

THIRD 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

"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

(LSB 515)

INVOCATION

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

EXHORTATION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

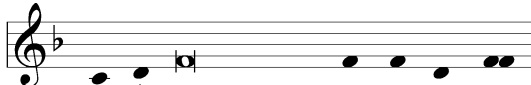
T WORD T

INTROIT


Psalm 145:5-8 (antiphon: Phil. 4:4)

- P Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I will say, Rejoice.
- C **Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD his God,**
- P who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,
who keeps faith forever;
- C **who executes justice for the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry.**
- P The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
- C **The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.**
- 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 Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I will say, Rejoice.

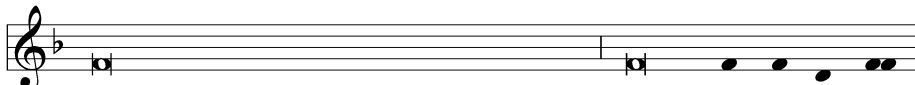
KYRIE




A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



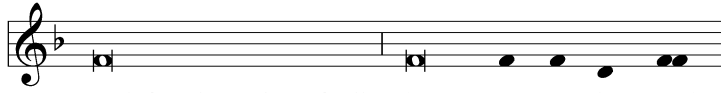
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



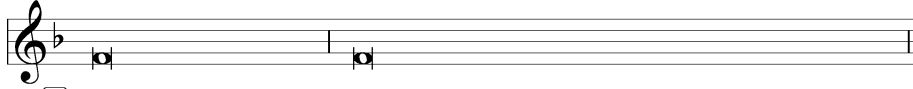
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



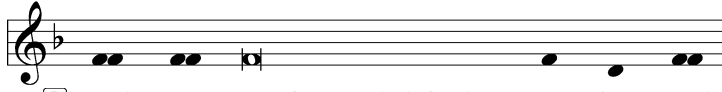
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



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

Refrain

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*

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. Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT

Zephaniah 3:14-20

(The Lord promises salvation)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"Adoro te devote"

(arr. Waters)

Emily Mertes, violin soloist

EPISTLE

Philippians 4:4-7

(Make your requests to God)

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.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a common time signature and contains the melody for the first line of text. The second staff continues the melody for the second line of text. The lyrics are: "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 7:18-28

(Is Jesus the one to come?)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventh 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 – MOSES AND AARON WARN THE BAD KING (PAGE 86)

SERMON HYMN

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

(LSB 338)

SERMON

"All These Things"

(Luke 7:18-28)

CREED

8:30 am
11:00 am

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SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Please stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who suffer for the name of Jesus, that our heavenly Father, who rescues the daughter of Zion, would look on them with compassion, giving them wisdom when pressured to compromise, providing when they suffer loss, granting courage when they are afraid, and delivering them from all evil, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For pastors and all church workers, especially _____, that God would send them also as messengers before the face of Jesus to prepare His way, making known His saving name; and that the Christ would open the ears of all who hear to rejoice, repent and firmly believe, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those in need of healing, that as Christ healed the sick of every disease and affliction, He would also show mercy to _____; that He would heal them in His time and according to His will, and preserve them in the repentant confidence of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come, let us pray to the Lord:

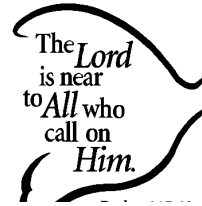
C **Lord, have mercy.**

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 8:30 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

11:00 am

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

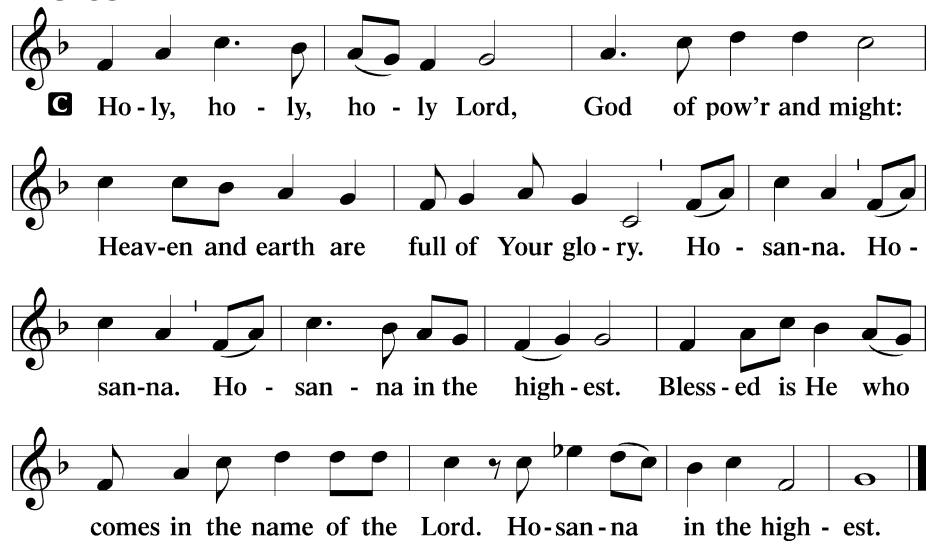
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

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 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



C 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

C 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

"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord" (LSB 637)
"Praise the One who Breaks the Darkness" (LSB 849)



(Please stand)

THANK THE LORD

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice 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

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

(LSB 803)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT



AS WE GATHER The American folk song "I Wonder as I Wander" captures the Advent question asked by John the Baptist's messengers in today's Holy Gospel. "Are You the one," they wondered, "or shall we look for another?" We live in a wandering world, constantly looking, seeking, and yearning for that one thing, that one idea, that one person, that one amount of money that unlocks the way to a life of flourishing. We ourselves, wandering as we sometimes do, at times have put our trust in people or things that cannot deliver what only Jesus can. Today we rejoice that amidst our wonderings and wanderings, Jesus is the one. He is the one by whom the blind saw, the lame walked, lepers were cleansed, demon-possessed people were freed, and the dead were raised. Jesus is the one who will restore all creation to its original perfection and who, when He comes again in glory, will restore all things forever.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. *Philippians 4:4*

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 Third 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 11:00 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., Dec. 1; Att. 97; Advent Fund \$408.00; **Sun., Nov. 28, Att. 236;** General Fund \$15,266.61; **Sunday School Att. 0;** Sunday School Offering \$0.00; Building Fund \$275.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Reimburse Pew Rack Shipping \$500.00; Flowers \$52.00; Broadcasts in memory of Veryl Huisman \$100.00; Mexico Mission \$800.00; Rajek/Latvia \$2,050.00; Endowment Fund (Undesignated) in memory of Ruth Leidholt \$145.00; Endow. Fund (Generations) in memory of Ruth Leidholt \$20.00; Endow. Fund in memory of Vern Bump (Generations) \$100.00, (Undesignated)

\$25.00, (Foundations) \$20.00; Endow. Fund in memory of Mike Westall (Future) \$20.00; Endowment Fund (Generations) \$5,102.75.

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 \$15,474 toward this support.



Women's Christmas Party.....Sunday, TODAY 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!



The Altar flowers are given by Pat Huisman in memory of her husband, Veryl. Thank you, Pat, we appreciate your generosity.

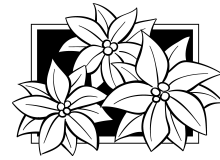
Preschool Center Items Wishlist on Amazon

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 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.

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10:00 AM - “Red Boots for Christmas” A shoemaker learns the true meaning of Christmas.

10:30 AM - Rev. Brian Mosemann, pastor at Immanuel-St. Paul-First English and Bethesda Lutheran Churches in Menno-Scotland-Parker and Marion, SD, presents a message titled “Rejoice Always! The Lord is near.” This sermon is based on Luke 7:18-28. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the hearing impaired. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes “The birth of Christ is the ultimate solution to the loneliness that began in the Garden of Eden. Jesus came because God cares about lonely people, and so should we. Find opportunities to give lonely people gifts—not merely physical items, but the gift of your time, presence, and encouragement. May the glorious Gospel that is preached to you in the birth of Jesus be the gospel that you preach to yourself and your family this month.” *Paul David Tripp, pastor, author, conference speaker – 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. 12 3rd Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study

11:00 am Communion

2:00 pm LWML Faith Women's
Christmas Party

5:45 pm Board of Parish Fellowship
Caroling

Mon: Dec. 13

5:30-7:00 pm 6th grade BB

Tues: Dec. 14

8:00 am Staff Devotions

10:30 am Women's Bible Study
(Enough for Now)

6:15 pm Board of Property Management

Wed: Dec. 15

11:30am-3:30pm Faith's Blood Drive

5:30-6:30 pm Advent Meal

6:00 pm Midweek

6:00 pm Bible Study

6:30 pm Sunday School, Daycare &
Preschool Christmas Program

7:00 pm Advent Chapel

8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: Dec. 16

8:00 am Staff Devotions

12:00 pm Forever Young

5:30-7:00 pm 6th grade BB

6:00 pm Rebekah Circle

6:30 pm Mary/Martha Circle

Sun: Dec. 19 4th Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Communion

9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study
(Revelation)

11:00 am Worship

1:00 pm Board of Stewardship

5:00 pm Board of Education