

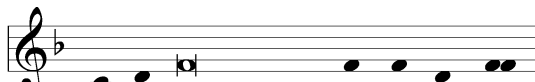
T WORD T

INTROIT

Psalm 81:8, 10-11, 13 (antiphon: Luke 3:4b)

- P The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”
- C **Hear, O my people, while I admonish you!**
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!
- P I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.
Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.
- C **But my people did not listen to my voice;**
Israel would not submit to me.
- P Oh, that my people would listen to me,
that Israel would walk in my ways!
- 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 The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”

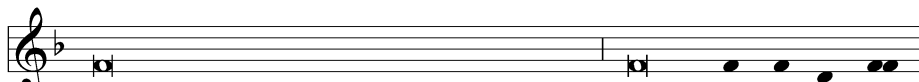
KYRIE



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



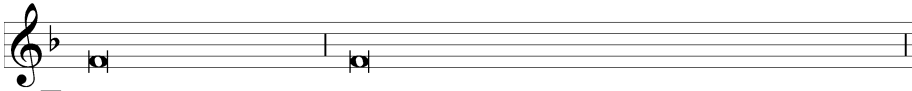
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



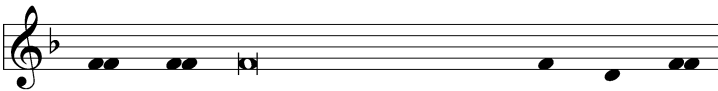
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

THIS IS THE FEAST



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.



- 1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
- 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
- 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
- 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
- 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

SALUTATION *and* COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by his coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT *Malachi 3:1-7b* (The Lord comes to refine and purify)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending" *(arr. Hobby)*
Faith choir

EPISTLE *Philippians 1:2-11* (Praying that love may abound)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

ALLELUIA and VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 3:1-14* (John the Baptist Comes)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third 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)

SERMON HYMN "On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry" (LSB 344)
BIBLE LESSON – GOD SPEAKS TO MOSES (PAGE 84)

SERMON "Baptism of Repentance" (Luke 3:1-14)

CREED 8:30 am Nicene *Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*
 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, our God, You declared Israel to be Your people and brought them out of Egypt. You desired their salvation even when they would not listen to Your voice. Since You have called and gathered us also to be Your people, open our hearts to listen and gladly submit to Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- P Heavenly Father, You gather Your people together in Christ and make them partakers of Your grace. Strengthen the faith of those You have gathered into this congregation, that their love may abound more and more with all knowledge and discernment. Lead us to approve what is excellent and be pure and blameless for the day of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- P Almighty God, Your forerunner prepared the way for the One who is mightier than all: Your Son, Jesus. For Christ's sake, we entrust to You those in need of healing, comfort and rescue especially _____. Have mercy, deliver them according to Your will and strengthen them in faith, that they might be assured of Your faithfulness. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- P Gracious Lord, as You call and gather us into Your family, so bless the households of this congregation. Bless husbands and wives, fathers and mothers as they go about their work of strengthening marriage and raising children. Let their love abound more and more, with knowledge and discernment, and fill their homes with the righteousness that comes through Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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 also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

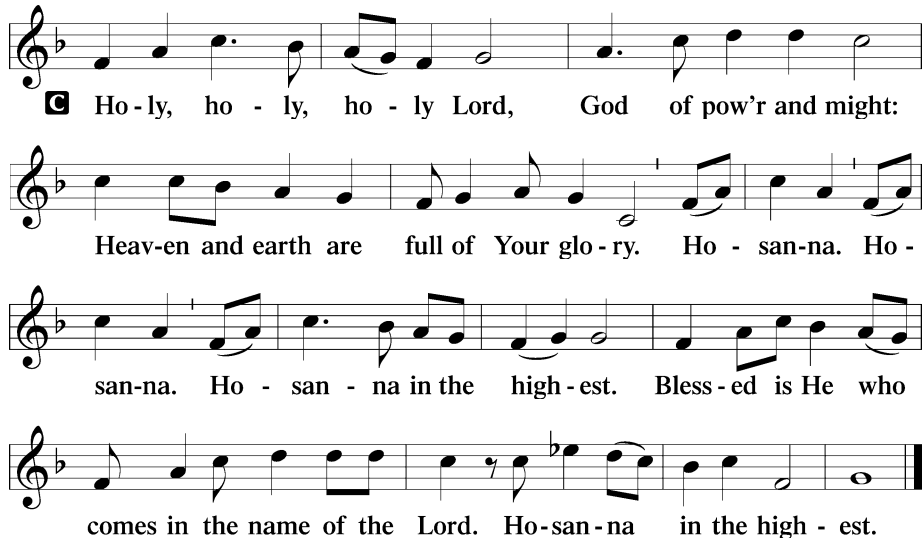
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, 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 sinner 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 pow'r and might:
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

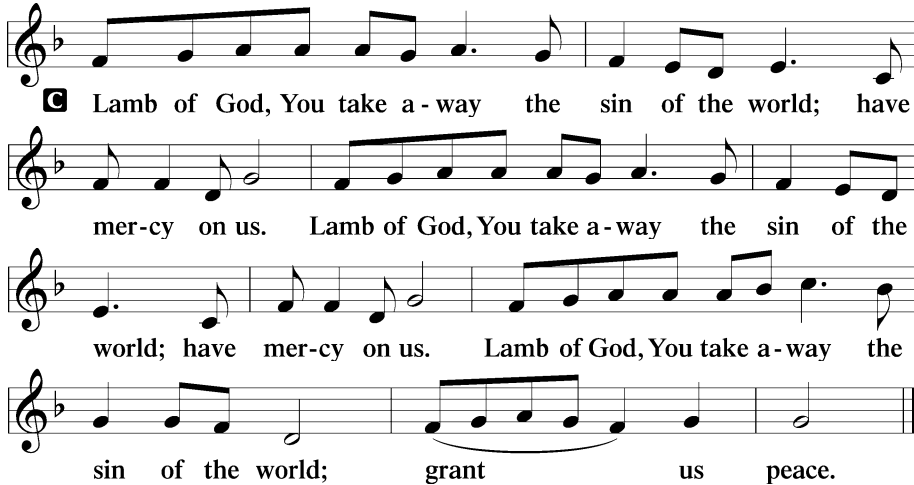
Matt 26:26–28; Mk 14:22–24; Lk 22:19–20; 1 Cor 11:23–25

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI



☐ Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread" (LSB 625)

"The Advent of Our King" (LSB 331)

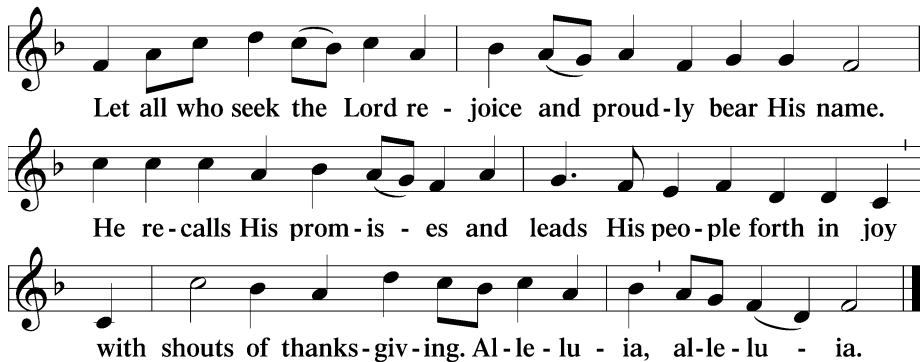


(Please stand)

THANK THE LORD



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.
 He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy
 with shouts of thanks-giv-ing, Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

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.

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 T give you peace.
C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Prepare the Royal Highway”

(LSB 343)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT



AS WE GATHER Preparing for Christmas, we buy presents, attend social gatherings, decorate, make plans to gather with family, and some will brace for the pain of grief that can be so difficult this time of year. In the middle of all our preparing, today the voice of John the Baptist rings out, “Prepare the way of the Lord.” Undergirding all the preparing we are doing is preparing

for the Lord. John calls us to “bear fruits in keeping with repentance.” In worship, we do just that. We repent. We turn again to God, seeking His mercy, receiving His forgiveness, partaking of His grace. This leads to bearing the fruit of the Spirit. John highlights the fruit of generosity and contentment. What fruit is God calling you to bear as you prepare for Christmas?

The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.” *Luke 3:4b*

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 Second 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 and at our 7:00 pm service on Wednesday. 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., Nov. 24; Att. 60; General Fund \$1,520.00; **Sun., Nov. 28, Att. 206;** General Fund \$13,793.88; **Sunday School Att. 39;** Sunday School Offering \$0.00; Building Fund \$60.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Advent \$100.00; Extra Missions \$50.00; Flowers \$32.00; BOE Bake Sale \$879.00; Mexico Mission \$100.00; Facility Use \$100.00; Endowment Fund (Blessings) in memory of Ruth Leidholt \$1050.00.

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.

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 \$13,424 toward this support.



Voters Meeting

Voters Assembly There is a Voters Assembly **today** between services in the Christian Family Life Center. Come for First Sunday fellowship and stay for meeting!

Men's Club Christmas Party will be tomorrow night at 7:00. Bring a snack to share. We will be playing some court whist or maybe dartball if not enough want to play cards.

Clothing Drive for Utecht Ministries If you are intending to contribute to this clothing drive you need to get the items to the church by **December 9** as they need to be delivered on December 11.



Women's Christmas Party.....Sunday, December 12 at 2:00 pm
Please join us for some fun and fellowship at the annual Women's

Christmas party hosted by LWML. All current and new officers will be installed. We will have a program, play some games, and have refreshments. Please bring a homemade or inexpensive gift for the gift exchange.

A monetary offering will be taken for the local Backpack Program. Currently, they are sending over 300 sacks of food home every weekend to elementary students in Pierre and Ft. Pierre. Join us for a jolly good time! **We are NOT doing an ingathering of new or gently used coats of all sizes, hats, gloves, and snow boots for Pastor Utecht to distribute on the Rosebud Reservation as they will be delivered on December 11.**

Christmas Flowers December 19 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.



Military Prayer List We would like to update our military prayer list. If you have had a family member on the list in the past, please let us know if they need to stay on the list or if they can come off. If you have someone who is just recently in the military that you wish to have prayed for, please call the office and let us know. Thanks!

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 5, 2021

10:00 AM - "Stable Boy" A manger scene comes to life and tells the story of the first Christmas.

10:30 AM - Rev. Thomas Christopher, pastor at Trinity and St. Martin's Lutheran Churches in Alexandria and Spencer, SD, presents a message titled "You Have Been Warned!" This sermon is based on Luke 21:25-36. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the hearing impaired. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes "When we have eyes of faith, eyes that recognize these delights are gifts

from God, then we realize that what we're missing, what we should be longing for, what we cannot live without, isn't Amazon or Starbucks or McDonalds. It's Him. And when we have Him, every other gift makes sense. Every other gift falls into its proper place." *Michelle Bauman, Director of Y4Life for Lutherans For Life – 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. 5 2nd Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Communion

9:30 am 1st Sunday Fellowship

9:45 am Voters Assembly

11:00 am Worship

7:00 pm Board of Elders

Mon: Dec. 6

7:00 pm Men's Club Christmas Party

Tues: Dec. 7

8:00 am Staff Devotions

10:30 am Women's Bible Study

(Enough for Now)

Wed: Dec. 8

6:00 pm Midweek

6:00 pm Bible Study

7:00 pm Advent Chapel

Thurs: Dec. 9

8:00 am Staff Devotions

11:30 am Ministerium

7:00 pm Faith Circle

Sat: Dec. 11

American Legion Training in Gym and Kitchen

Sun: Dec. 12 3rd Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study

(Revelation)

11:00 am Communion

2:00 pm LWML Faith Women's
Christmas Party
5:00 pm Board of Parish Fellowship