

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 the Church
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- The Lord’s Prayer
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- Benediction

Closing Hymn © 1978, Augsburg Fortress OneLicense #85802 *“Prepare the Royal Highway”*

*Prepare the royal highway; the King of kings is near!
Let every hill and valley a level road appear!
Then greet the King of glory, foretold in sacred story;
Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God’s Word!*

*Then fling the gates wide open to greet your promised king!
Your king, yet every nation its tribute too may bring.
All lands will bow before him; their voices join your singing:
Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God’s Word!*

*His is no earthly kingdom; it comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom and justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding for kindness to abounding:
Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God’s Word!*

Call to Service

<u>Sunday, November 30th, 2025</u>
Attendance: 127
General offering: \$8,964.97
Hospitality: \$27
Decorating Committee: \$45
Memorial in memory of
Gerald Dedde: \$20
Adult Faith Formation: \$11

<u>Wednesday, November 26th, 2025</u>
Attendance: 56
Thanksgiving offering for Sleep in
Heavenly Peace: \$695
Decorating Committee: \$300

<u>October 25</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Giving	335,295	341,265.95	- 5,970.95
Expenses	295,705	280,336.52	+15,368.48

We hope our Worship service will be a Blessing to you!
2nd Sunday in Advent, December 7th, 2025



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Announcements

A Light in the Darkness Worship Service: The holiday season is hard for some of us. You are not alone. Some who are struggling, and grieving have difficulty finding joy in this season. Join us for a different kind of worship service of comfort and hope during all of life's challenges and losses. Next Sunday night, **December 14th at 6:30pm.**

Sleep in Heavenly Peace and the Youth Group: We are accepting donations of NEW standard-size pillows, NEW twin-sized sheet sets, and monetary donations to help make the beds (they cost \$200 each).

Poinsettia Gifts: Due to limited space, instead of buying a poinsettia, you can give a gift in honor or memory of a loved one, with all proceeds going towards replacement items for the decorating committee. Each gift will be \$15. Please fill out and hand in this form by **Sunday, December 14th.**

7th & 8th grade Confirmation: Wednesdays; class starts at 5:45 pm and supper from 6:45 to 7pm (\$5 offering appreciated). Youth Group is encouraged to come for supper. Youth Group will start at 7pm. We will discuss **how to have bold faith when our culture says otherwise**, bring a Bible and a friend! **No classes on December 24th and 31st. Classes resume on January 7th, 2026.**

Faith Formation: Stay tuned for information on a Christmas program. Over Christmas break no classes on December 21st and 28th. We will resume on January 4th, 2026.

Coffee: We will be having coffee on Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10am. We will not meet on Christmas day or New Year's Day.

YARN: will meet on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 10 AM.

Quilting: meets from 9:30 am to 12 pm on the 2nd & 4th Wed. of each month. They will not meet the week of Christmas.

Men’s Noon Bible study: at Mount Olive Church every Wednesday at Noon.

Choir Practice: will be this Wednesday, December 10th at 6pm, in the fellowship hall. They will sing on next Sunday, December 14th.

Electronic Giving or Text to Give: If you are interested in giving electronically, we have an app for that! Just go to the app store, search for Vanco Mobile, download it, search Hosanna Lutheran Church, and follow the steps! You can also text 855-625-1726 with the amount you want to give, click the link they send you and put in your information If you have any questions, please see Anna. You can also put your offering in the offering plates.

Prelude to Prepare for Worship

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Wreath *“Oh Come, Oh Come Emmanuel”*

***Oh, come, strong Branch of Jesse, free Your own from Satan’s tyranny;
From depths of hell your people save And give them vict’ry o’er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!***

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we might perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for self-examination and reflection

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and fellow minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority and in his place, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Opening Hymn *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

***Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.***

***Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would always blessing, serve thee with thy hosts above,
Pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.***

***Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.***

Prayer of the Day

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of your only-begotten Son, that by his coming we may be enabled to serve you with pure minds; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Lesson Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Second Lesson Romans 15:1-13

Gospel Hymn © 1969 James Quinn, admin. Selah CCLI Number: #22256871 *“Word of God, Come Down On Earth”*

***Word of God, come down on earth, living rain from heaven descending;
touch our hearts and bring to birth faith and hope and love unending.
Word almighty, we revere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.***

Gospel Reading Matthew 3:1-12

Children’s Sermon

Hymn of the Day *“On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry”*

***On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!***

***Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin; make straight the way for God within,
And let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.***

***Stretch forth your hand, our health restore, and make us rise to fall no more;
Oh, let your face upon us shine and fill the world with love divine.***

***All praise to you, eternal Son, whose advent has our freedom won,
Whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Spirit, evermore.***

Sermon Pastor Janine Rew-Werling

Sermon Hymn *“Hark, the Glad Sound!”*

***Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes, the Savior promised long;
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne and ev'ry voice a song.***

***He comes the pris'ners to release, in Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before him burst, the iron fetters yield.***

***He comes the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of his grace to enrich the humble poor.***

***Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, Your welcome shall proclaim,
And heav'n's eternal arches ring with your beloved name.***