

THE 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 Worldwide Missions*



✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

OPENING HYMN

"Prepare the Royal Highway"

(LSB 343)

INVOCATION

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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

John 1:5, 9; Genesis 3:15; Psalm 33:20–22

- P** Each week in Advent, we light a candle as we prepare for the arrival of the Savior, who would come to His people in human flesh and who promises to come again. In a world of darkness, a light shines. Jesus Christ is the light of the world.



- C** **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**
- P** The first Advent candle is known as the prophecy candle or the candle of hope. We hear again the first promise and prophecy made in the Garden of Eden after the fall into sin: "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel." The Lord has kept His Word through the mouths of prophets who, for generations, pointed people to the promised Savior to come.
- C** **The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.**
- P** Guided by the light of hope, we respond with the psalmist: "Our soul waits for the LORD;
- C** **He is our help and our shield.**
- P** For our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name.

C Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in You.”

The first Advent candle is lit.

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

Psalm 89:6, 14–16, 18; antiphon: Zechariah 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 Blessèd are the people who know the festal shout,
who walk, O LORD, in the light of Your face,
P who exult 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

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

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

C Lord, have mer - cy.

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

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

C Lord, have mer - cy.

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

let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

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

C A - men.

THIS IS THE FEAST

Refrain

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. 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 *Jeremiah 33:14–16* (The Lord’s eternal covenant)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM “Jerusalem, My Happy Home” (*LAND OF REST, early American*)

Small Mixed Vocal Ensemble

Kaylee Blauert, violin

Andrew Wulf, bassoon

EPISTLE *1 Thessalonians 3:9–13* (Lives of the faithful made ready for Jesus’ return)

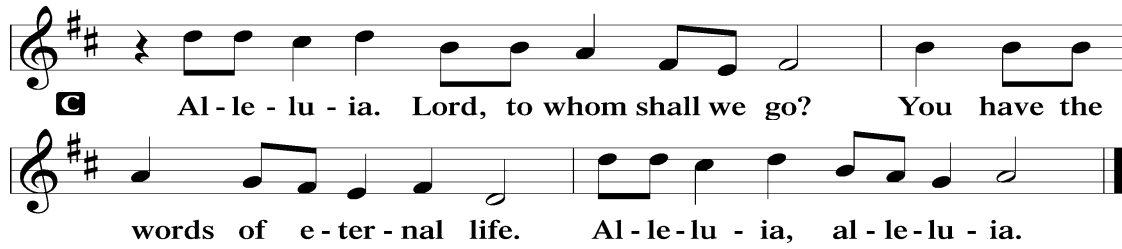
After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

ALLELUIA and VERSE



HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 19:28-40

(The Triumphal Entry)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the nineteenth 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

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

(LSB 341)

SERMON

"Jerusalem"

(Luke 19:28-40)

Pastor Sam Handschke

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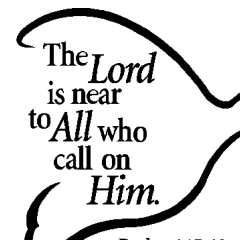
11:00 *Apostles' Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*

OFFERING AND 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.



Lord of all, Your Son declared that if His disciples ceased praising Him, the very stones would cry out. Receive our thanks that You continue to preserve Your Word among us. Even in a world that opposes Your name, grant us tongues that joyfully declare Your praise. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord, we often use the cares of this life as excuses for dissipation, drunkenness and distraction from You and Your promises. Guard us from temptations that would harm our faith and cause us to fear Your coming. Preserve us by Your grace, that we may wait with joy to stand before the Son of Man in glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Almighty God, grant us repentant hearts and increase our love for one another, that we may show forth our faith in good works. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord, our King, righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne, and steadfast love and faithfulness go before You. Watch over the authorities of our land, and grant that they would govern justly so that we may live in peace as we proclaim Your love and faithfulness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We give thanks to You, O God, that as You establish our hearts blameless in holiness before You, so You also provide for all our needs in this body and life. Hear our earnest prayers for those who are in need of Your mercy, [*especially* _____,] and comfort all who mourn [*including* _____] until the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Blessed are You, O Lord, and blessed is Your Son, Jesus Christ, who came in Your name to save us from sin and death. As He visits us this day with His body and blood under the bread and wine, give us penitent hearts that worthily welcome His coming and rejoice in His gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P God our Father, You have loved and chosen us according to Your mercy and called us through the living voice of Your Word. Grant to us the Spirit of Your grace, that what You have begun in us may be brought to completion when Christ appears in His glory on the Last Day; for You live and reign, 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 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 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.

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, 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

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

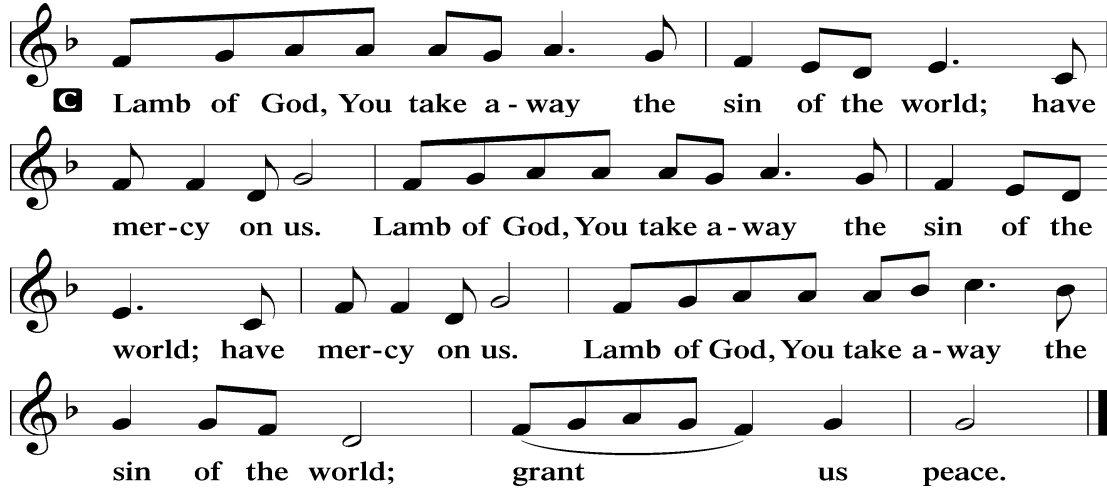
Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI



C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Jerusalem, My Happy Home" (LSB 673)

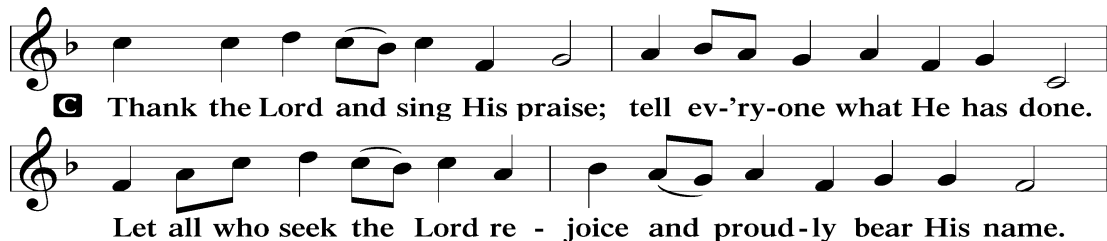
"O Jesus, King Most Wonderful" (LSB 554)

"Jerusalem the Golden" (LSB 672)



(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.



POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

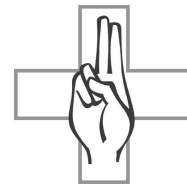
P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns 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 A-men, a-men, a - men.

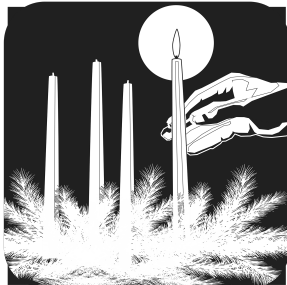
CLOSING HYMN

“The Advent of Our King”

(LSB 331)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT



AS WE GATHER Though a full month remains before we turn our calendars to 2025, today we can wish a “happy new year” in the life of the church. The Advent season begins a new church year and is a time of preparation, as the Latin “Adventus” means an arrival or coming of someone. More than preparing for the coming of just anyone, here we prepare for our Savior. As we get hearts and minds ready for the Christmas crescendo to come

celebrating Christ's humble birth, we also remain prepared in this season and always as He promises to come again.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. John 1:5

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.



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.

Voters' Assembly Our semi-annual Voters' meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, Dec 8 at 9:45AM**. We will vote on the work plan for 2025 as well as hear updates from each of the boards. Please plan to attend.



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Wed. Nov. 20, Att. 76; Offering \$470.00; **Sun., Nov. 24, Att. Not recorded;** General Fund \$7,773.30; Sunday School \$23.00; **SS Att.** 11/24 = 37; **MW Att.** 11/20 = 49 + 7th grade; Building Fund \$0.00; Love Fund \$105.05; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Thanksgiving \$125.00; Broadcasts \$60.00; Mexico Mission \$565.00; Security System \$1,050.00; Bible Study \$150.00; HVAC \$550.00; Organ Fund \$50.00; Refund \$88.09;

Forever Young \$203.00; Endowment (Generations) \$154.13; Endowment Fund in memory of Fred Marso (Blessings) \$745.00, (Foundations) \$20.00, (Future) \$175.00.

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!

Women's Christmas Party: Sunday, December 8th at 2 pm. All women of the congregation are invited. Meet in the Sanctuary for a short time of worship and song; followed by a time of fun, fellowship and snacks in the Christian Family Life Center. A free-will offering will be gathered to go towards helping victims of the recent hurricanes, via Orphan Grain Train. Hosted by LWML.

Here is the remaining debt on the Security system as of 11/14/24.

New Security System	Total Cost:	\$30,370.00
	Donations to Date:	<u>15,688.00</u>
	Remaining Costs:	14,682.00

Thrivent Choice Dollars The deadline to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars is March 31, 2025.

Thrivent Choice Dollars are funds that can be directed to help families in need around the world. Thrivent members can direct their Choice Dollars to various causes, including Faith Lutheran Church, Faith Lutheran Daycare, and Faith Lutheran Preschool.

If you have questions about how to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars or would like to speak with a Thrivent Financial Associate, please contact Samuel Missal, 605-656-5432 or visit 540 South Garfield Avenue Suite B.

If the funds are not directed by the deadline, Thrivent may use them to promote program participation or for other purposes.

Thanks to "Do-Gooders" – Each week we will highlight people who are doing good within our church, community, and world, with the intent of affirming the ways that all of us "Do Good."

This week we would like to thank the ladies who fold the bulletins every week, Sandy Bales, Char Hiller, Helen Kiepke, and Char Russell. These ladies are responsible for what

you are holding in your hands. During Christmas and Holy Week, they put in lots of extra time and energy to make sure that we have plenty of bulletins for the special occasions.

Graduate Mailings Faith Circle will be sending the 2024 high school graduates as well as the college students a Christmas greeting. It will be sent to their home addresses. We are letting parents know this so they can expect a small envelope in their mail to pass on to their young adults.

If there is a better way to connect with these young adults, please contact the church office to let us know. Thank you for your support of this ministry.

God's Blessings Members of Faith Circle

Offering Envelopes The 2025 offering envelopes are on the tables in the Narthex. *Please pick yours up today.* Even if you give on-line there are additional envelopes you can use: Building, Endowment, Special Missions, Lent and Advent. The use of envelopes is helpful for our counters and posters. If you don't use envelopes, it is helpful if you put your envelope number on your check.

Caroling The Board of Missions will sponsor a night of caroling on Monday, December 16th. Please join us at the church at 6:00 pm and we will enjoy sharing the 'Reason for the Season' with our local community and handing out Christmas goodies.



Collection for Pastor Utecht Ministry and Christmas Party at Rosebud

The Board of Missions is sponsoring a collection for Pastor Utecht's ministry in Rosebud and Parmalee. An area is set up in the Narthex to collect the following items:

- Winter clothing items
- Blankets
- Nonperishable food items
- Toilet paper and other such items
- Laundry detergent

Thank you for your generosity. On Sunday December 15th we will take a church van to Rosebud with the items collected, departing at 2:00 pm. Please join us on this trip. While in Rosebud we will do Christmas caroling, help with a community meal, assist with the puppet play presentation, and distribute items collected from our Faith Lutheran congregation.

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 www.mainstreetliving.com, 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. Marcus Ring, pastor at St. John Lutheran Church in Gregory, presents a message titled "The LORD Is Our Righteousness." The sermon is based on Jeremiah 33:14-16. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes "Do you ever doubt the love of God? Perhaps you are just 'looking for love in all the wrong places,' if you'll pardon the expression. Don't look to your own feelings and emotions which can change with the wind but look to Bethlehem and the manger. See God's love in this that His only begotten Son was sent to be humbled and to die for you. Understand that at Christmas 'God so loved the world that He gave ...'" *Daily Devotion, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Faith Lutheran Youth



Children's Christmas Program and Practices The Board of Education is pleased to announce that the children in our Sunday School program will present their Christmas program on December 15 at 9:45 a.m. We will have Saturday morning practices from 9 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on December 7 & 14. 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!



It's time once again to start thinking about the **LCMS Youth Gathering!** The LCMS Youth Gathering will be July 19-23, 2025, in New Orleans, Louisiana. LCMS youth and adult leaders will visit the city under the theme Endure based on Hebrews 12:1-3. Held every three years, LCMS Youth Gatherings provide young people an opportunity to learn more about

Jesus Christ, the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity. During the five-days of the Gathering youth spend time together in worship, God's Word, prayer, song and service. This event is organized by LCMS Youth Ministry in Saint Louis, Missouri.

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Dec. 1 Advent 1

8:30 am Communion
9:30 am First Sunday Fellowship
9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study
11:00 am Worship
5:00 pm Bd. of Parish Fellowship
6:00 pm Board of Elders

Mon: Dec. 2

7:00 pm Men's Club

Tues: Dec. 3

8:00 am Staff Devotions
10:30 am Women's Bible Study

Wed: Dec. 4

6:00 pm Midweek/Catechism
6:00 pm Jeremiah/Lamentations Study
6:30 pm Jesus Bible Study in homes

7:00 pm Advent Chapel/Communion

8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: Dec. 5

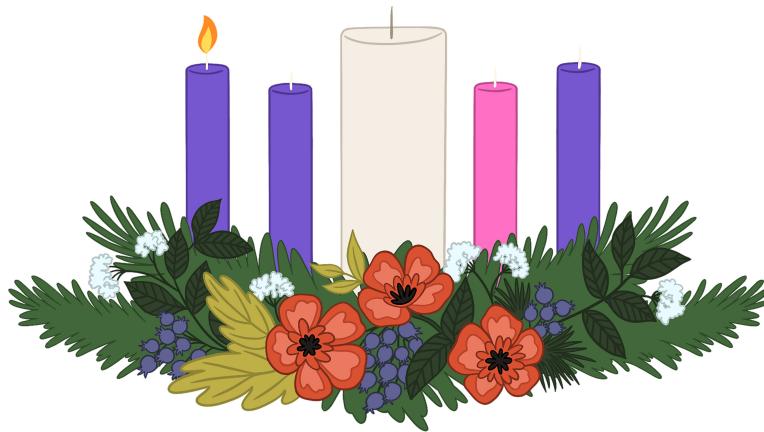
8:00 am Staff Devotions
6-8 pm MOPS

Sat: Dec. 7

9-11 am Children's Christmas Practice
1-5 pm Wulf Music Recitals

Sun: Dec. 8 Advent 2

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Voter's Assembly
11:00 am Communion
11:00 am Board of Missions/Evang.



First Sunday of Advent

