

THE FIRST 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 Hope

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope. Psalm 130:5

“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.

“This is the Christ, our God Most High, who hears your sad and bitter cry;
He will himself your Savior be from all your sins to set you free.

“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.”

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 hope
C **As we wait eagerly for our adoption as children, the redemption of our bodies.**
P For in this hope we are saved
C **And in his name we put our hope.**
P His name is—
C **Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**
P Immanuel, Sun of Righteousness, the Desire of Nations, the Lion of the tribe of Judah.
C **Yet the name that is above every name is—**
P Jesus.
C **In his name we put our hope!**

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

- P On this first Sunday in Advent we light a candle and call it Hope.
(The acolyte lights the first purple candle.)
P Paul writes in our second lesson that creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.
C **For creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the One who subjected it, in hope.**
P In hope that creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.
C **We call this candle Hope for it represents Paul’s hope and ours as well.**
P We hope for liberation from sin’s bondage and the glorious freedom which is ours in Jesus.
C **In his name we put our hope!**

Make ye straight what long was crooked; make the rougher places plain.
Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits his holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord now o'er earth is shed abroad,
And all flesh shall see the token that his Word is never broken.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **Out of the depths we cry to you.**
P O Lord, hear our prayer. Let your ears be attentive to our cry for mercy.
C **If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?**
P But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.
C **Merciful Father, we have placed our hope in people who cannot save, in promises that cannot deliver and in pleasures that will never satisfy. Let your ears be attentive to our cry for mercy.**
P I announce the grace of God to you, for in the name of Jesus you have this sure and certain hope—your sins our God will pardon, blotting out each dark misdeed. All that well deserved his anger, he no more will see or heed. God will change your pining sadness into ever springing gladness.
C **We put our hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. In his name we put our hope!**

“Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace,” thus saith our God;
“Comfort those who sit in darkness, mourning 'neath their sorrows' load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them;
Tell her that her sins I cover and her warfare now is over.”

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING ... Psalm 130:5-8

THE EPISTLE READING ... Romans 8:18-25

THE SPECIAL MUSIC

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel/What Child is This?"

Simon Hill, guitar

THE GOSPEL READING ... Matthew 12:15-21

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, his covenant and blood support me in the raging flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,
Clothed in his righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before his throne!
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

THE SERMON

"The Gift of Hope"

Isaiah 2:1-5

Pastor Daniel Barbey

THE OFFERING

THE PRAYERS

Each petition ends with the following response:

- P My hope is built on nothing less,
C **than Jesus' blood and righteousness.**

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

11:00 service

The Liturgy LSB Pages 197-198

THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“The Advent of Our King” LSB 331

“Savior of the Nations, Come” LSB 332 verses 1-4

“Hark the Glad Sound” LSB 349

“Savior of the Nations, Come” LSB 332 verses 5-8

THE BENEDICTION

- P** May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forevermore.
- C** **In Jesus' name we put our hope! Amen.**

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's Strength and Consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this First 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

Vern & Janice Dockter
Eldon & Betty Lindquist

After Early Service

Steve & Cindy Fiechtner
Eugene & Eleanor Kreitman



Before Late Service

Scott & Jean Collison
Norma Schilling

After Late Service

Rhonda Peterson
Keith & Alberta Rouse

Preaching this morning is Reverend Daniel Barbey, our Intentional Interim Pastor. Reverend Joshua Baumann, our Associate Pastor, is on a hunting trip/vacation.

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 December 4 at 9:45 in the CFLC Fellowship Hall. We will be voting to adopt the 2017 Work Program. Please come and be a part of this important decision facing our parish.

Adult Bible Study Join us at 9:45 a.m. for a study with Dr. James Lamb in the CFLC Fellowship Hall.

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!

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Our Broadcasts Our Sonrise and Cable Broadcasts are made possible this week by Terry & Jody Leibel in memory of their dads Howard Horton and Dave Leibel. Thanks Jodi & Terry, may God continue to comfort you and bless your memories of your dads.

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.faithluth.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.

Financials for last Sunday will be in next week's bulletin

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Nov. 27 Advent 1

8:20 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study
11:00 am Communion
6:30 pm "Daniel" Bible Study/Living Room
7:00 pm Board of Stewardship

Mon: Nov. 28

7:00 pm Priscilla Circle

Tues: Nov. 29

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

Wed: Nov. 30

6:30 pm Midweek
6:30 pm Advent Worship
6:30 pm "Mark" Bible Study
7:00 pm Church Council
8:00 LYF Youth Meeting

Thurs: Nov. 24 Thanksgiving

10:00 am Thanksgiving Worship

Fri: Nov. 25

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

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BUILDING NEWS

**Thank you for your continued gifts to our Building Fund –
The report will be in next week's bulletin.**

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. 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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Holiday Feast Project Last chance to bless someone with a holiday meal. You can sponsor a holiday feast for a family who may otherwise not have a holiday meal. **The deadline for the Christmas meal is December 1.** Checks should be made out to **Pierre Area Referral Service and mailed to them** at 2520 E Franklin Street in Pierre. Thanks for your generosity!

Faith Lutheran Blood Drive

December 1st 11:00am-5:30pm

To make your appointment call Char Russell @ 224-1160

Or go to www.bloodhero.com and go to the link: pierrefaith

Find the hero in you....donate 3 times a year!



Christmas Open House at Pastor Baumann's Residence... We invite the congregation of Faith Lutheran to please join us at 511 North Evans St. for a Christmas open house on Friday, December 16th from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. No need to bring anything—just show up and let us extend our gratefulness and thanks for all of the love we receive from our church family throughout the year. Appetizers will be warm and ready, so feel free to come and go as you please.

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? **Note to KEVN Viewers:** Since the football season is underway, Main Street Living will air one hour earlier at 8:00 AM Mountain

time. We will return to the 9:00 AM timeslot when the football season is over.

Kid's Crossing today explains what “Christmas Is” through an animated program by the same name.

November 27, 2016-Today's message is given by Rev. David Lindenberg of Peace Lutheran Church in Rapid City, South Dakota. The sermon “Walking in the Light of the Lord” is based on Isaiah 2: 1-5. The hymns: Lift Up Your Heads Ye Mighty Gates; Comfort, Comfort Ye My People; and The King Shall Come when Morning Dawns will be performed by the Main Street Living Choir. The program is interpreted and closed captioned for the hearing impaired.

Life Quotes “[A]fter our nation has celebrated Thanksgiving, I encourage God’s people to continue with a thankful spirit. We, who have heard the angels tell of God’s Good News of great joy, ought to be rejoicing. We, who have seen the fires of hell and know we don’t have to go there, should continuously praise God who sent His Son to give His life so we might have eternal life. Indeed, for us, contentment and thanksgiving ought to be our regular fare.” *Rev. Ken Klaus, Speaker Emeritus of “The Lutheran Hour” – 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

November 27

Early: Jonathan Guether, Chase Bolte

Late: Paige Brandt, Megan Pease

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, Need 1 more, Cassie Axtell, Biale Siebrasse, Samantha Axtell

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

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

December 31 New Year's Eve

7:00 Trever Hayes, Adam Schochnemaier

*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)

“The earth is the LORD’s and everything in it, the world and all who live in it.”

Psalm 24:1

→ PRAYERS of all types and sorts...:

Remember in prayer this week those who bully and are bullied in classrooms, hallways, and meeting places that God would defend the helpless provide for all needs of body and soul. May God use our voices to build up the body of Christ and to proclaim the love of Jesus in all things.

Lord in Your mercy...Hear our prayer.

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 like 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.

→ **Youth in 1st through 5th grade...** Pastor Baumann invites you to join him on Friday, January 27th from 6 to 8 p.m. in the gym at Faith Lutheran. We will be having Root Beer Floats, Games, and Tie-dyeing t-shirts. It's a fun opportunity to get together for some activity and fellowship with those our own age. The only thing you can bring besides yourself.... is a white t-shirt to tie-dye, oh...and bring a friend too! The rest will be provided. Parents are certainly welcome to come, help out, and stay for the two hours. Can't wait to see you!



→ **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!

→ **Faith Lutheran Blood Drive Thursday, December 1st from 11:00 to 5:30 p.m...**
Those who are able to (16 yrs+), are encouraged to sign-up to donate blood. Call 224-1160 to set up an appointment with Char.

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

The little old woman who lived in a shoe wasn't the sole owner - there were strings attached.

-The coffee tasted like mud because it was ground a couple of minutes ago.

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
Amber Johnson (Jeryl Johnson) 7/5/16
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
Linda Pease 10/28/16
Adam Forman 10/27/16
Susan Bennett 10/31/16
Richard Adney 10/31/16
Bill Bossman 11/2/16

Ginger Niemann

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. 11/14/16

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