FIRST 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 8:30	"Baptized into Your Name Most Holy"	(LSB 590)
11:00	"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"	(LSB 334)

INVOCATION

■ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

HOLY BAPTISM OF JOHANNA RAE POPPE 8:30 (LSB 268)

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.

- 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 +

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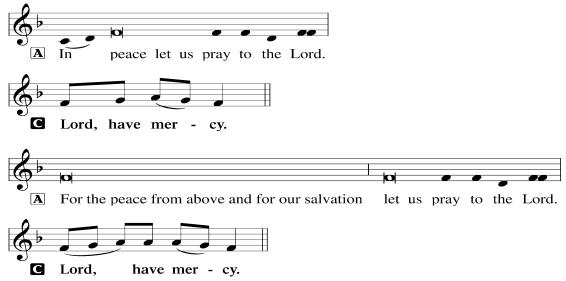
Ps 25:1-3; (antiphon: Zech. 9:9b alt.)

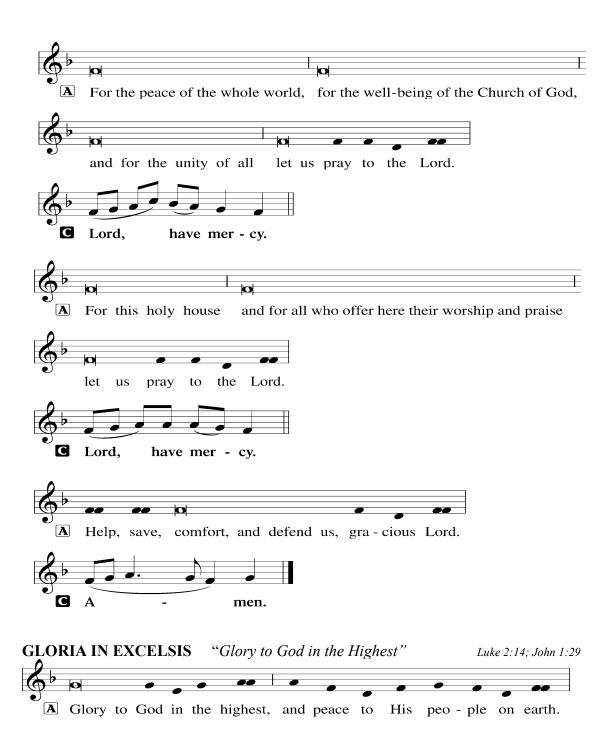
Behold, your king is coming to you; Righteous and having salvation.

C To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

- P O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.
- C Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
- **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.
- Behold, your king is coming to you; Righteous and having salvation.







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SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.

C Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT *Psalm 80* (*Restore Us, O God*)

¹Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,

you who lead Joseph like a flock.

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

² Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,

stir up your might

and come to save us!

³ Restore us, a O God;

let your face shine, that we may be saved!

⁴ O LORD God of hosts,

how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

⁵ You have fed them with the bread of tears

and given them tears to drink in full measure.

⁶ You make us an object of contention for our neighbors, and our enemies laugh among themselves.

⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts;

let your face shine, that we may be saved!

- ⁸ You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.
- ⁹ You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.
- ¹⁰ The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches.
- ¹¹ It sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the River.¹⁰

¹² Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?

¹³ The boar from the forest ravages it,

and all that move in the field feed on it.

¹⁴ Turn again, O God of hosts!

Look down from heaven, and see;

have regard for this vine,

¹⁵ the stock that your right hand planted, and for the son whom you made strong for yourself.

¹⁶ They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke of your face!

- ¹⁷ But let your hand be on the man of your right hand, the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself!
- ¹⁸ Then we shall not turn back from you; give us life, and we will call upon your name!
- ¹⁹ Restore us, O LORD God of hosts! Let your face shine, that we may be saved!

After the reading:

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.
- ANTHEM "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (Veni Emmanuel, ed. Walford Davies) String Ensemble, members of Pierre Youth Orchestra Kaylee Blauert, Scarlet Clines, Dotty Clines, Christian Stanley Moriah Gross, director

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 1:3–9* (We wait for Jesus, who sustains us and takes our guilt away.)

After the reading:**L** This is the Word of the Lord.**C** Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)



HOLY GOSPEL Mark 11:1–10 (Our King enters His royal city as His people wait for Him.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, twenty-fifth 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

SERMON HYMN	"Savior of the Nations, Come"	(LSB 332)
	Vs. 1-4 before sermon; vs. 5-8 after sermon	

SERMON

"Restore" (Psalm 80) Pastor Sam Handschke

CREED	8:30	Nicene	Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book
	11:00	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** Gracious Lord, sustain Your saints to the end as we enter another Church Year. Encourage the preachers of Your Word and all who hear, that the testimony about Christ may be confirmed among us as we wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- **P** Give boldness and faithfulness to Matthew, our Synod president; our district president; ______, our circuit visitor; and all pastors in Christ. Renew the faith and quicken the love of all Christians, that we may be enriched in all speech and knowledge. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.



 P Heavenly Father, grant Your blessing to all marriages and keep all husbands and wives faithful to each other. Guide them as they care for the children entrusted to them. Bestow Your loving care upon all children who have suffered abuse or neglect, as well as upon all who open their homes to children in foster care. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Almighty God, behold our nation and its leaders and protect our armed forces, taking them under Your care and blessing. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Visit us in Your compassion, O Lord. Deliver the sick from their infirmity, the troubled from their afflictions, the grieving from their sorrow and the dying from their fear [especially _____]. May all who cry to You receive grace according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

▶ Merciful Lord, Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, entered Jerusalem to shouts and cheers of joy. Grant that we may be stirred by the Word and Sacraments to rejoice anew, now and at His second advent. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P Gracious Father, You have made us glad to enter into Your presence to hear the good news of our Savior and receive Your gifts. Preserve Your Church against all her enemies, and lead us to walk in Your ways and to follow Your paths, that when Jesus returns in His glory we may welcome Him with glad hosannas; 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 11:00 am service continues on page 12 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).

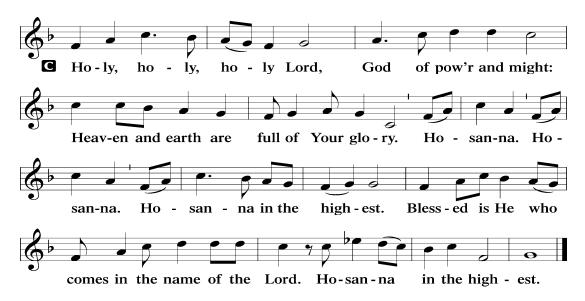
Since Scripture teaches that those people who do not fully understand the meaning of this meal eat and drink to their own harm (1Cor. 11:27-29), and because the Lord's Supper is the supreme act of stating our unity in faith and doctrine, we would ask those people who are visiting with us to **please speak with our 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 + 8:30 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.
- 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, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. 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



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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 allavailing 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

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

▶ 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

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.

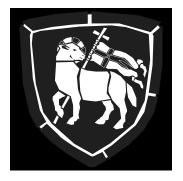
CLOSING HYMN

"The Advent of Our King"

(LSB 331)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT



AS WE GATHER Welcome to the season of waiting! Not only is Advent a period of preparation for Jesus' first coming at Christmas, but this sacred season readies our hearts for Jesus' ultimate coming: when He, as King of kings and Lord of lords, returns in power on the Last Day, when every knee will bow before Him and every eye will see Him as the One who reigns in sovereign majesty over all things. Until the arrival of that glorious Day, we wait for Him in confident faith, strengthened by His Word and Meal, trusting that He has redeemed us by His cross and resurrection. With the expectant

people of old, may our worship together lead us to say: "Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield" (Psalm 33:20).

Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield. Psalm 33:20



If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the back of the blue attendance/communion 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 this morning is Rev. Samuel Handschke.

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.





This morning by ordinary water and God's extraordinary Word Johanna Rae Poppe becomes a daughter of God. Johanna is the second daughter of Paul & Sarah Poppe and joins older sister Lillian in the Poppe family. Sponsors for Johanna are Emma Glenn and Peter Iverson.

Want to listen to our worship service via livestream? Go to: <u>www.faithluth.com</u>. 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. 22, Thanksgiving Att. 128, Offering \$1,590.00; Sun., Nov. 26, Att. 239; General Fund \$5,110.24; Sunday School \$0.00; Building Fund \$0.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Organ Fund \$500.00; Broadcasts \$60.00; Endowment Fund in memory of Neil Schochenmaier (Blessings) \$50.00, (Undesignated) \$25.00; Mexico Mission \$410.00; Endowment Fund in memory of Ellen Carter Generations) \$100.00; Endowment Fund (Generations) \$154.13; LYF \$500.00, Preschool \$400.00, Daycare \$400.00; Early Ed. Bake Sale \$710.00.

Endowment Fund There are lime green envelopes on the back side of the large center



support post in the Narthex for your use. Donations do not have to be in memory of someone, they can be in celebration of an event in your lives, to the glory of God, or any number of happenings in your lives. The envelopes have an area where you can designate where you wish the funds to go. Please use a separate **check** for your donation. Where we deposit the funds does not take cash, so it needs to be in the form of a **check**. The counters cannot always find checks to cover when cash is given. Thanks for your help!



The 2 white poinsettias and the 5 red poinsettias on the Altar and in the Chancel area are given by Pat Huisman in memory of Veryl Huisman's birthday on December 12th and in remembrance of Veryl this Christmas season.

First Sunday Fellowship We will have a short time of fellowship and treats before our Voter's Meeting this morning at 9:30ish. We thank the women of Faith Circle for providing treats and hosting this fellowship.

Voter's Assembly We will have a Voter's Meeting **TODAY** at 9:45 am. Among topics of discussion will be Together in Missions recipients, Lutheran Witness Subscription and our 2024 Work Program.

Men's Club Christmas Party Tomorrow evening at 7:00 our Men's Club will meet in the living room area for their Christmas Party. Please bring a snack to share. We will have a few court whist card games. Hope to see you all there!





Christmas Caroling Please join the Board of Parish Fellowship on December 10th to bring joy to others by sharing the songs of Christmas. We will meet at the church at 4:45 pm and the vans will leave the church at 5 pm. Refreshments will be served upon our return to the church.

Faith Women's Christmas Party On Sunday, December 10th at 2:00 pm Faith Lutheran will hold its women's Christmas party. **All** women of the congregation are invited to attend. We will meet in the Christian Family Life Center for a time of sharing faith, fun, and fellowship. Please bring a food item and/or cash offering for PARS.

Blood Drive Faith will host a blood drive on December 13^{th} from 11:00am - 4:00 pm. Those who are able to give (16+ years) are encouraged to sign-up to donate blood. This is a Vitalent Blood Drive.





Forever Young Christmas Potluck December 21st at noon is our Christmas Potluck meal. Big Tom's will cook the Roast Beef and mashed potatoes & gravy for us. Please bring a favorite side to share. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex on the information table you will need to sign

if you are intending to come as we need an **accurate count** for Big Tom's. We have until December 13th to sign up. Please sign-up soon! Hope to see you then.

Annual Giving Statements Your annual giving statement will be coming to you in the first few weeks of January. Any donations you want for the year 2023 **must be given by December 31st.** Any donations coming in the first week of January but dated for 2023 will be credited for the year 2024.





Last Call for Portraits and Digital Images by The Dakota Gallery We are thankful for you all and immensely enjoyed working with your congregation this year on your new pictorial directory. Thank you for your hospitality and kindness! We will be deleting all 2023 images on December 20 and are offering a final opportunity to order portraits and digital images for Christmas cards until December 6. Contact Ann

Cooper by email or text if you would like to order/reorder from your 2023 portrait sitting. We wish all of you the Joy and Peace of this Blessed Christmas Season. Merry Christmas! Anne Cooper 605-545-1933 <u>anne@thedakotagallery.com</u>

Main Street Living "Main Street Living" is a liturgical worship service broadcasting a different local pastor each Sunday morning. It airs along with the classic Lutheran Hour program, "This is the Life." Both can be viewed on KDLT (NBC) & KEVN (FOX) Visit www.mainstreetliving.com to view current and past episodes. **Did you know** you can see the Worship Service and Kid's Crossing on our website at anytime? All programs are streamed on <u>www.mainstreetliving.com</u>, and are available the day before they are broadcast.

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KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

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



Christmas.

10:30 AM - Rev. Christopher McCarthy, pastor at First and Emmanuel Lutheran Churches in Wall and Creighton, presents a message titled "O That You Would Rend the Heavens!" This sermon is based on Mark 13:24-37. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: **www.mainstreetliving.com**

Life Quotes "In view of God's display of love in Advent and Christmas, we gladly unite to praise Him. Christmas brings out that unity as we join with Mary and Joseph and shepherds and angels to glorify our Savior as one united family. For this reason, we pray as Paul did, 'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him.'" *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



Bible Bowl 2024 We received word from the South Dakota LCMS district on the 2024 Bible Bowl. The books of the Bible are Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon. Students from sixth grade to seniors are eligible to participate. The statewide competition is before Palm Sunday. **The Bible Bowl is set for March 23, 2024.** For more information or to register please see Bible Bowl coach LeRoy Kropuenske. He is around on Sunday for Sunday School and Wednesday for confirmation.

Children's Christmas Program The Children's Christmas program will be from 9:45-10:45 (between services) on December 17. We will have Saturday morning practices from 9 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on December 2, 9 & 16. The children will be sharing the good news of our Savior's birth. 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. 3 8:30 am Communion 9:30 am First Sunday Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School (Modified)

9:45 am Voters' Meeting 11:00 am Worship 5:00 pm Board of Parish Fellowship 5:30-6:45 pm Soccer 6:00 pm Board of Elders 6:30 pm 1, 2, 3 John Mon: Dec. 4 7:00 pm Men's Club Christmas Tues: Dec. 5 8:00 am Staff Devotions 9:30 am Truth Project 10:30 am Unshakable Women's Study 5:30-6:45 pm Soccer Wed: Dec. 6 6:00 pm Midweek/Catechism 6:00 pm Luke Bible Study 6:00 pm *Engagement Project* 6:30 pm John (in homes)

Dec. 6 Advent Midweek 1

Service at 7:00PM "Nazareth"

Dec. 10 Advent 2

Divine service at 8:30 and 11:00AM "Revived" Psalm 85

Dec. 13 Advent Midweek 2

Service at 7:00PM "Jerusalem"

Dec. 17 Advent 3

Divine service at 8:30 and 11:00AM "Returned" Psalm 126

7:00 pm Advent 1 Midweek Worship 8:00 pm LYF Thurs: Dec. 7 8:00 am Staff Devotions 6:00 pm Reading the Psalms Sat: Dec. 9 9-11 am Sunday School Christmas **Program Practice** 10a-4p American Legion Train Show Sun: Dec. 10 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School/Luke Study 11:00 am Communion 2:00 pm Board of Education 5:00 pm BoPF Christmas Caroling 6:30 pm 1, 2, 3 John 7:30 pm Board of Missions

Dec. 20 Advent Midweek 3

Service at 7:00PM "Bethlehem" O Little Town of Bethlehem



Advent 4 Divine service at 8:30AM "Rely" Psalm 89:1-5

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve

Candlelight at 3:00PM, 5:00PM, and 7:30PM

"Reign" Psalm 110:1-4



Christmas Day

Divine service at 9:00AM "**Rejoice**" Psalm 98

