

Our Savior's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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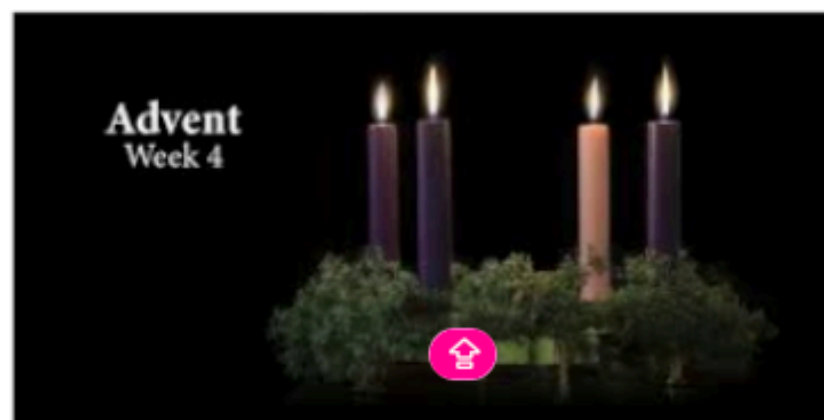
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December 21st, 2025

Service of The Word 8:30 AM



Fourth Sunday of Advent

Fourth Sunday of Advent – Love

As we light the fourth candle of Advent, we focus on love — the love of God made known to us in Jesus Christ. In Mary's yes, in God's promise fulfilled, and in the nearness of Christ's birth, we are reminded that

God's love comes to dwell among us. This love is not distant or abstract, but present, embodied, and given freely for the life of the world.

Prelude

"White Christmas"

Welcome/Announcements

Opening Hymn

"Joy to the World"

Prayers of the People

Response: **Hear our prayer**

Prayer of the Day

All: Eternal Father, you gave your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world., Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture

Psalm 148 (read responsively)

Carols!! Pick a couple

Matthew 2:13-23

The Escape to Egypt

When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him." 14 So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, 15 where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son." [a]

16 When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. 17 Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

18 “A voice is heard in Ramah,
weeping and great mourning,
Rachel weeping for her children
and refusing to be comforted,
because they are no more.”[b]

The Return to Nazareth

19 After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt 20 and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child’s life are dead.”

21 So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. 22 But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, 23 and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.

Hymn of the Day

“Mary’s Boy Child”



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 to the dead;
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 life everlasting.
Amen.

Peace - Sharing the Peace

Offering

"The Friendly Beasts"

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 Gift"

Benediction

Closing Hymn

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

Dismissal

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

ALL: "Thanks be to God."

Postlude

"Go tell it on the mountain" reprise A Little Bit of Heaven

Introducing Our Outreach Ministry Coordinator - Linda Nylen

We are pleased to announce that Linda is taking on the role of Outreach Ministry Coordinator at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Linda's passion is to help us engage in meaningful ministry that supports local, regional, and global needs, always leading with grace.

Linda reminds us that while there is great need in the world, none of us is called to fix everything alone. Instead, we support as we are able, guided by compassion, generosity, and the Holy Spirit. She hopes to raise awareness of meaningful mission opportunities—without pressure—and to encourage families to connect with the ministries that speak to their hearts.

Beginning in January, Linda will feature a monthly outreach focus in the bulletin, along with a simple and practical "This Week's Shopping List" section to help guide giving in clear and manageable ways. Please join us in thanking Linda for her leadership, faith, and her heart for service!

Also — Dr. Geiss from the Lake Area Free Clinic will be presenting a short Temple Talk at 9:30 a.m. (after worship) on Sunday, January 18. Come hear how our support is making a real difference in our community!



THIS WEEK'S GROCERY LIST ITEMS:

Sugar Free Cough Drops

Cough/Cold Syrup

The Lake Area Free Clinic serves uninsured adults in Waukesha County and the Oconomowoc School District, offering comprehensive medical care at no cost. Many patients work full time but cannot afford insurance, and thousands in our community remain uninsured. LAFC provides medical care, labs, imaging, medications, referrals, and support services thanks to generous donors.



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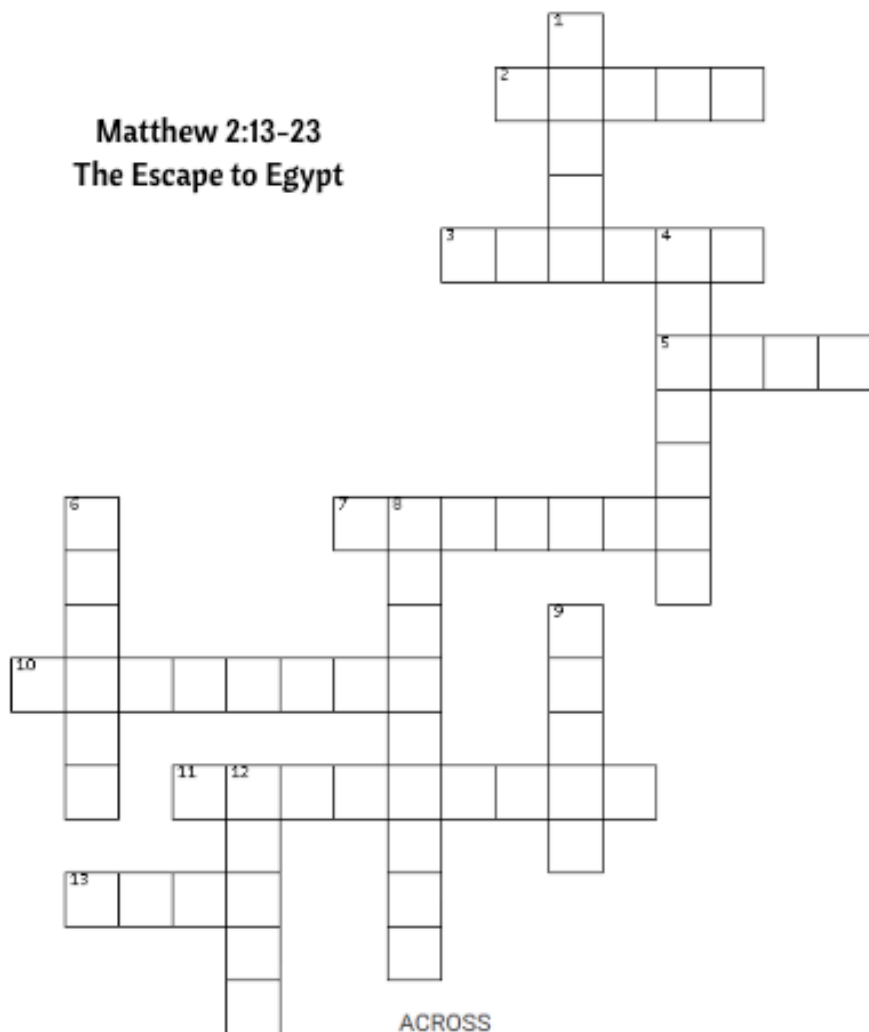
Serving in Worship

Today

December 28th, 2025
Reader: Lori Zeller
Communion Assistance: TBD
Usher: Deb Fisher
Greeter: Diana DuFresne
Intinction/Cleanup: Carol Emmel

Matthew 2:13-23

The Escape to Egypt



ACROSS

- 2. – Ruler who wanted Jesus killed
- 3. – Earthly father who protected Jesus
- 5. – What Joseph did when God spoke
- 7. – Region where Nazareth was located
- 10. – Town where they settled
- 11. – Town where Jesus had been
- 13. – Mother of Jesus

DOWN

- 1. – Child being protected
- 4. – Spoke God's promises
- 6. – Country they returned to
- 8. – Son of Herod who ruled Judea
- 9. – God's messenger in Joseph's dream
- 12. – Where the family escaped to

Matthew 2:13-23

The Escape to Egypt

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GALILEE
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OBEDIENCE
PROTECTION

ARCHELAUS
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HEROD
JESUS
NAZARETH
PROMISE
SEARCH

BETHLEHEM
EGYPT
HOPE
JOSEPH
NIGHT
PROPHET

A Little Bit of Heaven Band

A favorite local music group bringing joy through music!

A Little Bit of Heaven Band is a fun and versatile musical group known for performing a wide selection of music, ranging from '50s and '60s classics to country, polkas, gospel, German tunes, waltzes, and other favorite standards. They have an active presence around the community—especially in the Lake Country area—and frequently play for gatherings, celebrations, and worship services.



