

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in World Wide Missions*



✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

OPENING HYMN

"The Advent of Our King"

(LSB 331)

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ 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 † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

† WORD †

INTROIT

Psalm 89:6, 14-16 (antiphon: Zech. 9:9b, alt.)

- P** Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation.
- C** **Who in the skies can be compared to the LORD?
Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD,**
- P** Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;
Steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.
- C** **Blessed are the people who know the festal shout,
who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face,**
- P** who exalt in your name all the day
and in your righteousness are exalted.
- C** **For our shield belongs to the LORD,
our king to the Holy One of Israel.**
- 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** Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation.

KYRIE

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT *Isaiah 2:1-5* (Isaiah proclaims the peaceable kingdom of God.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Hail the Blest Morn"/"People Look East" (KENTUCKY/BESANCON)
Andrew Wulf, flute soloist

EPISTLE *Romans 13:(8-10) 11-14* (Put on the Lord Jesus Christ as you await His coming.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

ALLELUIA



HOLY GOSPEL Luke 1: 5-25 (The Birth of John the Baptist Foretold.)

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁵ In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah,^[a] of the division of Abijah. And he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. ⁶ And they were both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord. ⁷ But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years.

⁸ Now while he was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty, ⁹ according to the custom of the priesthood, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. ¹⁰ And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense. ¹¹ And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. ¹² And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. ¹³ But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. ¹⁴ And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, ¹⁵ for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. ¹⁶ And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, ¹⁷ and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared."

¹⁸ And Zechariah said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years." ¹⁹ And the angel answered him, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. ²⁰ And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time." ²¹ And the people were waiting for Zechariah, and they were wondering at his delay in the temple. ²² And when he came out, he was unable to speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the

temple. And he kept making signs to them and remained mute. ²³ And when his time of service was ended, he went to his home.

²⁴ After these days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she kept herself hidden, saying, ²⁵ "Thus the Lord has done for me in the days when he looked on me, to take away my reproach among people."

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

BIBLE LESSON

SERMON HYMN "Sing Praise to the God of Israel" (LSB 936)

SERMON "Hope in the Midst of Doubt" (Luke 1:5-25)
Pastor Sam Handschke

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OFFERTORY



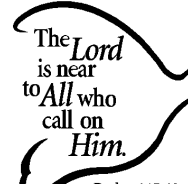
C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Please stand)



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Stir up Your power, O Lord, to rescue us from the dangers of this dark world by the advent of Your Son, that we may ever walk in His light and learn the way of peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Gracious Lord, though we do not know the day or hour of Your Son's appearing, grant that we would always be prepared by sending us faithful pastors and teachers who will boldly proclaim Your Word of Law and Gospel to us, that we may be constantly encouraged and built up in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O God of Jacob, You have established Your kingdom as a beacon to call all nations unto Yourself. Teach us to walk in the light of Your peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord of love, visit our homes and defend us from the temptation to walk in the works of darkness, that husbands and wives may love one another and raise their children in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Almighty Lord, You are the authority to whom all temporal authorities must bow. Give wisdom and godly insight to our president; our governor; and all who make, administer or judge our laws. Grant peace among the nations, that swords may be beaten to plowshares and spears to pruning hooks. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Compassionate Lord, look with mercy upon the sick. Visit them during these Advent days to comfort them with Your saving Gospel. If it be Your will, grant healing and peace to [_____ and] all for whom we pray. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O loving Father, You alone know the day and the hour when our Lord, Jesus Christ, will come again in glory. Keep us steadfast in the one, true faith, that we may ever be ready for His reappearing; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, 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 8:30 am service continues on page 11 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.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

11:00 am

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

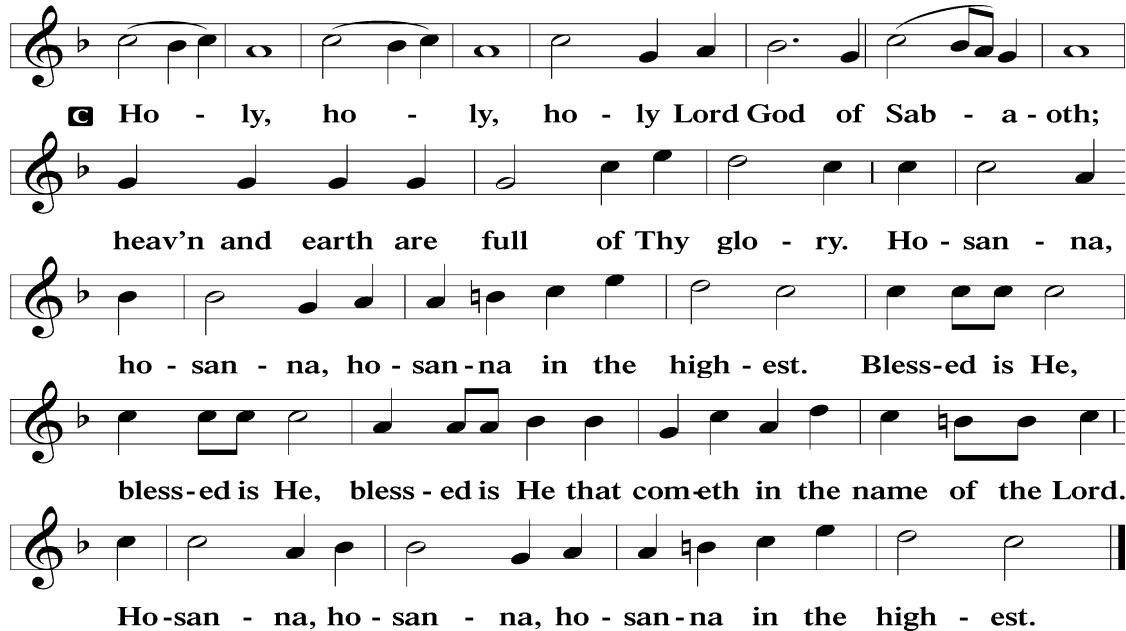
C We lift them up unto the Lord.

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, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tress of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. 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 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

"Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

(LSB 623)

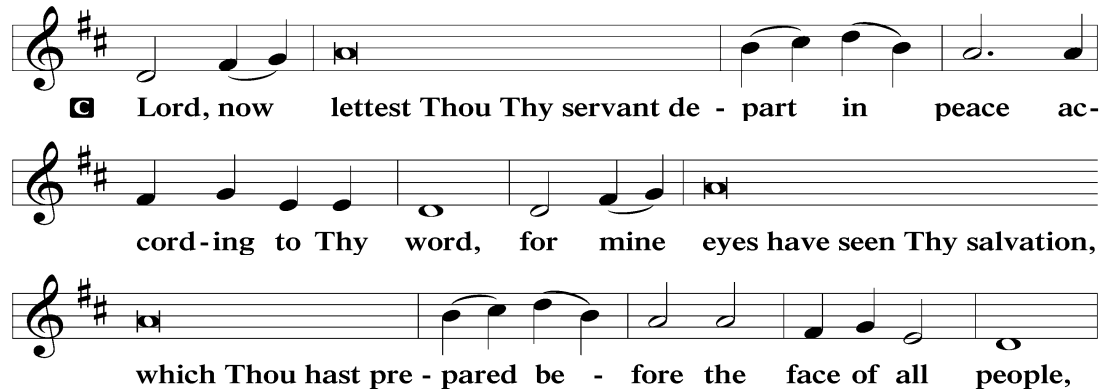
"Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come"

(LSB 350)



(Please stand)

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

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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

“Hark the Glad Sound”

(LSB 349)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT



AS WE GATHER Today you are in a most important waiting room—every church sanctuary or other holy space in which God’s people gather is, in its way, a waiting room. Together we are waiting for the greatest of all events—the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is the mountain of the house of the Lord, where two or three are gathered in His name. Here God dwells and is enthroned and reveals Himself to His people. Here we keep alert, joyfully anticipating the advent of our King.

In Advent hope we gather And worship trustingly,
Assured that Christ is coming To set His people free.

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 First 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.

Holy Communion is celebrated at our 11:00 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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Wed. Nov. 9, Att. 42; Offering \$0.00; **Sun., Nov. 13, Att. 285;** General Fund \$9,511.20; Sunday School \$4.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Building Fund \$315.00; Mexico Mission \$1,026.00; Forever Young \$110.00; Facility Use Donation \$100.00; Bible Study \$16.99; Endowment Fund in memory of Linda Denke (Generations) \$20.00; Endowment Fund in memory of Dale Hartmann (Generations) \$20.00, (Blessings) \$20.00.

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.

Previous Weekly Attendance Nov. 9-Nov. 13: Catechism 48; Sunday School 34; Sunday Adult Bible Study 16

Interested in the 2023 Mexico Mission Trip? Are you interested in going on the Mexico Mission trip in 2023? If so, please let us know because we are beginning our fall fundraising efforts now. This includes mostly raking of leaves and other yard work. Also, this winter we will have opportunities to raise funds by removing snow. Please contact the office or Dennis and Carolyn Ryckman for more information.



December Voters Assembly Our December Voters Meeting will be December 4th after the late service. One priority item will be the approval of the 2023 work program. The Boards will also give their reports.

Faith Circle will be giving away the boxes that they used to send goodies to our college age members. They are nice sized boxes that are great for sending off or used for wrapping gifts. Someone from Faith Circle will be at a table the next three Sundays if you are interested in these boxes. They would appreciate any donation you would be willing to give.

VISITATION PASTOR Pastor Brad Urbach is our Visitation Pastor. If you would like Pastor Urbach to come visit you or to just pray for you or with you, give him a call at 605-280-2838.

WALK-IN-PRAYER Come Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. for a short devotion before you begin your time to walk-in-prayer. You can walk throughout the Church facility or if you prefer low impact or aerobic exercise you can climb the stairs all the while in prayer. You could also pray quietly in the sanctuary or another quiet place in the church. If that time doesn't work for you, you can come anytime you prefer. By praying for others, God will be blessing you as well. There is a basket with prayer requests available or lift up your loved ones in prayer. Come any day or time you prefer or join Cindy on Thursdays. Contact Cindy Fiechtner at 605-224-4384 or stop by the church office for more information.

PRAYER CARE Join Pastor Handschke once a month on the third Monday of the month in the sanctuary beginning at 6:30 p.m. for a time of prayer.

It provides an opportunity for everyone to come together to pray specifically for those on the Prayer List. If you are unable to come during this time, the church is open for you to come and pray anytime.

Caroling The Board of Parish Fellowship invites everyone to join them in caroling to a number of our shut-ins on Sunday, December 11th. Meet in the fellowship hall at 5:45 pm. We'll be caroling from 6-8 pm. Fellowship and refreshments in the fellowship hall following caroling.



Housekeeping If you or your children have clothing, coats, caps, Bibles, Catechisms or anything else on the coat racks or the shelf above **PLEASE,**

PLEASE take them home. It is a struggle keeping God's house looking neat and orderly with all these items hanging or laying around. If you no longer want them let the office know so we can dispose of them. Thanks for your help in this matter.

Faith Lutheran Youth



Parent Reminder: Catechism classes begin at 6:00 p.m. and end at 7:00 p.m. If you are going to Chapel service with your children, or if you are picking your children up and taking them home, please be on time so that the children do not wander around the parking lot or the church. Thank you so much.

Children's Christmas Service The Board of Education is pleased to announce that the children in our Sunday School and Catechism programs will lead the 11 o'clock worship service on December 18. We will have Saturday morning practices from 9 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on December 3, 10 & 17. The children will be sharing the good news of our Savior's birth. It is an exciting time for them to learn how important it is to be a part of the church and participate in worship. Parents this is a fantastic opportunity to get the last-minute Christmas shopping, baking, or wrapping done while the children are at church!



This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Nov. 27 ADVENT 1

8:30 am Communion
 9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study
 11:00 am Worship
 6:30 pm 1, 2, 3 John Bible Study

Mon: Nov. 28

7:00 pm Priscilla Circle

Tues: Nov. 29

8:00 am Staff Devotions
 10:30 am Women's Bible Study
 7:00-8:30 pm Choir

Wed: Nov. 30

6:00 pm Catechism
 6:00 pm Home Bible Study
 6:00 pm Romans Study
 7:00 pm Advent Chapel/Communion
 Guns & Hoses Blood Drive Evening Set-up

Thurs: Dec. 1

8:00 Staff Devotions
 12:00-5:30 Guns & Hoses Blood Drive

Fri: Dec. 2

8:00 am-1:30 pm Guns & Hoses Blood Drive

Sat: Dec. 3

9-11 am S.S. Christmas Practice in Sanct.

Sun: Dec. 4

8:30 am Communion
 9:30 am First Sunday Fellowship
 9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study
 11:00 am Worship
 12:00 pm Voters Meeting
 6:30 pm 1, 2, 3 John Study
 7:00 pm Board of Elders Meeting

