saviour's Campus. Join our 4th- and 5th-grade youth as we spread Christmas cheer by visiting our homebound members and Tabor Nursing Home. No sign-up needed. Just show up in your most festive holiday attire and join us for an afternoon of singing and sharing Christmas joy!
- **Visit to Holy Family School:** Wednesday, December 16, depart at 11:00 am from Our Saviour's Campus; depart Holy Family School at 2:00 pm. We'll deliver Target gift cards and books collected through our Season of Sharing Tree, enjoy student-guided tours, visit Little Learners Academy, have a boxed lunch and conversation with CEO Deana Spencer, and attend a Christmas Chapel service led by Chaplain Leslie Hunter. It will be a wonderful opportunity to see this ministry's impact firsthand.
- **Longest Night Service:** Saturday, Dec. 19, 5:00 - 6:00 pm. Join us for a candlelit worship service on the longest night of the year as we acknowledge how God is at work amid our grief and joy this season.
- **Children's Ministry Christmas Pageant "Do It Scared":** Sunday, Dec. 20, during the 11 am worship service.
- **Christmas Eve Worship:**
  - OS Campus - 2:30 pm (Family-friendly)
  - OS Campus - 8:00 and 11:00 pm (more traditional)
  - CC Campus - 4:30 pm (Family-friendly)

There will not be a Christmas Day worship service.
We encourage you to join us for a special worship (see below)

- **Breakfast Church:** Sunday, Dec. 27, at 9 am in the OS Fellowship Hall. Imagine eating during worship! Watch for more details.
- **Recycle Your Christmas Lights:** The "Recycled Christmas Lights" bins are ready to receive your burnt-out or outdated bulbs! *We'll keep the collection going through the New Year to accommodate those taking down decorations after the holidays.*

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