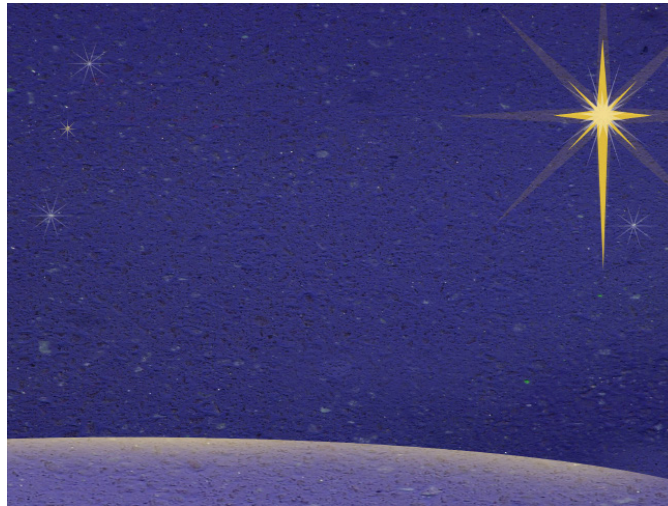


# OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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ADVENT 2022  
(November 27-December 18, 2022)  
9:30 a.m. Worship



## WHO WE ARE

**We are a community grounded in the life and teachings of Jesus.**

- We embrace an open approach to every spiritual journey.
- We ask questions together and value every voice.
- We strive for justice through service to the world.

**We seek to be transformed by the path we walk together.**

## WE ARE A RECONCILING IN CHRIST CONGREGATION

**We are a community embraced by the mystery of God's love for all creation.**

We look for the Christ shining in every race, every child and family shape, every sexual orientation and gender identity, every physical and mental ability, every economic status, and every faith perspective. Within this dynamic community, we foster meaningful connections and experiences as we live into faith and face the issues of our time.

**Together, we strive to live with loving hearts, open minds, and hands extended to all.**

*"... for all of you are one in Christ." – Gal. 3:2*

## ADVENT 2022: PEOPLE, LOOK EAST!

Our theme this Advent comes from the title of a poem by British poet, author, and journalist Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965). She is best known for writing the poem "Morning Has Broken," in 1931; forty years later, set to a traditional Gaelic tune, it became a musical hit for singer Cat Stevens. Her poem, "People, Look East!" is all about making preparations for the coming of the Christ Child. In the line, "make your house as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table," we are reminded of our own holiday preparations, but we can also sense a metaphor here: how do we prepare a home in our hearts for Christ to enter?

### ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

*see insert*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*sung: Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah, first verse only on November 27th, then adding an additional verse each week of Advent.*



- 1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.  
He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward.  
Lift your heads and lift high the gate-way for the King of glo - ry.  
He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

L DIALOG *[a reading of the poem by Eleanor Farjeon]*

People, look east—the time is near of the crowning of the year! Make your house as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.

**People, look east and sing today that Love, the Guest, is on the way!**

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there. Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in the course the flower may flourish.

**People, look east and sing today that Love, the Rose, is on the way!**

Stars, keep watch. When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim, shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as the moon and stars together!

**People, look east and sing today that Love, the Star, is on the way!**

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth, Christ, who brings new life to earth. Set every peak and valley humming with the word the Lord is coming.

**People, look east and sing today that Love, the Lord, is on the way!**

WELCOME

L PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*after each petition,*

L: God who sends love in human form,

**Receive our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as 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.

HYMN

*see insert*

L FIRST READING

*see insert*

*Please rise as you are able*



## People, Look East

1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing  
of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,  
trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look  
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.

L GOSPEL

*see insert*

HYMN OF THE DAY

*see insert**The community is seated*

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

*see insert*

## L A CREED FOR ADVENT

*read together*

**I believe in waiting.**

**It is the slowing down that makes me listen for the still, small voice.**

**It is the process that—in God’s time, not my own—brings me to wholeness.**

**I believe in darkness.**

**It is a shadow that makes me yearn for light.**

**It is a confusion that helps me appreciate clarity.**

**I believe in trust.**

**It is the strength that led Joseph to stand by his betrothed.**

**It is the faith that led Mary to say “Let it be to me according to your word.”**

**I believe in patience.**

**It is a discipline that calms the unrest inside me.**

**It is a tool to fend off the urgencies of my outer world.**

**I believe in mystery.**

**It is the wonder of shepherds hearing angels sing.**

**It is the strangeness of kings riding camels toward a star.**

**I wait in darkness**

**I trust with patience**

**I accept the mystery of this most precious gift.**

**Come, Lord Jesus. Come.**

**Amen.**

## L SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the coming Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please rise as you are able*

## HYMN

*see insert*

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*see insert*

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# CELEBRATE THE SEASON AT OSLC!

## **Sunday, November 27**

First Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Soul Forum, Oakview 3

9:30 am Worship, Sanctuary

10:30 am Family Advent Celebration, Courtyard

10:30 am Christmas Tree Decoration, Narthex

## **Sunday, December 4**

Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Soul Forum, Oakview 3

9:30 am Worship, Sanctuary

Guest preacher, Sam LaDue

## **Sunday, December 11**

Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Soul Forum, Oakview 3

9:30 am Worship, Sanctuary

4:00 pm OSLC Christmas Concert

Choir presents Advent Cantata  
"Homemade Christmas Gifts"

## **Sunday, December 18**

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Soul Forum, Oakview 3

9:30 am Worship, Sanctuary

Choral Music by Dan Nelson  
Handbell Quartet rings

## **Wednesday, December 21**

4:30-6:00 pm, Courtyard

Winter Solstice

Winter Solstice Festival

## **Saturday, December 24**

Christmas Eve

4:00 pm Christmas Eve for All Ages  
Courtyard and Sanctuary

## **Sunday, December 25**

Christmas Day

8:30 am Soul Forum on break

9:30 am Worship, Sanctuary

Service of Carols and Prayers  
with Communion

## **Sunday, January 01, 2023**

New Year's Day

8:30 am Soul Forum on break

9:30 am Worship, Sanctuary

Service for the New Year

# WORSHIP INSERT

December 4, 2022

## Leading Worship Today

Pastor: Dan Senter

Preacher: Sam LaDue

Dir. of Worship/Music: Martin Morley

Liturgist: Julie Veenstra

## Prelude:

"My Lord, What a Morning"

arr. Michael Hassell

## First Hymn

ELW 250

"Blessed Be the God of Israel"

## Scriptures

Isaiah 11:1-10

Matthew 3:1-12

## Hymn of the Day

ELW 255

"There's a Voice in the Wilderness"

## Offering of Music

Martin Morley, piano

"I Wonder as I Wander"

arr. John Ness Beck

## Sending Hymn

ELW 253

"He Came Down"

## Postlude

"My Lord, What a Morning"

arr. Chuck Marohnic

*Our current Covid-19 guidelines make masking optional, but still highly recommended. Please distance your seating*

## Winter Solstice Celebration

Wednesday, Dec. 21st, 4:30 - 6:00 pm

Creekside Commons is excited to host this wonderful evening experience that takes place on the longest night of the year as we turn toward the season of Winter. A night filled with experiences and moments designed for the whole family. Mark your calendars and watch for the flyer next week. See This Week for more information.

## Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 11, 4:00 pm

We're back! After two Covid-plagued years without a Christmas Concert, we are bringing back this holiday tradition featuring the OSLC Choir and Handbell Quartet. Join us for "Homemade Christmas Gifts." Homemade, because this concert features music composed by our Composer-in-Residence Dan Nelson, and our Director of Worship and Music, Martin Morley, along with a few other music creators. We have enjoyed Dan's music for years, and here's your opportunity to hear more of it; in addition, here's your chance to hear what Martin wrote during his 2020 sabbatical! Admission is free, but we will collect a freewill offering to be donated to a local charity. Come and bring friends!

## Monument Crisis Center Holiday Food Box Project

Monument Crisis Center in Concord is asking the community to assemble holiday food boxes for our neighbors in need in the coming weeks.

It would be awesome, if you could undertake a scavenger hunt with your family to find all the items on the shopping list at your grocery store and return the filled box.

Bring your filled boxes to church on Dec. 11th as teens and kids join together to decorate the boxes and write cards for the families. For teens, we will also have time for some festive activities before the 4pm Christmas Concert so check your e-mail for more information, or let Sheryl know if you didn't receive it! [youth@oslc.net](mailto:youth@oslc.net)

## Prayer Requests

Prayers of comfort for April Johanson and family as they mourn the death of Mark Johanson on November 3rd, following a long struggle with alzheimer's.



## **Mt. Diablo Peace and Justice Center's 14th Annual Peace and Justice Awards Dinner**

*Saturday, December 17, 6:00-9:00 p.m.*

Please join us at this community event to honor this year's Peace and Justice Award Winners! This event will include a full-course dinner, silent auction, and a raffle! To learn more or purchase a ticket, check out This Week.

## **Youth Advent Celebration**

We had a wonderful time at our Advent celebration this past Sunday - planting crocus and tulip bulbs in the spirit of this season of waiting, preparing advent calendars that will tell the Christmas story, and enjoying hot chocolate and snacks!



## **Hello OSLC and Creekside Commons guests!**

I'm so excited about how much activity and energy is all around Creekside Commons! Our spaces are full and I keep getting calls about rentals.

As a reminder, The Springstone School is on site Monday through Friday from 8am-4:15pm (8am-1pm Weds.). Besides the spaces they previously rented, they now also rent Oakview 3 during the school day. If you are coming to Creekside Commons during the weekdays, please make sure you are parking in lot Entry A and entering the building at the Main Entry.

Thanks for your cooperation and understanding!

*Kari Speltz*

*Site Use Coordinator/Admin. Manager*

## **Soul Forum Podcast: S2E13 Finding the Collective Body Pt. 2**

Brian is an artist who works with found materials. The stuff none of us tends to notice. It is an art form that can remind us that there is a deeper story that is hidden beneath the surface. While we tend to focus on our individual soul and its expression, is there a way to tend to a story held within our collective soul that exists?

Brian uses found materials to explore what that collective story might look like, what it tells us about ourselves and the worlds we create. How might each of us tend to the collective story of our shared soul that runs silent under everything we touch and see and feel?

Listen on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, or anywhere you listen to your podcasts.

## **Creekside Commons Update**

Hello Everyone! Hope everyone had a fabulous Thanksgiving a week ago!

This weekend is an exciting one at Creekside Commons. As you have seen advertised, The Peter Pan Foundation will be having their performances of 'Sound of Music' on both Saturday and Sunday at 2pm and 7pm. There may still be tickets available for today's performances.

In addition to the Sound of Music performances, we had a client appreciation event for the Compass Motley Team on Saturday, and the Acalanes Volleyball Banquet this afternoon and evening, both in the Main Hall. Creekside Commons is bustling with activity this weekend!

Kari- Site Use Coordinator

