

# THE 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*



## ✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

### OPENING HYMN

"Arise, O Christian People"

(LSB 354)

### INVOCATION

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

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH—JOY CANDLE

- P** The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes. *(Psalm 19:8)*
- C** **The Joy of the LORD is our strength.**
- P** You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand. *(Psalm 16:11)*
- Men** **The Joy of the LORD is our strength.**
- P** The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to him in song. *(Psalm 28:7)*
- Women** **The Joy of the LORD is our strength.**
- P** May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth. *(Psalm 67:4)*
- Men** **The Joy of the LORD is my strength.**
- P** Sing for joy to God our strength; shout aloud to the God of Jacob! *(Psalm 81:1)*
- Women** **The Joy of the LORD is my strength.**
- P** Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. *(Psalm 95:1)*
- C** **The Joy of the LORD is my strength. Come quickly, Lord Jesus!**

## 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 † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

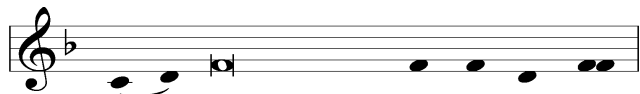
## † WORD †

## INTROIT

*Ps 146:5-8 (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.  
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.

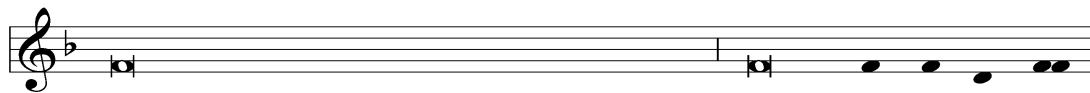
# KYRIE



**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.



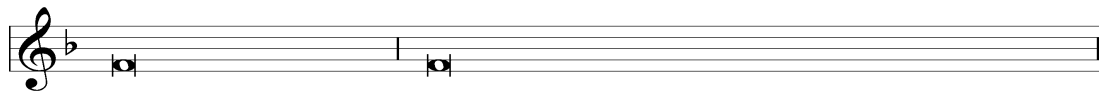
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



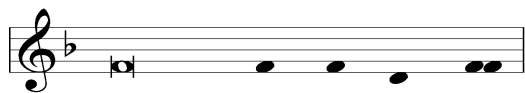
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



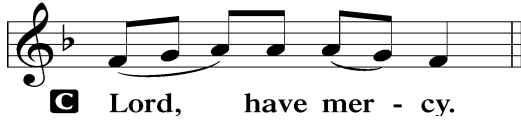
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



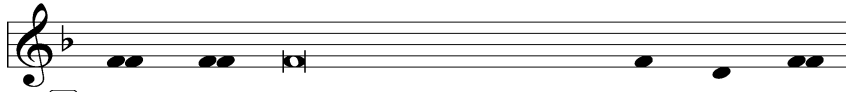
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



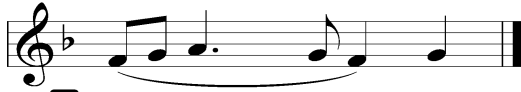
let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



**C** A - men.

**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** *Isaiah 11:1-10* (A shoot shall come forth from the stump of Jesse.)

*After the reading:*

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**ANTHEM** "In the Bleak Midwinter" (*Gustav Holst, arr. Brian L. Hanson*)  
*Faith Choir*

**EPISTLE** *James 5:7-11* (An encouragement for Christians to wait for the Lord with patience)

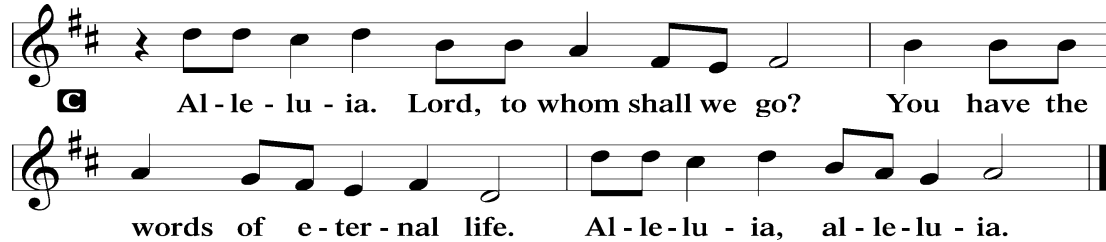
*After the reading:*

**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 1:26-38*

(Birth of Jesus Foretold)

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

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

<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin betrothed<sup>[a]</sup> to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!"<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>29</sup> But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup> and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

<sup>34</sup> And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"<sup>[c]</sup>

<sup>35</sup> And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born<sup>[d]</sup> will be called holy—the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup> For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup> And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant<sup>[e]</sup> of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

*After the reading:*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*(Please be seated)*

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON HYMN** "The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came" (LSB 356)

**SERMON** "Hope in the Midst of the Seemingly Impossible" (Luke 1:26-38)  
Pastor Sam Handschke

**CREED** 8:30am Apostles' Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book  
11:00am Nicene Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book

**OFFERING** *We gather our tithes, gifts of love.*

*(Please stand)*

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**P** Father of all mercies, the visitation of Your Son has enlightened the darkness of our hearts and every corner of creation. Hear us as we pray in His name and according to His will.

O God, You have sent messengers to prepare the way of Your Son's coming. Grant us ears to hear and hearts to believe the words delivered by pastors and all who bear Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

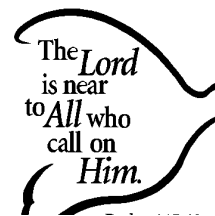
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Gracious Lord, You have instituted the home to be a refuge for husbands and wives and a place of growth and safety for children. Look with favor upon the homes of our land, and grant that the faith might be delivered from one generation to the next. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Righteous Lord, You rule over all things in heaven and on earth. Until that day when Your Son comes in glory to usher in His kingdom, give wisdom and insight to all leaders, that we may live peaceable lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**



**P** O Lord, the prophet Isaiah looked for the day when blind eyes would see, deaf ears would hear, lame legs would leap and mute tongues would sing. Until the final day of restoration, draw near to all who have requested our prayers, [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_,] and give them healing according to Your gracious will. Bind up those who grieve, that they may look for the resurrection of all flesh. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O God, Your love invites us to rejoice in Your goodness. In every circumstance of life, teach us the joy that comes from knowing Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and eagerly expecting His gracious visitation; through the same Jesus Christ, 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 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 one of our pastors**, 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 Service

**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 His 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

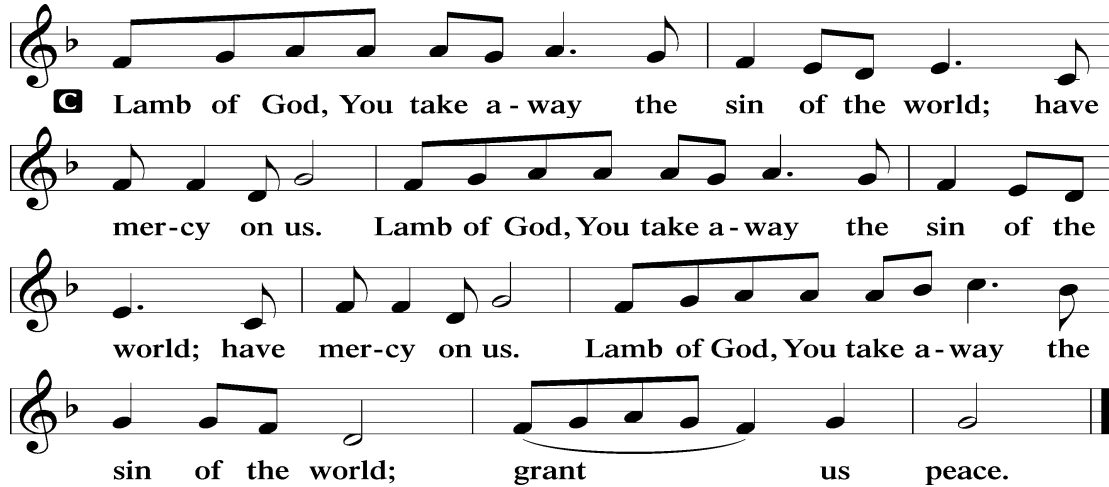
*Matt 26:26–28; Mk 14:22–24; Lk 22:19–20; 1 Cor 11:23–25*

## PAX DOMINI

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

## 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

"The Infant Priest Was Born"

(LSB 624)



"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 - 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 ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN**

"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

(LSB 515)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT



**AS WE GATHER** Advent is a most joyful time and a time for great praise of our God. Today is the “joyful Sunday” in Advent. With Mary’s beautiful song, the Magnificat, we exult that God has “done great things” and that “His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation” (*LSB*, pp. 248–49). With Mary, we rejoice that God “has shown strength with His arm” especially to those who are lowly and humbled. In his paraphrase of the Magnificat, hymnwriter Stephen Starke invites us to “Sing the greatness of the Lord” and “With praise and blessing Join in confessing God, who is solely

Mighty and holy” (*LSB* 933:1). There is so much joy in Advent—it simply must be shared!

With Advent hope our praises Reecho joyfully  
To greet our Lord’s arrival In His humility.

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.

**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](http://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.

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### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

**Wed. Nov. 30, Att. 42;** Offering \$2,136.00; **Sun., Dec. 4, Att. 230;** General Fund \$15,079.44; Sunday School \$0.00; Love Fund \$120.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Building Fund \$525.00; Mexico Mission \$820.00; 642 Rent (Partial) \$400.00; Flowers \$16.00; Sanctuary HVAC \$200.00; Early Educ. Bake Sale \$1,137.00; Anonymous Donation \$365.00; Endowment Fund in memory of Dale Hartmann (Blessings) \$1,255.00, (Undesignated) \$530.00, (Generations) \$50.00, (Future) \$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 - 50; Sunday School - 35; Sunday Adult Bible Study - 17

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**Mission to Mexico Christmas Trees Available** Our annual Christmas tree fundraiser is underway with the proceeds going to the Faith Lutheran mission trip to Mexico fund. Contact Dennis or stop by his office location at Factor 360 at 120 N. Euclid Ave for the tree sales. The trees look great. We have Balsam firs and Canaan firs, which are a deeper color and fragrance with good needle retention because it's a hybrid of the Fraser fir. Sales hours are (generally) from noon to 6pm daily until sold out. Or you can make an appointment by calling him at 605-222-7713. He will also make in town deliveries if needed.





**Caroling** The Board of Parish Fellowship invites everyone to join them in caroling to a number of our shut-ins on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**We have received a number of 8 x 10 photos in the church office. If you have had your photo taken for the Church Directory (and did not order extras) your 8 x 10 is in the church office. Stop by the office and Helen will be glad to give you your photo.**



**Surprise Package Concert** Join us for our annual Christmas Concert to celebrate this special time of year!

**Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7PM**

**Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:30PM**

Trinity Episcopal Church, 408 N Jefferson Ave, Pierre

A free-will donation will be collected.

**LWML Christmas Party** All women of the congregation are invited to the LWML Christmas party this afternoon at 2:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Join us for an afternoon of merriment, fellowship, songs and games as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. We will have an ingathering of monetary gifts for Birthright of Pierre in lieu of a gift exchange.



**Your Help Is Needed.** Food items and gifts are being collected to be taken to the Rosebud community as a Christmas blessing. The following food items are some that Pastor Utecht suggested: soups, pasta, hot and cold cereal, canned goods, hamburger helpers, and crackers. No glass jars please. Some ideas for small gifts are: puzzles, washable markers, balls, craft kits, games, books, etc. The Board of Missions will wrap them and mark them as to boy or girl and what age group. Collection boxes are in the Narthex.

Pastor Utecht is so thankful that Faith Lutheran takes such good care of him and the Rosebud community. The items will be taken to the Rosebud community before Christmas, likely Sunday, December 18. The congregation is encouraged to go and join in the caroling, puppet show, and help serve a meal.

Deadline to have items turned in is Friday, December 16.

**Housekeeping** If you or your children have clothing, coats, caps, Bibles, Catechisms or

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 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: Dec. 11 ADVENT 3**

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study

11:00 am Communion

1:00 pm Boards of Stewardship/Endow.

2:00 pm LWML Christmas Party

2:00 pm Board of Education

7:30 pm Board of Missions

**Tues: Dec. 13**

8:00 am Staff Devotions

10:30 am Women's Bible Study

6:15 pm Board of Property Management

**Wed: Dec. 14**

6:00 pm Catechism

6:00 pm Romans Study

6:00 pm Preschool/Daycare Christmas Pgrm

7:00 pm Advent Chapel/Communion

**Thurs: Dec. 15**

8:00 am Staff Devotions

12:00 pm Forever Young

6:00 pm Rebekah Circle

**Sat: Dec. 17**

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

**Sun: Dec. 18 ADVENT 4**

8:30 am Communion

9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study

11:00 am SS & Catechism Christmas Service

1:00-3:00 pm JYM

