



WAIT UPON  
THE LORD

*Celebrate the  
Season of Advent*



*Sunday, December 19, 2021*  
*4<sup>th</sup> Week of Advent*

*I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. Psalm 9:1*

On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we wait upon the Lord with gratitude. Zechariah's waiting days for John the Baptist's birth were filled with great gratitude for the Lord's promise about to be fulfilled. In these remaining waiting days before our Savior's birth, we are ever more grateful for the arrival of the Promised One.

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**INVOCATION & CALL TO WORSHIP**

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.*

*Wait upon the Lord.*

**Be strong and courageous.**

*Wait upon the Lord. That's what Zechariah did. Then he gave thanks, saying -*

**Blessed be the God of Israel.**

*For he has visited and redeemed his people.*

**To guide our feet into the way of peace.**

*Wait upon the Lord.*

**Be strong and courageous. Wait upon the Lord!**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

*We light the first candle on the Advent wreath as a reminder we wait with faith. The second candle is our reminder we wait with hope. The third candle is lit to remind us we wait with joy. Today, we light the fourth candle as we acknowledge we wait upon the Lord with gratitude.*

**HYMN**

***"Angels We Have Heard on High"***

**#289**

**Angels we have heard on high,  
sweetly singing o'er the plains,**

and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
which inspire your heav'nly song?  
Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see  
him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn king.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*God of all mercy and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:*

We admit that we have become impatient with ourselves,  
each other, and sometimes with you. We have turned to our  
own way and have gone astray from your will. Lost in sin  
and needing to become strong and courageous, we ask you, O  
Lord, to forgive our sin, cleanse our hearts, and keep us  
patiently waiting for the promised coming of your Son, Jesus  
Christ our Lord.

You are invited to meditate on the fact that though our sin is great,  
Christ's love is greater.

*Believe and receive the good news! God sent his Son, the Babe of  
Bethlehem, to show his infinite love and forgiveness for all people. Your  
sins are forgiven in the holy name of Christ who came and indeed, will  
come again. Amen.*

*Wait upon the Lord.*

**Be strong and courageous. Wait upon the Lord!**

## KYRIE

*Lord, have mercy. Give us patience.*

*Christ, have mercy. Give us patience and peace.*

*Lord, have mercy. Give us patience and peace for the living of  
these days.*

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*O Lord, rend the heavens and come down.*

**Be our strength every morning and our salvation in the night of despair. Show forth your power and might, just as you did in the days of Zechariah the priest; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit—God forever. Amen.**

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

**Isaiah 51:2-4**

Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. For the Lord comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.

*The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

**1 Thessalonians 5:17-19**

Pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit.

*The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

**Those who wait upon the Lord will renew their strength. Hallelujah!**

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

**Luke 1:67-79**

And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying, “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us; to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of

our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

*The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

**SERMON**      *“Wait Upon the Lord with Gratitude”*

**HYMN**      *On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry*      #249

**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.**

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

**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 catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.*

## **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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION & BLESSING**

### **OFFERING**

*Reminder that the offering plate and the Globe offering can  
be found on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for  
contributing financially to the mission and ministry of Our Savior's  
Lutheran Church.*

### **BENEDICTION**

*May God give us the faith of Abraham, the hope of Isaiah, the joy of  
Elizabeth, and the gratitude of Zechariah. God will make us strong and  
courageous.*

**As we wait upon the Lord! Amen.**

### **SENDING HYMN      *O Little Town of Bethlehem*      #279**

**O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;  
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

**How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.  
No ear may hear his coming; but, in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him, still  
the dear Christ enters in.**

**O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!**

## **DISMISSAL**

*You are the body of Christ. Go in peace. Serve the Lord.*

**Okay, we will. Thanks be to God!**

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*The Mission Committee is excited to announce we will be working with LSS of Rapid City, the Hermosa School and Relator's for Kids again this year to provide Christmas gifts for local children as well as the youth who are a part of the Arise program. There are several ways you can participate. Thank you for helping children to experience God's love at Christmas time.*

### **How to participate in the 2021 Local Angel Tree Mission**

Donate financially to the OSL Angel Tree Mission of the Moment beginning now through December 31<sup>st</sup>. Cash or checks (write Mission on the memo line) can be mailed or dropped off at the church. Give online through Tith.ly (drop down menu has Mission of the Moment option.) Pastor Deb and the OSL Community HS Youth Group will take these donations and shop for gifts on December 12<sup>h</sup>. (Pastor Deb will shop for any last-minute gift requests we receive.)

**Don't Forget...**

**ANNUAL  
MEETING**

**January 23rd 2022!**

**SOUP & CHILI**

**COOK-OFF**

**Following the Annual  
Meeting**



\*\*Those who are grieving losses of any sort, especially the friends and family of Shannon Lakner (Cousin of Philip Lakner); Kenny Middlemas (Uncle of Jason Virtue); Jack Peterson (Grandson of Collette Carlson)

\*\*Those recovering from COVID-19, surgeries, and those who are ill or hospitalized, including: Cliff (Friend of Toni Ramsey); Lynzee Makowski (niece of Rebecca Kaiser); Clay Walberg; Esther Downen; Dean Schumacher (Friend of Pastor Deb and Rod); Terry Richie Sr (Brother in law of Russ and Cathy Dahl); Jason Boll (son of Linda Boll); BJ McGuire (Friend of Carmen Lakner); Rod Dikoff (Cousin of Roger); Marquita Prince (Friend of Linda Morrison)

\*\*Those with on-going health concerns, including Gary Walberg (Father of Clay Walberg); Bob and Peg Tesch; Rhonda (Cousin of Suzan Heidelberger); Shelly (Friend of Carla Oerter); Suzan Heidelberger; Chelle Schefcik; Michael and Jeffrey (Cousins of Donna Zuerlein); Brenda Kummer

\*\*For our military members and their families, especially those who are away from home this holiday season.

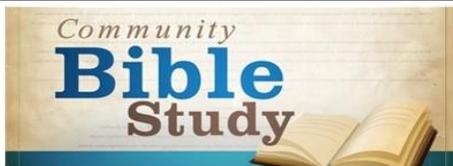
\*\*For our students and teachers as they approach finals and ends of semesters.

\*\*For those who are homeless and those whose homes do not provide warmth and safety

\*\*For those who the holiday season is an especially hard time and for those who walk with them

\*\*For our leaders at every level

\*\*For our siblings in Christ, our friends and enemies, both near and far.



### ***Wait Upon the Lord***

**Mondays at 9:30 am**

**Nov. 29 - Dec. 20**

**Hermosa Coffee House**

**13 2nd St, Hermosa**

*All are welcome to join Pastor Deb as we journey together during Advent waiting upon the Lord for his presence to be revealed to us on Christmas. We will look back in Scripture at those who waited upon the Lord for his promises to come to pass through the Christ Child. We will also look forward, contemplating how we should wait upon the Lord in this present moment of our lives, as God continues to make himself known to us. Please join us in Advent as we wait upon the Lord with faith, hope, rejoicing and gratitude.*

*No experience is necessary. Bring your own Bible. Study guides will be provided. Drinks and treats available for purchase if you desire. (You don't have to purchase something to be a part of the group.)*

## WANTED:

### Poinsettias for Christmas

The Worship Committee needs your help in decorating our sanctuary with poinsettias this year. You are invited to loan poinsettias to OSL for the Christmas services or make a financial donation to purchase flowers on your behalf. Poinsettias can be dropped off at the church beginning Sunday, December 19 and picked up anytime after the final Christmas Eve service on December 24. Financial donations can be dropped off anytime before December 23. Please indicate the donation is for flowers. If you would like to loan or purchase a flower in honor or memory of someone, please let Josie know by December 19. A list of names will be published in the Christmas Eve bulletin. Thank you for your help.



American Legion Post 303 Building  
East End of Hermosa on HWY 40  
**ALL AGES ARE WELCOME**  
Home-cooked, buffet-style meals  
Main dish, sides, salads, fruit,  
dessert, drink

**Hermosa Senior  
Citizen's will be closed  
from Dec 20<sup>th</sup> through  
Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> and will not be  
serving lunch during that  
time.**

Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
*You Are Invited to Celebrate Christmas with Us!*  
*A Quiet Christmas Service*

Candlelight Service with Communion

Thursday, December 23rd 6:30pm Live streamed as well

*This service is for those wishing to worship but are grieving, not feeling very "Christmacy" or just need a break from the chaos and hustle/bustle of the season*

*Christmas Eve Services*

Candlelight Service with Communion

Friday, December 24th 3:00, 5:00, 7:00 Live streamed as well

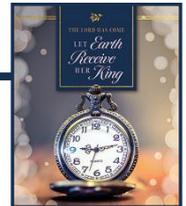
You are also invited to join us on Sunday, December 26th at 9:30am for  
Worship to celebrate Christmas Day

Please email or call with any questions

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[www.youtube.com/TheOSLHemrosa](http://www.youtube.com/TheOSLHemrosa)





Sunday, Dec 19<sup>th</sup>

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent*

**8:15am** Property Committee Meeting

**9:30am** Worship and Communion in building and live online

*Fellowship after Worship*

**10:30am** Worship Committee Meeting

**3:00pm** Community Cantata

**5:00pm** Confirmation

**6:30-8:00pm** HS Youth Group

Monday, Dec 20<sup>th</sup>

**9:30am** Bible Study with Pastor Deb @ Hermosa Coffee House

Wednesday, Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>

*No DOG Night*

Thursday, Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>

**6:30pm** A Quiet Christmas Service with Communion

Saturday, Dec 24<sup>th</sup>

**3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm** Candlelight Christmas Eve Services @ OSL with Communion

Sunday, Dec 26<sup>th</sup>

**9:30am** Worship in building and live online

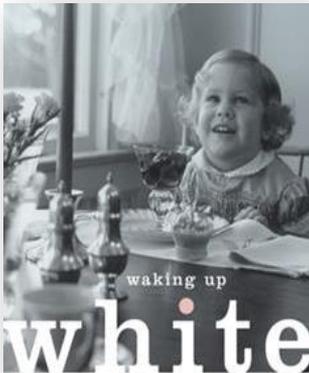
*Potluck following worship*

*No Confirmation*

*No HS Youth Group*

Monday, Dec 27<sup>th</sup>

*Church Office Closed*



***New Book Study Opportunity***

***Waking Up White, and Finding Myself in the Story of Race***

***By Debby Irving***

Tuesdays at 7 pm MST beginning December 14

In person at Our Savior's Lutheran Church and  
Via Zoom (Meeting ID: 518 251 3825 Password:  
OSLHermosa)

\*All ages and genders are welcome to join in discussion as we read this book together. Pastor Deb has secured some books for \$5. Please contact her at [pastordeb@oslhermosa.com](mailto:pastordeb@oslhermosa.com) if you would like a book. eBooks can also be purchased through various sellers.