

FOURTH SUNDAY IN 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*



T DIVINE SERVICE T

OPENING HYMN

"Savior of the Nations, Come"

(LSB 332)

- v. 1-2 All
- v. 3 Women & girls
- v. 4 Men & boys,
- v. 5 All
- v. 6 Men & boys
- v. 7 Women & girls
- v. 8 All

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

EXHORTATION

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

- C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

T W O R D T

INTROIT

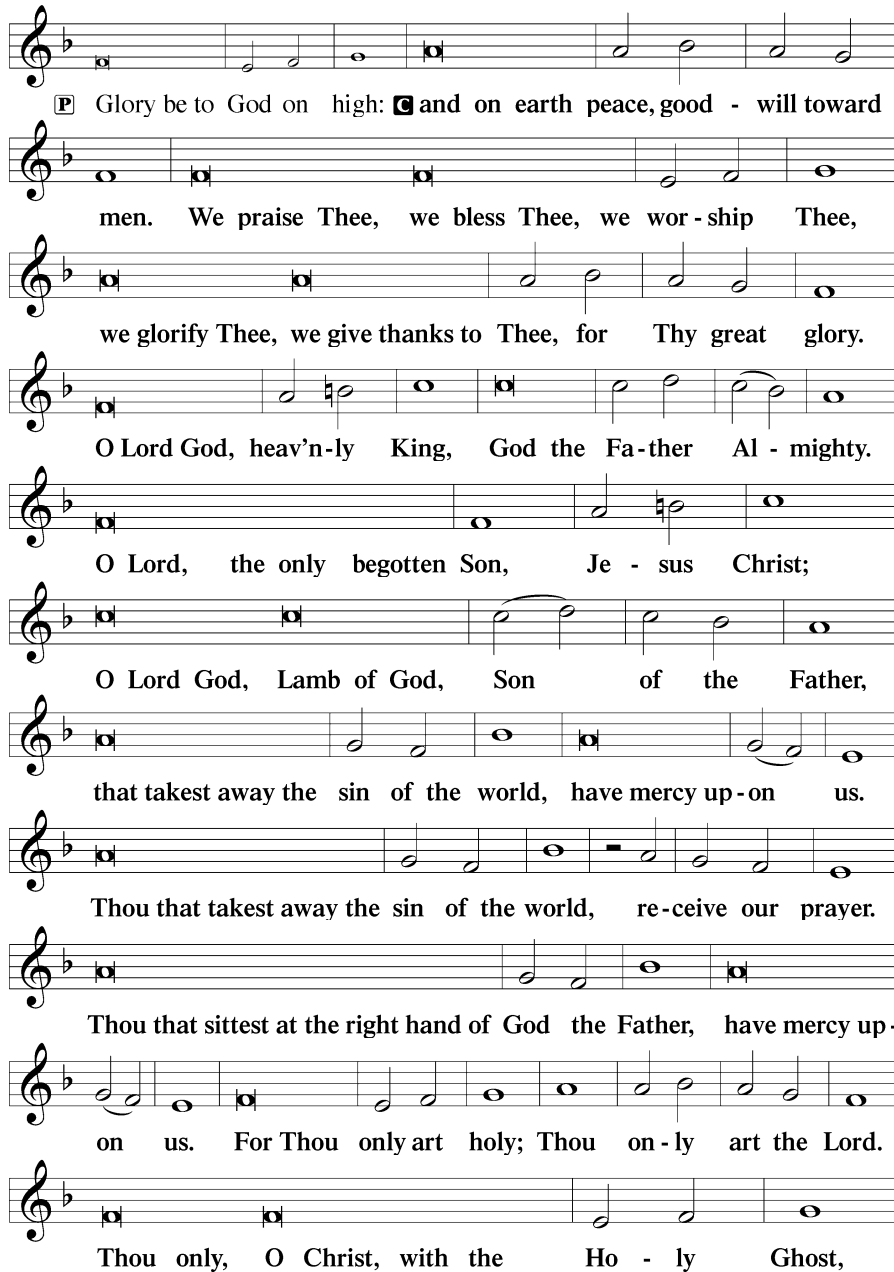
1 Samuel 2:1b, 2, 5b-7 (antiphon: Luke 1:46b-47)

- P My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
- C **My mouth derides my enemies,
because I rejoice in your salvation.**
- P There is none holy like the LORD;
there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.
- C **The barren has borne seven,
but she who has many children is forlorn.**
- P The LORD kills and brings to life;
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.
- C **The LORD makes poor and makes rich;
he brings low and he exalts.**
- C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy up - on us. Christ, have mercy up -
on us. Lord, have mercy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT

Micah 5:2-5a

(The ruler from Bethlehem)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"Immanuel Draws Near"

(arr. Katie Houts)

Women's Ensemble

EPISTLE

Hebrews 10:5-10

(Jesus makes a better sacrifice)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

ALLELUIA



Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 1:39-45 (Elizabeth blesses Mary and Jesus)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

BIBLE LESSON – THE LAMB’S BLOOD (PAGE 88)

SERMON HYMN “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (LSB 357)

SERMON “Visits from the Angel Gabriel” (Luke 1)

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11:00 am Apostles’ Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book

SHARING GOD’S PEACE

(Please stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

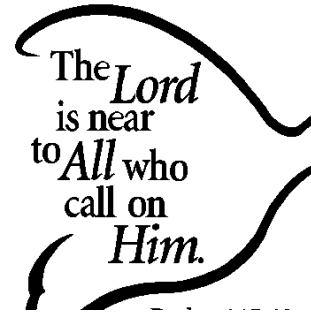
P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P O Lord, mighty God, there is none like You in holiness, constancy and might; yet, You exercise Your power for the salvation of sinners. As we draw near to the celebration of Jesus’ birth, fill our hearts with gratitude that Your Son humbled Himself and became flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, mighty God, You make poor and You make rich. Receive our thanks for Your gifts of daily bread. Give us contentment with what You provide, preserve us from coveting what You do not give and grant us to be wise stewards of Your blessings. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**



- P O Lord, mighty God, You sent Your Son to shepherd His flock in strength and to be great to the ends of the earth. Grant wisdom to our leaders and peace among the nations, that we may dwell secure. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P O Lord, mighty God, You helped Your servant Israel, and Your mercy endures forever. Look upon those brought low by illness, injury, grief or other affliction especially _____. Have mercy upon them, grant them healing and strength, and maintain in them the certain hope of Your faithfulness to them for Jesus' sake. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P O Lord, mighty God, You have done great things for us, most of all delivering us from death to life through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Mercifully hear our prayers and answer them according to Your will for the sake of Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

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.**

The 11:00 am service continues on page 10 with the Benediction.

IN REGARD TO HOLY COMMUNION: According to Scripture, Holy Communion should be celebrated by those who are: **United in a common faith** (1 Cor. 10:16-17, 21-22; Rom. 16:17); **Repentant of sins** (1 Cor. 5:11, Matt. 18:17-18); **Able to examine their lives** (1 Cor. 11:27-29); and believe that in this precious meal they **receive the true body and blood of Jesus** given and shed for the forgiveness of their sins (Luke 22:19-22).

Since Scripture teaches that those people who do not fully understand the meaning of this meal eat and drink to their own harm (1Cor. 11:27-29), and because the Lord's Supper is the supreme act of stating our unity in faith and doctrine, we would ask those people who are visiting with us to **please speak with our pastor**, before communing, in order that we might fulfill our responsibility of properly instructing people in the right use of the precious Sacrament.

T SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT T

8:30 am

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

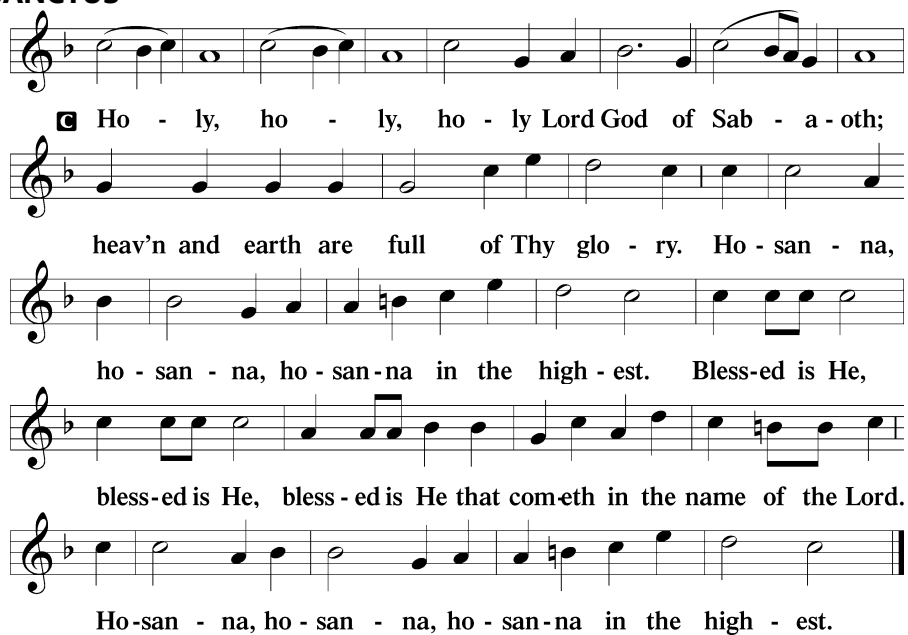
C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C **It is meet and right so to do.**

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when he comes again in glory. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
 world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
 tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"O Bless the Lord, My Soul"	(LSB 814)
"When All the World was Cursed"	(LSB 346)



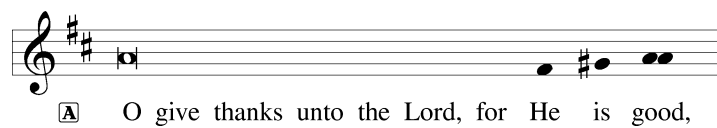
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NUNC DIMITTIS



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A-men.

THANKSGIVING



O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

BENEDICAMUS

P Bless we the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“My Soul Rejoices”

(LSB 933)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT



AS WE GATHER “And He shall be their peace.”
That is how the prophet Micah described the coming Messiah. God’s people will not find their peace in a big bank account. Nor will our peace be found in being part of the right social circle. Nor will our peace be found in a

political leader or even in a political ideology. Nor will our peace be found in our living good and upright lives. Our peace is found in the Messiah, in Jesus, in the Good Shepherd whose strength is the Lord. Mary's circumstances were difficult; the angel's announcement of her pregnancy had to be quite a surprise. Pondering all these things in her heart, she found peace in God, who blessed her. So she sang God's praises, a song that we sing still today, the Magnificat, a powerful reminder that "He shall be their peace."

And He shall stand and shepherd His flock in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD His God.
And they shall dwell secure, for now He shall be great
to the ends of the earth.
And He shall be their peace. *Micah 5:4-5a*

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the yellow prayer request card. Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.
"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:16b

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Fourth Sunday in 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.

Preaching today is Reverend Sam Handschke, our associate pastor.

Holy Communion is celebrated at our 8:30 service this Sunday. In this Sacrament, our Lord gives His true body and blood for our forgiveness. Those who confess the faith declared at this altar and who desire to receive communion today are asked to read our communion statement found in the bulletin. Thank you.



Want to listen to our worship service via livestream? Go to: www.faithluth.com. Click on livestream and it will take you to the service or if you have missed the service it will take you to the archived services. We livestream our 8:30 service each Sunday.

Want to listen to our worship service on your phone? Call **1-888-502-3453** and follow the prompts. It will get you to the live streamed service or if we are not livestreaming it will guide you to the last service recorded. Please let everyone know of this service. For those without a computer this is a way for you to stay up on Faith's worship services.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Wed., Dec. 8; Att. 104; Advent Fund \$300.00; **Sun., Dec. 12, Att. 225;** General Fund \$7,761.57; **Sunday School Att. 0;** Sunday School Offering \$0.00; Building Fund \$130.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Todd's Electric \$1,000.00; Flowers \$16.00; 642 Rent \$1,100.00; Mexico Mission \$1,240.00; Rajek/Latvia \$345.00; Endowment Fund (Undesignated) in memory of Ruth Leidholt \$75.00, (Generations) \$50.00; Endowment Fund in memory of Vernon Bump (Generations) \$50.00, (Undesignated) \$75.00.

Endowment Fund When giving to the Endowment Fund **PLEASE** make it a **SEPARATE CHECK**. Must be a **CHECK** as the account doesn't accept cash for the deposit. It is not always easy to find a check for the correct amount to substitute for cash or for a check made out for multiple purposes that includes an Endowment donation. The counters would greatly appreciate your help in this matter. Thank you.

Voters Meeting There will be a Voters' meeting **Tuesday, January 4th, 2022**, at 6:30 PM. Call process will be the topic of discussion.

Rajek/Latvia Funding Match Please consider donating to support God's work in Latvia through Pastor Cory. A generous donor is matching all donations up to \$50,000 through the end of the year. You can make a check out to Faith Lutheran and put **Rajek/Latvia** in the memo line. As of 11/28/21 we have gathered \$15,819 toward this support.

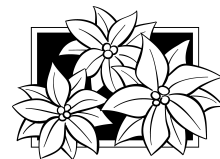
Preschool Center Items Wishlist on Amazon

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/GZLZ6V9RXXK4Q?ref_=wl_share

You can also find the link on our Daycare Facebook Page.

<https://www.facebook.com/faithlutherandaycare>

Christmas Flowers **TODAY** is the last opportunity to sign up to provide Christmas flowers in honor/memory of your loved ones. The



sign-up will be pulled so we may get the names in the Christmas Eve bulletin. Thank you.

Christmas Eve Worship Please join us for one of our Christmas Eve Services. They are at **3:00 pm, 5:00 pm, and 7:30 pm**. Our 5:00 service will be live-streamed for those who are unable to come in person.

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 in Rapid City? **Did you know** you can see the Worship Service and Kid's Crossing on our website at anytime? All programs are streamed on www.mainstreetliving.com, and are available the day before they are broadcast.

Dec 19, 2021

10:00 AM - "Christmas Is" The shepherd in a Christmas play learns the importance of Christmas.

10:30 AM - Rev. Brian Lemcke, pastor at Zion and Emmaus Lutheran Churches in Delmont and Tripp, SD, presents a message based on the 1st chapter of Luke. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the hearing impaired. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes "In carols of Christmas, you'll sometimes hear more than gladness that the Child is born on Christmas. You'll hear of deliverance: 'Born that man no more may die. Born to raise the sons of earth ...' There is much to ponder before, during, and after Christmas. Let the meaning of Christmas fill our hearts with anticipation, wonder, and thanksgiving for many days! For death's days are numbered because of a birth—the birth of the Key of David." *James M. Kushiner, Fellowship of St. James – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

FAITH LUTHERAN YOUTH



BE PREPARED TO FACE TODAY'S WORLD: (for High School - teenagers) It is vitally important for our teenagers to be prepared and equipped to defend their faith. This study is for teenagers and will challenge you to explore your beliefs and contrast them with a variety of topics such as other religions and worldviews. This is vitally and eternally important to keep our kids in the Word and equipping our kids for peer pressure

and ideas they will hear when they get to college. Please encourage your kids to participate in this short weekly study where we can dive into God's Word for the answers. This will be on **Wednesday evenings at 7:30 (after Chapel and before LYF)**. Please contact the Church office if interested.

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Sun: Dec. 19 4th Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Communion
9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study
11:00 am Worship
1:00 pm Board of Stewardship
5:00 pm Board of Education

Mon: Dec. 20

5:30-7:00 pm 6th grade BB in Gym
6:30 pm Christ Care

Tues: Dec. 21

8:00 am Staff Devotions
10:30 am Women's Bible Study
(Enough for Now)

Wed: Dec. 22

6:00 pm Midweek
6:00 pm Bible Study
8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: Dec. 23

8:00 am Staff Devotions
5:30-7:00 pm 6th grade BB in Gym

Fri: Dec. 24 Christmas Eve

3:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship
5:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship
7:30 pm Christmas Eve Worship

Sat: Dec. 25 Christmas Day

NO Christmas Day Worship

Sun: Dec. 26 1st Sunday after

Christmas

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Adult Study (Revelation)
11:00 am Communion
5:00 pm Board of Parish Fellowship

