

# THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 4, 2022 A.D.  
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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**      "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"      (LSB 344)

### INVOCATION

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

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

- P** On this second Sunday in Advent we light a second candle and call it Love.  
(The acolyte lights the first and second purple candles.)
- P** This is love.  
**C** Not that we loved God,  
**P** But that he loved us.  
**C** We call this candle Love because God showed his love among us  
**P** And sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.  
**C** Let us love one another, for love comes from God!

### 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  $\dagger$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

$\dagger$  **WORD**  $\dagger$

**INTROIT**

*Ps 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.

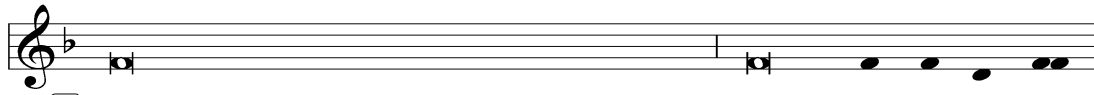
**P** The voice of one crying in the wilderness:  
“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”

**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.



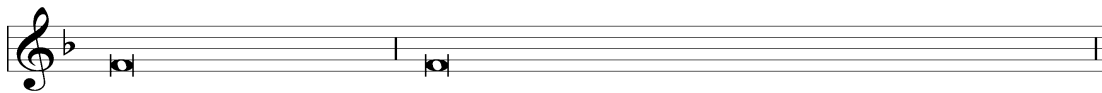
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



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



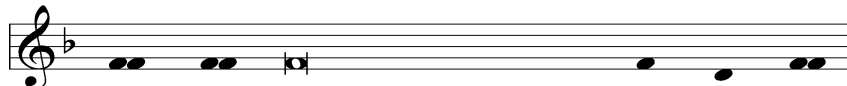
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



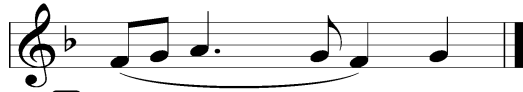
let us pray to the Lord.



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



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



**C** A - men.

### **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** "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" (*Welsh hymn tune HYFRYDOL*)  
*Kaylee Blauert, violin soloist*

**EPISTLE** *Romans 15:4–13* (Paul points to Christ as the source of hope.)

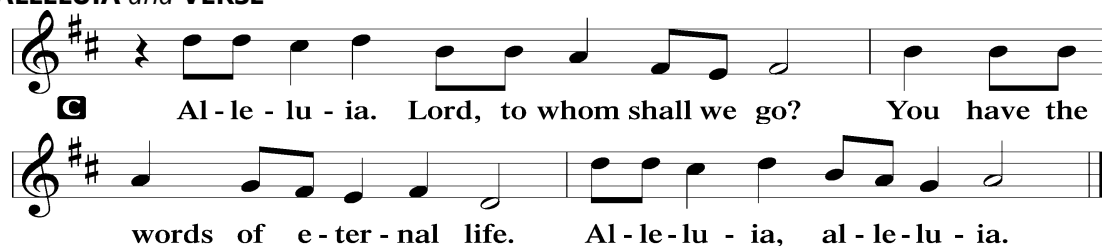
*After the reading:*

**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

*Matthew 1:18-25*

(The Birth of Jesus Christ)

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

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

<sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus Christ<sup>[a]</sup> took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed<sup>[b]</sup> to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

<sup>23</sup> "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall call his name Immanuel"

(which means, God with us). <sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, <sup>25</sup> but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

*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** "Angels From the Realms of Glory" (LSB 367)

**SERMON** "An Angel's Message of Hope  
in the Midst of Fear of the Unknown" (Matt. 1:18-25)  
Pastor Brad Urbach

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

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

*(Please stand)*

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**P** Heavenly Father, You stir the hearts of Your faithful to prepare us for the advent of Your Son. We implore You, feed us continually with Your Word and Sacraments as we look for His return. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** O Lord, by the ministry of Your Holy Church prepare the way for Your Son's return in glory. Send forth faithful pastors to proclaim Your Law and Gospel, and grant hearers ears to listen and hearts to receive their words in faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

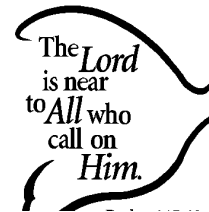
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Almighty God, You preserved Jesse's faithful line by the incarnation of Your Son. Give families and individuals strength to faithfully fulfill their vocations to love and forgive one another, that we may be trained up in Your fear, love and trust. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Lord God, Your Son rules over creation with justice and righteousness. Endow those in authority with the desire and ability to protect the innocent, punish the wicked and work for the common welfare. Lord, in Your mercy,

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



**P** Compassionate Lord, as we await the day when the wolf will dwell alongside the lamb and pain and destruction are no more, grant us patience, comfort and healing, according to Your will. Hear our prayers for all the sick, [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_,] and give wisdom and skill to all medical professionals who care for them. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Heavenly Father, grant that we may be kept in joy and sustained in hope through every trouble and trial of this mortal life; through 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 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 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 ✠** **8:20 am Service**

## PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

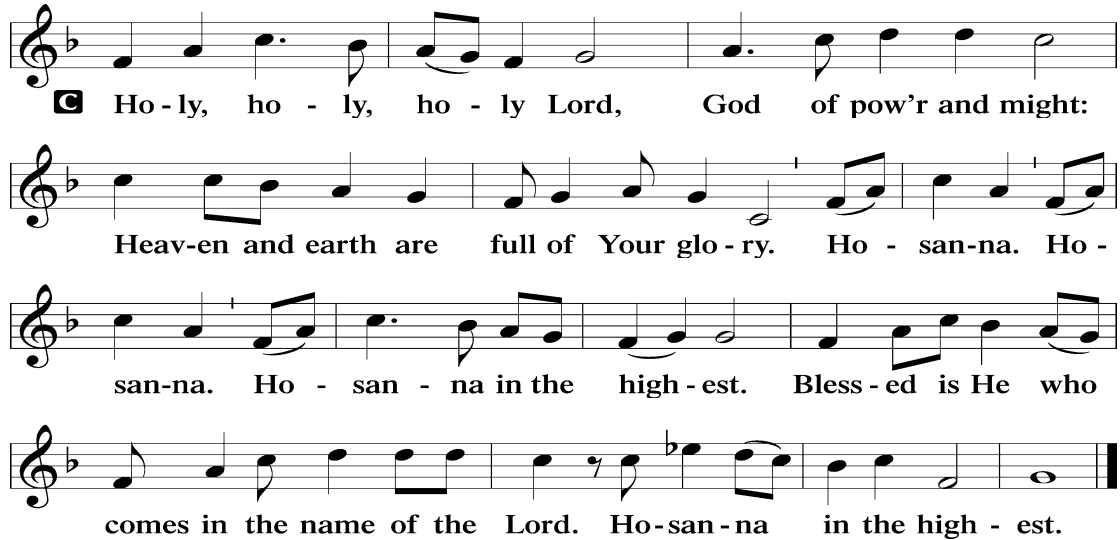
**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**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

*(Please be seated)*



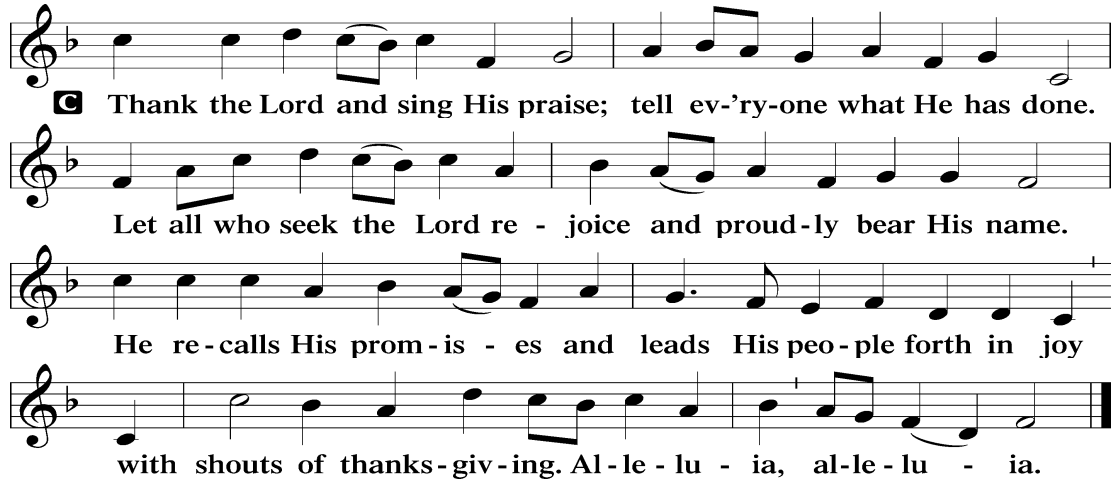
**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

"Savior of the Nations, Come" (LSB 332)

"O Bride of Christ, Rejoice" (LSB 335)

*(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 ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

“What Hope! An Eden Prophesied”

(LSB 342)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT



**AS WE GATHER** For many Christian people, reading the Word of our Lord from a “red letter” edition of the Bible is a special blessing. Seeing the words of Christ highlighted in a special color may make them more immediate and noticeable. The last sentence with red words in those Bible editions is Revelation 22:20, in which the Lord promises: “Surely I am coming soon.” John, the writer of Revelation, follows with these inspired words: “Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!” Those words

became part of the worship life for many in the Early Church as they expectantly awaited the return of the Lord to the earth and the completion of His promised eternal kingdom. In the season of Advent, we echo that ancient yearning cry: “Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!”

Our Advent-hope hosannas Expectantly arise  
To Jesus Christ, the Savior Who comes from Paradise.

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 Brad Urbach. Reverend Sam Handschke is our Liturgist.

**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](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. 24 Thanksgiving, Att. 42;** Offering \$1,750.00; **Sun., Nov. 27, Att. 230;** General Fund \$4,877.12; Sunday School \$0.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Building Fund \$0.00; Extra Missions \$500.00; Mexico Mission \$1,225.00; Facility Use Donation \$20.00; Bible Study \$97.00; Bus Maintenance \$50.00 Linda Denke Memorials \$170.00; Endowment Fund (Blessings) \$25.00.

**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 - 0; Sunday Adult Bible Study - 0

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**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 **TODAY** after the late service. One priority item will be the approval of the 2023 work program. The Boards will also give their reports.

**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.



Church Photo  
**Directory**



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.**

**Broadcasts** our Sonrise Radio Broadcast and our Cable Broadcast are sponsored this week by Bill Dunn and Bernadine Hinckley in honor of wife and daughter, Tonya Marie Dunn's birthday. Thanks Bill & Bernadine. May God bless Tonya with many more birthdays.



**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.

**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 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 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 willing to give.

## 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 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: Dec. 4 ADVENT 2**

8:30 am Communion  
9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study  
11:00 am Worship  
12:00 pm Voters Meeting  
3-5 pm Wulf Music Recitals Sanct/Gym  
5:00 pm Board of Parish Fellowship  
7:00 pm Board of Elders  
**Mon: Dec. 5**  
7:00 pm Men's Club Christmas  
**Tues: Dec. 6**  
8:00 am Staff Devotions  
10:30 am Women's Bible Study  
7:00-8:30 pm Choir  
**Wed: Dec. 7**  
6:00 pm Catechism  
6:00 pm Home Bible Study  
6:00 pm Romans Study  
7:00 pm Advent Chapel/Communion

**Thurs: Dec. 8**

8:00 am Staff Devotions  
11:30 am Ministerium  
5:00-8:30 pm MOPS  
7:00 pm Faith Circle

**Sat: Dec. 10**

American Legion Trains in gym  
9-11 am S.S. Christmas Practice in Sanct.

**Sun: 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