

# **Our Savior's Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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**December 14th, 2025**

**Service of The Word 8:30 AM**



## **Third Sunday of Advent**

Today we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent, often called Gaudete or "Joy" Sunday. As we light the candle, we're reminded that even in seasons of waiting, God fills us with a deep and abiding joy. The readings this week point us to God's faithfulness, the joyful song of Mary, and the hopeful witness of John the Baptist. As the light on the Advent wreath grows, so does our anticipation of Christ's coming—bringing joy, renewal, and the promise of God's love made flesh.

## Prelude

### "Christmas Concerto"

Flute Trio - Shelliann Gunderson, Susan Weiss, and Jackie Oakes

## Welcome/Announcements

## Advent Candle Lighting

### Candle of Joy



**Reader:** Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. Your prophets spoke of a day when the desert would blossom and waters would break forth in the wilderness. Bless us as we light the candles of this wreath. Strengthen our hearts as we prepare for the coming of the Lord. May he give water to all who thirst, for he is our light and our salvation. Blessed be God forever. Amen.

## Opening Hymn

"Prepare the Royal Highway" #264 **Red** V 1 & 3

## Prayers of the People

**Response:** Hear our prayer

## Prayer of the Day

**All:** Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Luke 1:26-38**

### **The Birth of Jesus Foretold**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

### **Sermon/Play - The Christmas Story**

Welcome to our modern retelling of The Christmas Story! Today's cast brings Scripture to life with warmth, humor, and heartfelt storytelling. This play was originally written by Jackie Oakes back in 2009, with the intent of filming it in and around the previous church she served — a testament to her creativity, talent, and love for sharing the story in meaningful ways.

## Sermon/Play - The Christmas Story - Continued

Pastor Casey serves as our Narrator and Herod, guiding us through the journey. Pete Nylen appears as the Angel Gabriel, delivering heaven's messages. Scott Dettmann portrays Zechariah, while Shelliann Gunderson steps into the roles of Elizabeth and a Wise Woman. Allison Cayo brings Mary to the scene (with Joseph briefly "out of town" on a Starbucks run), and Leanne Ryan plays both a Shepherd and a Wise Woman. Jackie Oakes also joins the cast as the Priest, a Shepherd, and a Wise Woman. We are grateful to this wonderful cast for sharing their gifts and helping us experience the Advent story in a new way.



### Hymn of the Day

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" #254 Red

**I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his 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 from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there 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 life everlasting.  
Amen.**

**Peace - Sharing the Peace**

**Offering**

**"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"**

**Flute Trio - Shelliann Gunderson, Susan Weiss, and Jackie Oakes**

**Offering Prayer**

**Communion - All are welcome to the table.**

## Words of Institution

The 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,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.

## Distribution Music

"The First Nowell" Jackie Oakes

## Benediction

Pr Casey: The peace of God accompany your waiting, the light of Christ warm your hearts, and the joy of the Spirit fill you with hope. Amen.

## Closing Hymn

"Joy to the World" #267 Red V 1, 2 & 4

## Dismissal

Pastor Casey, "Go in peace, share the good news."

ALL: "Thanks be to God."

## Postlude

"At Christmastide"

Flute Trio - Shelliann Gunderson, Susan Weiss, and Jackie Oakes



## Stewardship Update

Thank you—truly!

A heartfelt congratulations and thank you to the people of Our Savior's!

We received more pledge cards this year than last.

Your generosity provided enough pledges to purchase a new furnace.  
And thanks to your commitments, our 2026 budget is looking incredibly strong.

Once again, when the Leadership Team invited your support, you responded with remarkable faithfulness, engagement, and commitment.  
We are deeply grateful!

## Leadership Team Invitation

The Leadership Team is seeking new members to join us in shaping the decisions, future growth, and redevelopment of our church as we continue discerning how God is calling Our Savior's to serve our community. We invite each of you to pray and reflect on how your gifts, time, and talents might support this important work.

If you are interested or have questions, please reach out to any Leadership Team member or to Pastor Casey. We would love to have you be part of the team!

## Connect

Pastor Casey

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### 2025 Leadership Team

Past President: Jeff Hand

President-Elect: Matt Feyen

Treasurer: Lori Zeller

Secretary: Megan Anderson

Member @ Large: Scott Dettmann

Member @ Large: Tom Carroll

Member @ Large: John Weiss

## Upcoming Events

**December 15 – ReImagine Ministry Meeting,  
6:00 PM at Church of the Resurrection (Pewaukee).**



**Monday, Dec. 15 at 6 pm at COR  
Join us for Dinner & Discussion  
Everyone is welcome!**

**December 21 – Children's Christmas Program, 10:00 AM  
at Church of the Resurrection (Pewaukee).**

**December 21 – Christmas Caroling, 2:00 PM at Hartland  
Place Senior Living (Merton Avenue, Hartland).**





The Relmagine Ministry Team of  
★ Our Savior's Hartland OS  
★★ Church of the Resurrection CR  
Invite you to

## Christmas in the Hart

★★ Children's Program 10 am Dec. 21 CR  
Caroling 2 pm Dec. 21 at Hartland Place

### Christmas Eve Worship

Candlelight "Silent Night" at 3 & 5 pm

- ★★ 3 pm Family Interactive CR
- ★ 5 pm Traditional OS
- ★ 9 pm Vespers Contemplative OS

Lessons & Carols Dec. 28

★ 8:30 am OS & 10 am CR★★

### Christmas Outreach

Donations collected for  
Hope Center, Hartland Food Pantry  
S.E.R.V.E. (The McGuire Foundation)  
Family Promise of Waukesha County



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**Luke 1:26-38**  
**The Birth of Jesus Foretold**

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 Elizabeth  
 Holy  
 Joseph  
 Son

Barren  
 Favor  
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 Mary  
 Spirit

David  
 Gabriel  
 Jesus  
 Nazareth

## Christmas from the Hart – Outreach Promotion

We need volunteers to hand out flyers in our community. Each flyer has a suggested business taped to the back—simply take one and post it!

Suggested community locations:

Birch & Banyan Coffee

Endter's Sports Grill

YMCA – Pabst Farms

Sendik's Food Market

Kwik Trip

Town Bank

Local barber shops & salons

Local vet/pet groomers

Hartland Place Senior Living

Arrowhead High School (permission may be needed)

Members' workplaces

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**

Thank you for helping us share the love and joy of the season with our neighbors!

## Serving in Worship

December 14th, 2025

Reader: Ron Schell

Communion Assistance: Dave Christman

Ushers: Scott Dettmann

Greeter: Marlene Goetz

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Megan Anderson

*Today*

**NEXT  
WEEK**

December 21st, 2025

Reader: Jackie Oakes

Communion Assistance: Lori Zeller

Usher: Deb Fisher

Greeter: Lori Zeller

Communion Cleanup: Mary Kay Carroll

**Giving Tree in the Narthex  
Take a tag—spread Christmas cheer!  
Merry Christmas!**



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