

THE SECOND 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 "Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring" (LSB 353)

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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.

GLORIA Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise LSB 946



1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,
Of heav'n - ly joy and earth - ly peace we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:
We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,
Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

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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.

✠ WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT *Isaiah 11:1–10* (“There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse.”)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM 11:00 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” VENI EMMANUEL, arr. Lloyd Larson
Laura Streich, vocal soloist

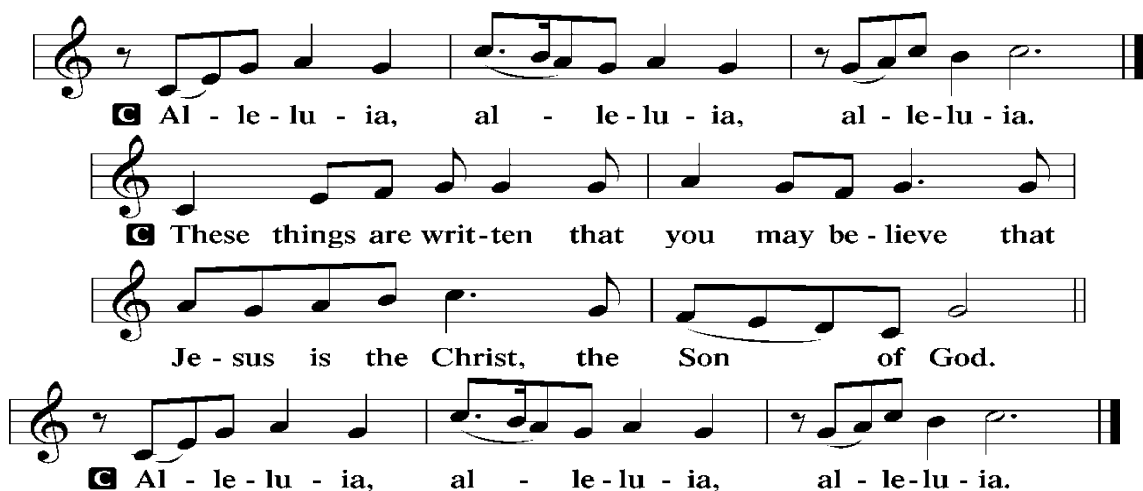
EPISTLE READING *Romans 15:4–13* (“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.”)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE



The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff begins with a 7-measure rest, followed by a melody. The second staff begins with a 4-measure rest, followed by a melody. The third staff begins with a 4-measure rest, followed by a melody. The fourth staff begins with a 7-measure rest, followed by a melody. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes.

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

C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

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

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 3:1–12* (“The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord.’”)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third 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)

SERMON HYMN "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" (LSB 344)

Verse 1 All

Verses 2 & 4 Women & Girls

Verse 3 Men & Boys

Verse 5 All We Rise

SERMON

"Isaiah – Still Spot On!"

(Matthew 3:3)

Pastor Brad Urbach

CREED

8:30 Nicene *Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*

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.



Merciful God, You remember Your covenant forever, for a thousand generations. Teach us to remember Your wondrous works and seek Your strength and presence continually. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord, the voice of Your prophet broke the silence to prepare the way for Your Son. Give Your people the courage to speak Christ to the nations and teach those still in darkness and death about His gift of light and life. Keep us from being ashamed of the Gospel or intimidated by the opinions of others. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Gracious Father, You give Your Word to the Church for encouragement and instruction in endurance. Continue to instruct us by Your Word, that we may abound in hope. 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 Merciful Lord, 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 Holy God, St. John spoke the promise of healing to the broken and wounded. Give to all afflicted in body or mind the riches of Your grace, healing according to Your will, and grace to carry them through the day of their trouble. [*We pray especially for* _____.] Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Stir up our hearts, O Lord, and make ready the way of Your only begotten Son, who comes to us this day in His true body and precious blood for the forgiveness of our sins. May all who feast upon Him do so in repentance and faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord God, heavenly Father, grant us all things needful and keep from us all things harmful to us and to our salvation, that with confidence in Your will, we may say “amen” to our prayers and live in contentment and peace; 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 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 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 ✠

8:30 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





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

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

ANTHEM 8:30 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" VENI EMMANUEL, arr. Lloyd Larson
Laura Streich, vocal soloist

"Arise, O Christian People" (LSB 354)
"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" (LSB 633)
"O Sing to the Lord" (LSB 808)



(Please stand)

NUNC DIMITTIS

C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
 A light to lead the the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with

BENEDICAMUS

Psalm 103:1

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.



CLOSING HYMN "What Hope! An Eden Prophesied" (LSB 537)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT



AS WE GATHER Months ago, people warned us that Christmas was coming. Did it help? From the days of John the Baptist, we have been warned that the day is approaching for Christ to come again. Are we ready? The coming One is not only the familiar Lord whom we know and confess as Savior but also the eternal judge before whom every knee will bow. We do not get our house in order because we are expecting guests but because we expect

to be received in our Father's house and to be found faithful. This is why we confess our sin and are absolved of those sins. This is why we prepare by hearing His Word and receiving His body and blood. This is why we pray and do the works of the light before the night comes when no one can work. We are getting ready for the day we know is coming when we shall stand before the Lord.

Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. Matthew 3:8

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 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 this morning is Rev. Brad Urbach, our Visitation Pastor. Pastor Urbach will also be preaching at Trinity, Blunt, between our services. Rev. 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. 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. 26, Att. 109; Offering \$1,920.10; **Sun., Nov. 30, Att. 164;** General Fund \$3,289.97; Sunday School \$0.00; Building Fund \$0.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Mexico Mission \$560.00; Flowers \$90.00; PARS Christmas Meals \$550.00; Rosebud \$200.00; Advent \$125.00.

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 SCHEDULE EARLY

December 7th Char Russell – B
Verna Fransen – B

LATE

Matt & Jessica Reitzel – B/A
Lily too

December 14th Tim & Jan Larson – B/A
Cindy Fiechtner – B

Dale & Renee Knapp – B/A
Grandkids too

B = Before

A = After

B/A = Greet Before & After



Let's make a new cookbook! It has been 29 years since we have had a new cookbook. There is a table in the Narthex with forms for your recipes. Take as many as you like. We need your favorite recipes, old and new! Please write legibly so recipes may be printed accurately. It is nice for relatives to see your names and recipes in the cookbook.

Sometimes they find just the recipe they remembered and were looking for. We will take our time assembling this cookbook but please start submitting recipes so we can get started.



Voter's Assembly We will have a voter's assembly TODAY, 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.



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.



*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:

Gently used or new Winter Clothing
Christian Books/Games for Gifts*
Nonperishable Food Items
Personal Hygiene 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 to the church office or in the collection box.

Thank you for your generosity. On Sunday December 14th 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.



Forever Young Christmas Potluck The Urbach's will provide the Ham. Would you please bring a side dish or a dessert to share? Yes, we will sing some Christmas carols.



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.



Building Healthy Families: Trauma, emotional distress, depression, anxiety, or family conflict negatively impact many people, including those within our church fellowship today. When

it does, we are often left searching for answers without knowing where to find help, especially help that will share and incorporate the important tenants of our Lutheran Christian faith. Lutheran Family Service offers professional mental health counseling with master's prepared and licensed therapists who share your faith and world view, now available to all regardless of location through telehealth. Call us...it's why we're here!

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 - “Stable Boy” A manger scene comes to life and tells the story of the first Christmas.

10:30 AM - Rev. Robert Hinckley, pastor at Grace Lutheran Church in Deadwood, SD, presents a message titled “Bear Fruit in Keeping with Repentance”. The sermon is based on Matthew 3:7-10. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes “Children brightly signaled hope in our sin-infested world of old—consider the births of Seth, Isaac, Moses, Samson, Samuel, John, and, finally, of course and paramount, Jesus. And we, too, must become as children.” *James M. Kushiner, Fellowship of St. James – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Dec. 7 Advent 2

8:30 am Communion
9:30 am 1st Sunday Fellowship
9:45 am Voter's Assembly
11:00 am Worship
2:00 pm Women's Christmas Party
5:00 pm Bd. of Parish Fellowship
6:00 pm Board of Elders

Mon: Dec. 8

5-8 pm Foster Christmas Party

Tues: Dec. 9

8:00 am Staff Devotions
10:30 am Women's Study '*Joshua*'
6:15 pm *Raising Kids* Study
6:15 pm Bd. of Property Management
7-8 pm 5th grade girls Basketball

Wed: Dec. 10

5:30-6:45 pm Advent Meal
5:45 pm *Revelation* Study at Wulf's
6:00 pm *Galatians* Study in homes

6:00 pm Midweek

7:00 pm Advent 2 Midweek Worship

8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: Dec. 11

5:30-7:30 MOPS

7:00 pm Faith Circle

Fri: Dec. 12

5:30-6:30 5th grade girls Basketball

Sat: Dec. 13

All Day-Am. Legion Trains Show

2-4 Wulf Recital

Sun: Dec. 14 Advent 3

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School/*Revelation*

11:00 am Communion

11:00 am Bd. of Missions/Evang.

1:00 pm Bd. of Stewardship/Endow.

3:00 pm Board of Education



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

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”