

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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*A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament,
Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in World Wide Missions*



The Gift of Love

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son.

1 John 4:10

“From heav’n above to earth I come to bear good news to ev’ry home;
Glad tidings of great joy I bring, whereof I now will say and sing:

“To you this night is born a child of Mary, chosen virgin mild;
This little child of lowly birth shall be the joy of all the earth.

“He will on you the gifts bestow prepared by God for all below,
That in his kingdom, bright and fair, you may with us his glory share.

“How glad we’ll be to find it so! Then with the shepherds let us go
To see what God for us has done in sending us his own dear Son.”

THE OPENING LITANY

- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**
P Every good and perfect gift is from heaven above,
C **Coming down from the Father of lights.**
P We gather to celebrate the good and perfect gift of love.
C **For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son**
P That whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
C **Though the mountains be shaken,**
P And the hills be removed,
C **God’s unfailing love will not be shaken,**
P Nor his covenant of peace be removed.
C **Let us love one another, for love comes from God!**

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

- P On this second Sunday in Advent we light a second candle and call it Love.
(The acolyte lights the first and second purple candles.)
P This is love.
C **Not that we loved God,**
P But that he loved us.
C **We call this candle Love because God showed his love among us**
P And sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.
C **Let us love one another, for love comes from God!**

I lay in fetters, groaning; you came to set me free.
I stood, my shame bemoaning; you came to honor me.
A glorious crown you give me, a treasure safe on high
That will not fail or leave me as earthly riches fly.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P Let us confess our sins to our loving and gracious heavenly Father. Love is patient.

- C **But we grow impatient.**
 P Love is kind.
 C **But we push and shove.**
 P Love does not envy.
 C **But we covet and demand.**
 P Love does not boast.
 C **But we are pompous and proud.**
 P Love keeps no record of wrongs.
 C **But we compute, calculate, catalog and refuse to let it go.**
 P Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.
 C **But our love is fickle, finite and so frequently fails.**
 P I announce the grace of God to you, for in the name of Jesus you have God's sure and certain unfailing love—sin's debt, that fearful burden, cannot his love erase. Your guilt the Lord will pardon and cover by his grace. He comes, for you procuring the peace of sin forgiven. His children thus securing eternal life in heaven.
 C **Let us love one another, for love comes from God!**

Love caused your incarnation; love brought you down to me.
 Your thirst for my salvation procured my liberty.
 Oh, love beyond all telling, that led you to embrace
 In love, all love excelling, our lost and fallen race.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING ... Isaiah 54:7-10

THE EPISTLE READING ... 1 John 4:7-11

THE SPECIAL MUSIC

THE GOSPEL READING ... John 3:13-17

Let the earth now praise the Lord, who has truly kept his Word
And at last to us did send Christ, the sinner's help and friend.

What the fathers most desired, what the prophets' heart inspired,
What they longed for many a year, stands fulfilled in glory here.

Abram's promised great Reward, Zion's Helper, Jacob's Lord,
Him of twofold race behold, truly came, as long foretold.

As your coming was in peace, quiet, full of gentleness,
Let the same mind dwell in me which is yours eternally.

Then when you will come again as the glorious King to reign,
I with joy will see your face, freely ransomed by your grace.

THE SERMON

"The Gift of Love"

Pastor Daniel Barbey

THE OFFERING

THE PRAYERS

Each petition ends with the following response:

- P Let your love for us
C **live through us.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- C 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

THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come” LSB 350

“Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring” LSB 353

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” LSB 341

THE BENEDICTION

P May you grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge. And may the blessing of almighty God—the Father, Son and Holy Spirit—bless you now and forevermore.

C **Let us love one another. For love comes from God!**

The angel Gabriel from heaven came, his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
“All hail,” said he, “thou lowly maiden Mary, most highly favored lady,” Gloria!

“For know a blessed Mother thou shalt be, all generations laud and honor thee,
Thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold, most highly favored lady,” Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head, “To me be as it pleaseth God,” she said,
“My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name.” Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say—“Most highly favored lady,”
Gloria!

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Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Second Sunday of Advent! We are delighted to have you in worship with us. If you are visiting from out of town, we bid you welcome and God-speed on your journey. Should you be from our community, and have no church home, we invite you to make Faith your church home. Greeting you this morning:

Before Early Service

Pastor Terry & Arlene Naasz
Joyce Nielsen

After Early Service

LaVonn Lytle Voita & Daniel



Before Late Service

John & Dawn Koch
Dean & Kelly VanDeWiele

After Late Service

Brian & Rachel Olson

Preaching this morning is Reverend Daniel Barbey, our Intentional Interim Pastor. Reverend Joshua Baumann, our Associate Pastor, will return tomorrow.

Holy Communion is celebrated at our 8:20 service this Sunday. In this Sacrament, our Lord brings us strength and forgiveness to be about His vision and mission. Those confirmed Lutherans who come to the Sacrament of the Altar today are asked to read the communion side of our information card found in the pew rack and to sign the bottom of the reverse side so that our communion records might be complete.



Voter's Assembly Today at 9:45 in the CFLC Fellowship Hall. We will be voting to adopt the 2017 Work Program and modify the by-laws. Please come and be a part of these important decisions facing our parish.

Call Meeting The Call Committee will present names of candidates for Senior Pastor at a special meeting tomorrow evening at 7:00 in the church sanctuary. All voting members of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

Adult Bible Study Sunday morning Bible Class will resume on January 8th. Bible stories for adults will start in Genesis. Join us at 9:45 a.m.

Sunday School Sunday School is for all children age 3 by September 1, 2016.

Nursery Nursery is available during the 11:00 service. Nursery is located in the **F/G Room downstairs**. It is for children ages infant through 5 year olds.

Nursing Moms can find a comfortable rocker in the Daycare. This is NOT a Nursery for young children, just a quiet, private place for nursing moms.

God Be With You!

Our Broadcasts Our Sonrise and Cable Broadcasts are made possible this week by Dale &

Mary Heidelberger in thanksgiving to God for their 43rd wedding anniversary on November 30th. Thanks Mary & Dale, may God richly bless your lives shared together.

Did you know that "Sonrise" is streamed on KCCR live? If you are away, log on to www.TodaysKCCR.com. The Broadcast schedules are on the traveling Bulletin board, which is in the Narthex. Our Cable Broadcast is also on our Website. Take a look at www.faihluth.com. **COST:** You may sponsor the radio broadcast of Sonrise for \$30.00. This radio broadcast is on 1240 AM KCCR at 6:40 a.m. on Sunday morning. The cost of sponsoring the cable broadcast of our worship service is \$35.00. This cable access broadcast is televised on Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. on Channel 8. If you choose to sponsor both, the cost is \$60.00.

Sun., Nov. 20 Att. 358; General Fund \$7,197.50; Building Fund \$805.00 (Debt Retirement \$805.00); Thanksgiving \$1,025.00; Sunday School \$12.40; Love Fund \$600.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Thrivent Automatic Withdrawal \$590.00 (General \$580.00, Love Fund \$10.00); Hughes Co. Election Usage donation \$100.00; Broadcasts \$30.00; Special Missions \$340.00.00.

Thurs., Nov. 24 Att. 113; Thanksgiving \$1,434.00

Sun., Nov. 27 Att. 303; General Fund \$5,615.50; Building Fund \$5,946.00 (Debt Retirement \$5,946.00); Love Fund \$100.00; Broadcasts \$60.00; Special Missions \$25.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Thrivent Automatic Withdrawal \$2,560.00 (General \$2,470.00, Debt \$90.00); Daycare Loan Repayment \$500.00; Bible Study \$50.00; Dr. Lamb Offering \$174.00;

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Dec. 4 Advent 2

8:20 am Communion
9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study
11:00 am Worship
6:15 pm Board of Education
7:00 pm Bd. of Elders, Bd. of Missions,
Board of Parish Fellowship

Mon: Dec. 5

7:00 pm Call Meeting

Tues: Dec. 6

8:25 am Staff Devotions
10:15 am SOUL SPA Bible Study
6:15 pm Trustees Meeting
6:00-7:00 "The Gospel of Mark" Women's
Study
6:30 pm Choir
7:30 pm Pickleball

Wed: Dec. 7

6:30 pm Midweek
6:30 pm Advent Worship
8:00 pm LYF Youth Meeting

Thurs: Dec. 8

8:25 am Staff Devotions
5:30 pm Board of Early Education
7:00 pm Faith Circle

Fri: Dec. 9

Pierre Circuit Pastors Christmas Dinner

Sat: Dec. 10

Christmas Program Dress Rehearsals
9:30 am Nursery-3rd Grade
11:00 am 4th -8th Grade

Sun: Dec. 11 Advent 3

8:20 am Worship
9:30 am N-3rd grade Christmas Program



BUILDING NEWS

Thank you for your continued gifts to our Building Fund – We thank you for your gifts last Sunday to the Building Fund of \$6,036.00. The gifts were designated as follows:

The Debt Retirement Account: \$6,036.00

The Building Account: \$0.00

Debt Retirement Thanks to your generosity we have been able to send in two additional payments with our regular December payment. Thus far we have made 168 additional payments which have saved us \$565,266.63 in interest. Our current balance is \$360,293.53.

Debt Retirement Challenge A generous family of our Faith congregation has graciously offered to match up to \$10,000.00 for Debt Retirement. The challenge will last the final quarter of our year from October 1 through December 31. ***Through the end of November we received \$20,454.50 toward the challenge.*** Would you please consider joining the *Debt Retirement Challenge*? **In the memo line just indicate Debt Retirement Challenge or “DRC” for short.** What an opportunity, for which we say, “*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,*” and “*Thank you!*”

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All 2016 contributions need to be in no later than **December 31**. Anything coming in January 1 and following but dated in 2016 will be credited to 2017.

Altar Guild is requesting that whoever borrowed the large and small battery operated white candles please return them to the sacristy. Thank you.



MEN'S CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held December 12th at 5:30 pm. Bring your wives and some Christmas goodies. Barbeques and beverages will be furnished. We will have a Christmas devotion lead by Pastor Baumann, eat our goodies, play some dartball. We invite the men of the congregation AND THEIR WIVES to join us December 12th.

Main Street Living **Did you know** the Main Street Living program is broadcast throughout South Dakota and into bordering states on two TV stations: KDLT in Sioux Falls at 10:00 AM

central and KEVN at 8:00 AM Mountain time in Rapid City?

Kid's Crossing-Kid's Crossing joins the Little Shepherd and his lamb Bramble as they journey to the manger to see the baby Jesus.

December 4, 2016-Rev. Luke Edwards of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Rapid City, South Dakota tells us about "Divine Divestment" based on Matthew 3:1-12. Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus; On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry; and The Advent of Our King are the hymns led by the Main Street Living Choir. The program is interpreted and closed captioned for the hearing impaired.

Life Quotes "As to the seasons, it remains the season in which we are Christ's 'witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth.' ... The next time you receive Holy Communion, you will be standing in a holy place with 'the assembly of the first-born who are enrolled in heaven... and Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant' (Hebrews 12:23-24). He is the Eternal Lord, who is rightly glorified 'at every season and every hour, in Heaven and on earth.'" *James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life*
• www.lutheransforlife.org

Faith Lutheran Youth - F.L.Y.

Here's what happening with the youth of Faith Lutheran....



Acolytes for November

December 4

Early: Nate Hill, Madyson Titze

Late: Melissa Hedglin, Jesse Jares

December 11 Children's Christmas Programs; N-3rd @ 9:45 & 4-8th @ 11 a.m.

Early: Cassandra Ryckman, Pacen Banuat

Late: Kassie Tronvold, Kailee Schultz

December 18

Early: Rebecca Norris, Kenzie Trujillo

Late: Britney Hicks, Bailey Siebrasse

December 24 Christmas Eve

5:00 (need 5) Nathan Shoup, Tucker Berens, Joseph King, Daniel Voita, Cassandra VanDeWiele

7:30 (need 5) Hannah Lingle, Megan Pease, Cassie Axtell, Biale Siebrasse, Samantha Axtell

December 25 Christmas Day - *Worship time subject to change potentially

10:00 a.m. Kassie Tronvold, Kailee Schultz

*An acolyting schedule has been sent to each high school family for 2016/2017. If your high schooler did not receive one please let Pastor Baumann know! This list is complete through the end of June 2017. A sub list with contact information was also included in a golden rod packet of paper. If acolytes are not able to be present for their assigned day, it is their responsibility to call someone else to find a replacement and then notify the church office. Thank you so very much!

Verse(s) of the Week: (NIV)

“When Jesus saw her, He called her forward and said to her, ‘Woman, you are set free from your infirmity.’ Then He put His hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.”

Luke 13:12-13

→ PRAYERS of all types and sorts:

In your prayers this week, please pray that God would continue to bless and guide our church as we seek to call a Senior Pastor. May the Lord Jesus use His faithful servants to lead and shepherd His church, and may we be blessed with one of those servants in our midst to lovingly care for and nurture us His people.

Lord in Your mercy...Hear our prayer.

Reminder to Parents There will be **NO** Sunday School class Dec. 18th, 25th or Jan. 1st for the holidays!

→Advent Services...Please join the congregation for Advent worship on Wednesday evenings Dec. 7th, 14th, and the 21st at 6:30 p.m. The young and the young at heart join to joyfully wait for our Lord's coming.

Today in Sunday School we studied the account “David Becomes King.” Just as David reigned over Israel, so the God-man, Jesus, our David, reigns over the kingdom of grace, of which we are citizens. Consider asking, “*How was King David different from King Saul? How does Jesus serve as our King?*”

→ The LYF High School Group is raising funds for youth group activities as they will be selling 200 Kuchen on Sat. Dec. 10th and Sun. Dec. 11th. Some possible flavors that might be available include: peach, apricot, plum, or blueberry. The LYF high school youth group would like to thank you for your support in advance.

→ **Advent Services and Midweek Class:** This year, the Advent Worship services leading up to Christmas will take a different start time than in years past. On Wed. Nov. 30th, Dec: 7th, 14th, and the 21st Advent Services will begin at 6:30 p.m. instead of 7:55 pm and end in roughly 45 minutes or less. For 2 of those 4 Wednesdays leading up to the Children's Christmas program, Midweek class will go from 6:30-7:30 pm only. At 7:30 children will be done with class and should be picked up/ taken home. This will occur for Wed. Nov. 30 and Dec. 7th. We would hope that all parents would take advantage of worship opportunities while their child is in class and then when you're done, you both would go home at 7:30. For parents who aren't able to attend Advent Service we ask that you still pick your child up at 7:30 on Nov. 30th and Dec 7th. Aquatic Center pool party will be Dec 14th at the Y from 6:45 until 7:45. No Midweek classes on Dec. 21st.

→ **Kuchen Bake Sale** The LYF high school group would like to share with you an exciting opportunity to support their bake sales. Please partner with them in raising funds to support the youth activities they life to do throughout the year. Our youth will be spending their Saturday baking Kuchen and can't wait to share their efforts with you on **Dec. 10th and 11th**. Not only are these fresh baked Kuchen great tasting, but they would make a lovely Christmas gift as well! They can also be frozen and saved for enjoyment at a later date. The LYF high school youth group would like to thank you for your support in advance, and would also like to thank all the volunteers for their time and effort for this **fun**draising event.

→ **Swim Night at the Aquatic Center...** All our midweek youth here at Faith are invited out for a fun evening of swimming and water activity at the Oahe Aquatic Center Wednesday, December 14th at 6:45 pm. This will be in place of our regular Midweek class time for that week. The Faith Lutheran staff and teachers are so thankful for all the efforts of our students and parents. This is a small token of our appreciation for all your hard work. Faith Lutheran Church will be paying for all those wanting to come that evening who do not have a Y membership. If so desired, a friend may also join along and the church will pay for that friend to be with us as well. Parents, please drop your son or daughter off at the Aquatic Center between 6:45 and 7:00 and please come get them anytime between 7:45 and 8:00 pm.

→ **8th Graders** are welcomed to join HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP please just come Wednesdays at 8 pm in the gym unless directed otherwise!!!

→ **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP** meets every Wednesday @ 8:00 p.m. at faith. Open to anyone in high school and is intended to be a safe place where high school aged youth can come together to spend time and fellowship together as young Christians each week. Pastor

Baumann and Michael Shoup co-lead the group and love to spend time with each person that comes. If you have an activity that you would like to do, please let either of us know! Creativity is welcome!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Sunday School and Midweek Children's Christmas programs are going to be Sunday, December 11th with the Nursery – 3rd grade program taking place at 9:30 and the 4-8th grade program at 11 o'clock. Christmas program dress rehearsals will be Saturday, Dec. 10th at 9:30 a.m. for Nursery – 3rd grade, and 11:00 for 4-8th grades.



Upcoming Youth Dates to Keep in Mind:

Dec. 10th & 11th → L.Y.F. Kuchen Bake Sale at church \$10 Each!

December 10th → Children's Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal 9:30-11 am N-3rd grade; and 11:00-12:30 for 4th -8th grade

December 11th → Children's Christmas Programs N-3rd grade **9:30 service; 4-8th grade program at the 11 o'clock service**

Dec. 10th & 11th → L.Y.F. Kuchen Bake Sale at church \$10 Each!

Dec. 14th → Swim Night at the Aquatic Center for Midweek grades 2-8th 6:45-7:45 p.m.

Dec. 18, 25, Jan. 1 → No Sunday School Class

Dec. 21 & 28 → No Midweek Classes

Dec. 24th → Christmas Eve Worship - 5:00 / 7:30

Dec. 25th → Christmas Day Worship – 10:00 a.m.

Jan. 8th → Sunday School Resumes

Jan. 4th → Midweek Resumes

January 27th → 1st – 5th grade youth tie-dye night 6-8 p.m. (*bring your own white shirt to use*)

On the Lighter Side...Puns for Fun

I think there are 1-2 million baseball fields in the world...
but that's just a ball park number.

What kind of pumpkin protects castles?
A Royal Gourd!



Sunday, December 11

9:30 am

Nursery through 3rd Grade

“To Us a Child is Born”

11:00 am

4th through 8th Grade

“It’s Christmas Everywhere”

Congregational Prayers

Dottie Bossman
Martha Vance
Ben Shoup
Richard Zoller
Julian Olson
Elaine Phillips
Gene Schlichenmayer
Mike Youngberg
Barb Newman
Zoe Jones
Signe Gaasch (Urbach's) 5/2/16
Elaine Wagner 6/30/16
Greg Iversen 7/10/16
Jeannette Protexter 7/18/16
David Peterson 8/26/16
Ripley Olson (Alberta Olson) 8/4/16
Doyle Charron (Jochim) 8/8/16
Ron Lawrence 8/14/16
Jim Steele 8/14/16
Red Westall 8/21/16
Lynette Lohan (Lurene Denke) 9/4/16
Jennifer Moser (Darline Fuoss) 9/4/16
Logan Krause (Kenefick-Aschoff) 9/4/16
Kami Bush (Dee Koch) 9/28/16
Richard Penrod (Marilyn Penrod) 10/2/16
Phil Baker 10/02/16
Myrna Hartmann 10/02/16
Grace Erickson (Mark Erickson) 10/9/16
Jodi Williams 10/17/16
Don Garrity (Marlis Doud) 10/23/16
Betty Fuhrman (Sheri Adney's mom)
10/23/16
Phyllis Barber (John Barber) 10/25/16
Adam Forman 10/27/16
Susan Bennett 10/31/16
Richard Adney 10/31/16
Bill Bossman 11/2/16
Ginger Niemann

Vernay Gohl 11/22/16

Neal O'Day 11/23/16

Missionaries

Pastor Andrew Utecht and Pastor Albert Sutton and their families on the Rosebud and Pine Ridge Reservations

Pastor Matthew Nix

Pastor Alan Ludwig – Siberia, Russia

Janet Borchard – Papua New Guinea

Pastor Daniel Jastram – Japan

Comfort *Deut. 34:8*

Marcia Johnson upon the death of sister-in-law Janice Babcock. 11/8/16

Peggy Urquhart and the Huebner family upon the death of Peggy's sister-in-law Patty Huebner. 11/9/16

Terry James and family upon the death of his mom Juanita.

Wanda (Erbe) Hughes and family upon the death of her husband Don. 11/28/16

The Christian Church on Earth that it may grow and prosper and especially for the safety of Christians in Somalia, Yemen, Pakistan and Afghanistan..