

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 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" (LSB 341)

INVOCATION

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

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

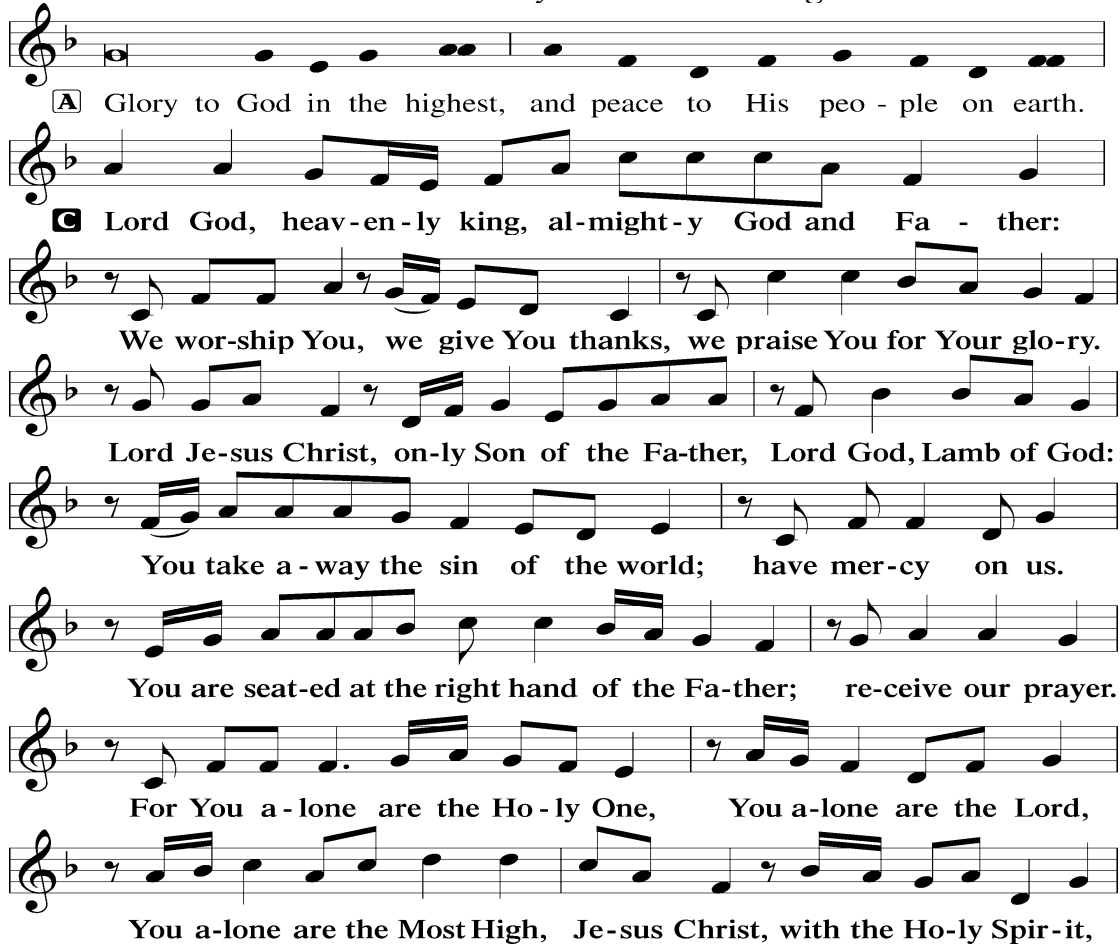
P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors 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 ✠

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS “Glory to God in the Highest” *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.

C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:
We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.
For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,
You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



SALUTATION *and* **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

[P] The Lord be with you.

[C] **And also with you.**

[P] Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

[C] **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT *Isaiah 2:1–5* (“Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.”)

After the reading:

[L] This is the Word of the Lord.

[C] **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM 11:00 “Emmanuel, God With Us”... arr. Lloyd Larson
Randy Hartmann, vocal soloist

EPISTLE *Romans 13:(8–10) 11–14* (“Put on the armor of light.”)

After the reading:

[L] This is the Word of the Lord.

[C] **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

ALLELUIA *and* VERSE



HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 21:1–11* (Rejoice, Jerusalem, for Your Lord comes to You.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-first 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)

Verses 1–4 before sermon, verses 5–8 after sermon

SERMON "Spoken by the Prophet: The King" (Matthew 21:4–5)

Pastor Sam Handschke

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OFFERING AND SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Please stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH



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

C hear our prayer.

P O God, You have made us glad to enter into Your presence to hear the Good News of our Savior and to receive Your gifts. Preserve Your Church against all her enemies. Lead us to walk in Your ways and to follow Your path, that when Jesus returns in His glory we may welcome Him with glad hosannas. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord of love, visit our homes and defend us from the temptation to walk in the works of darkness. Clothe us with the armor of light. Preserve the single in holiness, and lead husbands and wives to love one another and raise their children in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

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

C hear our prayer.

P Merciful Lord, You have given us Your Son to bear the burdens of our sin and to grant us healing and hope. Hear us on behalf of those in great need, those afflicted with physical and mental ills, those whose hearts are touched by grief, and those in their last days on earth [*especially* _____]. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Everlasting God, Your Son has given us a place at His table where we receive the food of His own flesh and blood given for the life of the world. Grant us faith to recognize His body in this bread and His blood in this cup and to receive this blessed communion with joy and thanksgiving. Unite Your people, that we may confess with one voice the truth of Your Word and live together in love and anticipation for that day when Christ shall return in triumph. Bring us with all the saints into Your eternal presence and to the marriage feast of the Lamb without end. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank, bless and praise You forever that You have sent Your Son to reign over us poor sinners, who for our trespasses deserve rightly to remain in bondage to sin and Satan. You have given us a righteous and humble King who, through His death, has saved us from sin and eternal death. We implore You, enlighten, govern and direct us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may remain faithful to this righteous King and Savior and not be offended by His humble appearance or despised Word, but believe in Him and obtain eternal salvation; 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.**



IN REGARD TO HOLY COMMUNION: According to Scripture, Holy Communion should be celebrated by those who are: **United in a common faith** (1 Cor. 10:16-17, 21-22; Rom. 16:17); **Repentant of sins** (1 Cor. 5:11, Matt. 18:17-18); **Able to examine their lives** (1 Cor. 11:27-29); and believe that in this precious meal they **receive the true body and blood of Jesus** given and shed for the forgiveness of their sins (Luke 22:19-22).

Since Scripture teaches that those people who do not fully understand the meaning of this meal eat and drink to their own harm (1Cor. 11:27-29), and because the Lord's Supper is the supreme act of stating our unity in faith and doctrine, we would ask those people who are visiting with us to **please speak with our pastor**, before communing, in order that we might fulfill our responsibility of properly instructing people in the right use of the precious Sacrament.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠ Both services

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

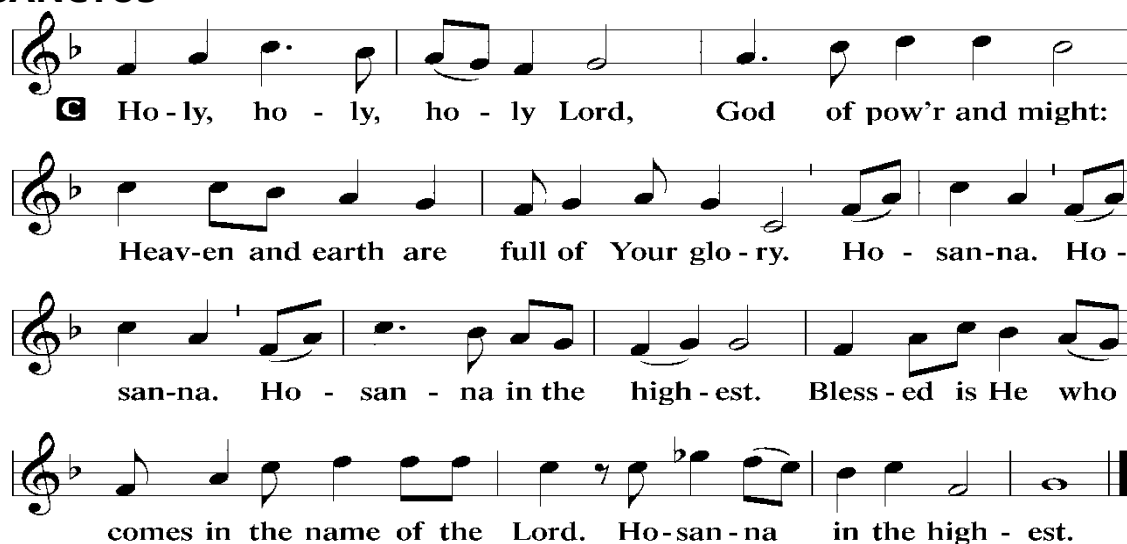
C We lift them to the Lord.

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



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

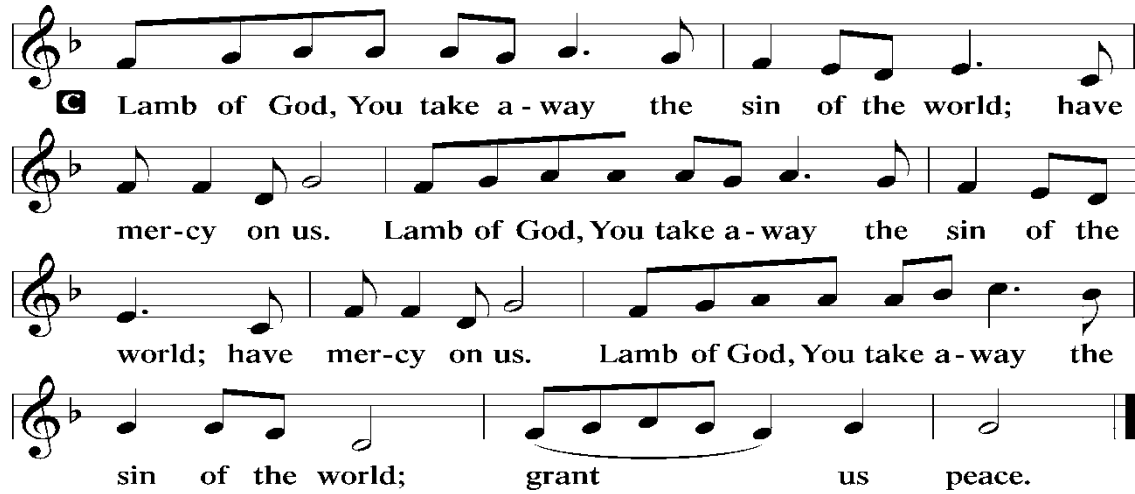
Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25

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

8:30 "Emmanuel, God With Us"... arr. Lloyd Larson

Randy Hartmann, vocal soloist

"Your Table I Approach" (LSB 628)

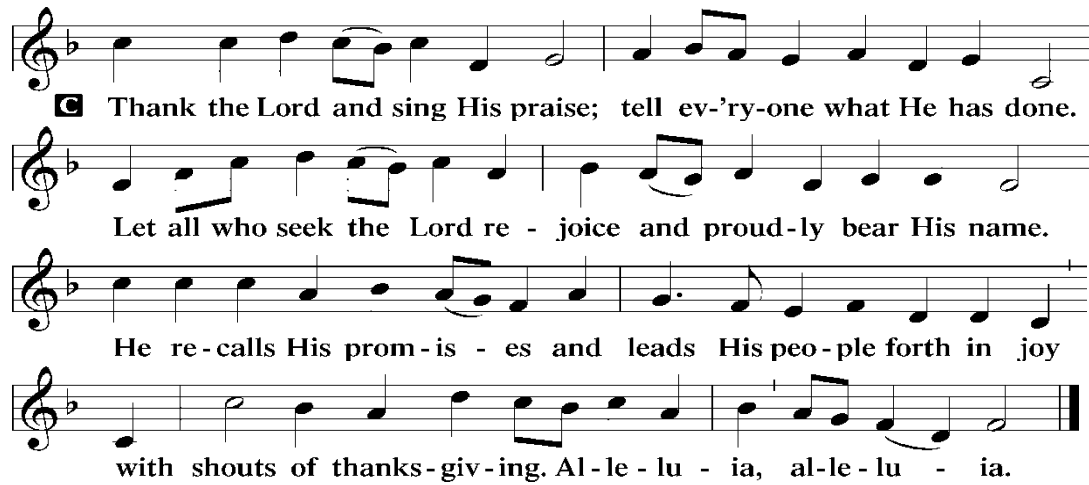
"The Advent of Our King" (LSB 331)

"Jerusalem, My Happy Home" (LSB 673)



(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

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.

Numbers 6:24–26



C A - men, a - men, a - men.

CLOSING HYMN

"Prepare the Royal Highway"

(LSB 343)

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



AS WE GATHER Today is not only the First Sunday in Advent but also the commemoration of St. Andrew, whose day governs the start of Advent. In this way, Andrew continues to point to Christ as we begin a new Church Year. How odd it is, then, that the Gospel for the First Sunday in Advent is the same as the Gospel for Palm Sunday! This reminds us that Jesus came for the cross and empty tomb, and this is the only Gospel that can save us from sin and death. In

order to enjoy the fruits of His redeeming work, we must be able to answer “Who is this?” (Matthew 21:10). This question of the crowd also becomes a question for us as we enter into Advent and a new Church Year. We marvel at this man, also true God, who is born among us in flesh and blood, who suffers and dies to win salvation for us, and who will come in His glory to bring all things to their perfect consummation and bliss.

“Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” Matthew 21:9b

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 of 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. Sam Handschke. Pastor Sam will also be preaching at Blunt between our services.

Holy Communion is celebrated at both services this Sunday.

In this Sacrament, our Lord gives His true body and blood for our forgiveness. Those who confess the faith declared at this altar and who desire to receive communion today are asked to read our communion statement found in the bulletin. Thank you.



Want to listen to our worship service via livestream? Go to:

www.faithluth.com. Click on livestream and it will take you to the service or if you have missed the service it will take you to the archived services. We livestream our 8:30 service each Sunday.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Wed. Nov. 19, Att. 70; Offering \$205.00; **Sun., Nov. 23, Att. 280;** General Fund \$8,360.15; Sunday School \$8.00; Building Fund \$120.00; Love Fund \$105.05; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Thanksgiving \$300.00; Extra Missions \$20.00; Mexico Mission \$2,055.00; Broadcasts \$60.00; Flowers \$90.00; Forever Young \$208.00.

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!

Greeters Faith Lutheran is wanting to get our greeters crew up and going again. If you are willing to greet on Sundays **please sign the sheet in the Narthex.** *We are still in need of more greeters.* The more we have the better. If we get enough, they may only have to greet a couple times a year. Please consider joining this group.



GREETERS SCHEDULE		EARLY	LATE
November 30th	Terry, Clarene & Kerry James – B/A		Lois Erbe – B, Maybe Carol
December 7th	Char Russell – B Verna Fransen – B		Matt & Jessica Reitzel – B/A Lily too
December 14th	Tim & Jan Larson – B/A		Dale & Renee Knapp – B/A Grandkids too
B = Before	A = After	B/A = Greet Before & After	

Early Communion Class We will have a class for students who want to begin receiving communion on Monday, Dec. 8 at 7PM. This class is meant for students who have not yet been confirmed but want to know what communion is and receive it with the congregation. If you are interested in attending, or if you are unsure whether your child is ready for this class, please talk with Pastor Sam.



Looking for anyone interested in getting a new cookbook together. It has been 29 years since we have had a new cookbook. Bring your recipes. Please write legibly so recipes can be printed accurately.

Men's Club Christmas Our Men's Club will meet on December 1 at 7pm for our Christmas Party. We will have a short devotion, play cards and enjoy some Christmas snacks. **All men of the congregation are invited and welcome to come join us.** Please bring a snack to share. Beverage will be provided.



Voter's Assembly We will have a voter's assembly the first Sunday of December, December 7th, at 9:45 am, between services. Please make this a priority as we decide to approve next year's work program and other church issues.

Women's Christmas Gathering All women at Faith mark your calendars for our

**Women's Christmas Gathering,
Sunday, December 7th at 2:00 PM**

Inspirational program, Festive decorations, delicious lunch and fellowship with each other.

We are having a small gift exchange, not to exceed \$3.00. (Think dollar store, thrift store or small sample of your home-made treats.) Please bag or wrap them (name inside) so they are a mystery. They will be incorporated into a game we play.



*Welcome to
Our Church*

The First Congregational United Church of Christ invites everyone to come to their Christmas Café & Bake Shoppe on Saturday, December 13, in their Bradford Hall from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Activities include a cookie walk, bake sale, candy shop, pie and cake and beverage bar.



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:

Christian Books/Games for Gifts*

Nonperishable food items

Toilet paper and other such items

Laundry detergent

*Examples of kids' books and games are in the Narthex. If you would rather donate monetarily, these books and games will be purchased. Please donate by December 1st so the books and games will arrive.

Thank you for your generosity. On Sunday December 21st we will take a church van to Rosebud with the items collected, departing at Noon. Please join us on this trip. While in Rosebud we will Christmas carol, help with a community meal, assist with the puppet play presentation, and distribute items collected from our Faith Lutheran congregation.



Caroling The Board of Missions will sponsor a night of caroling on Monday, December 22nd. 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.

Advent Meals Advent meals will be served before the evening Advent worship. Please come for a hot meal and fellowship between 5:30pm and 6:45pm.





Building Healthy Families: Someone once said, “Marriage is not just spiritual communion, it’s also remembering to take out the trash.” What have you done lately to show your spouse how much you appreciate them? During these busy days of preparation for coming holiday events, a handwritten note, an unexpected and gentle physical touch, affirming words, preparing a favorite meal, or joyfully helping with household responsibilities are simple and no-cost ways to let your spouse know just how much they mean to you. **Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.org

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

10:00am - “Puzzle Club Christmas” The Puzzle Club must solve a missing person mystery before Christmas

10:30 AM - Rev. Bryan Meadows, pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Rapid City, SD, presents a message titled “Flowing Uphill”. The sermon is based on Isaiah 2:1-5. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes “As we prepare to celebrate Jesus’ first Advent, His birth in Bethlehem, we also look forward to the day of His return, His second Advent. On the Last Day, we will see Jesus returning in glory as King and Judge. The Good Shepherd will come again to gather His flock to Himself forever.” *Dr. Carol Geisler, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Nov. 30 ADVENT 1

8:30 am Communion

11:00 am Communion

Mon: Dec. 1

7:00 pm Faith Men's Christmas Party

Tues: Dec. 2

8:00 am Staff Devotions

10:30 am Women's Study 'Joshua'

12:00 pm Mary/Martha Circle

6:15 pm *Raising Kids* Study

7-8 pm 5th grade girls BB

Wed: Dec. 3

5:30-6:45 pm Advent Meal

5:45 pm *Revelation* Study-Wulf home

6:00 pm Midweek/Catechism

6:30 pm *Galatians* Study in homes

7:00 pm Advent Chapel

8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: Dec. 4

8:00 am Staff Devotions

12:00-5:30 pm Guns & Hoses

Fri: Dec. 5

8 am-1 pm Guns & Hoses

Sun: Dec. 7 ADVENT 2

8:30 am Communion

9:30 am First Sunday Fellowship

9:45 am Voter's Assembly

11:00 am Worship

5:00 pm Bd. of Parish Fellowship

6:00 pm Board of Elders



First Sunday of Advent

Special Advent and Christmas Schedule
“Our Dear Christ Enters In”

Wednesday, December 3, 2024
Midweek Advent 1
7:00 p.m.
“Family Tree”

Wednesday, December 10, 2024
Midweek Advent 2
7:00 p.m.
“Home Hurts”

Wednesday, December 17, 2024
Midweek Advent 3
7:00 p.m.
“Baby Names”

Christmas Eve, December 24
2:00pm, 5:00pm and 7:30pm
Candlelight Service
“Great Joy”

Christmas Day
Sunday, December 25
9:00 a.m.
“In Our Hearts”

