# 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*
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## ✢ DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING FOUR ✢
## LSB 203

**OPENING HYMN** "Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come" (LSB 350)

### INVOCATION

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

### CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God,

our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

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

**P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## ✢ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✢

### INTROIT

*Psalm 25:1-3; antiphon: Zech. 9:9b, alt.*

**P** Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation.

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

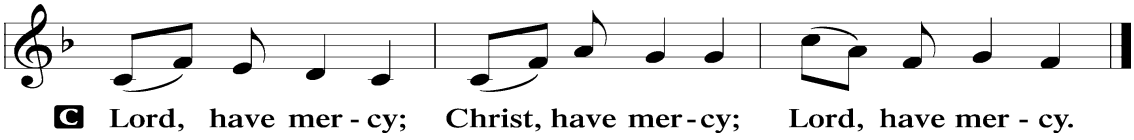
**P** O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.

**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.**

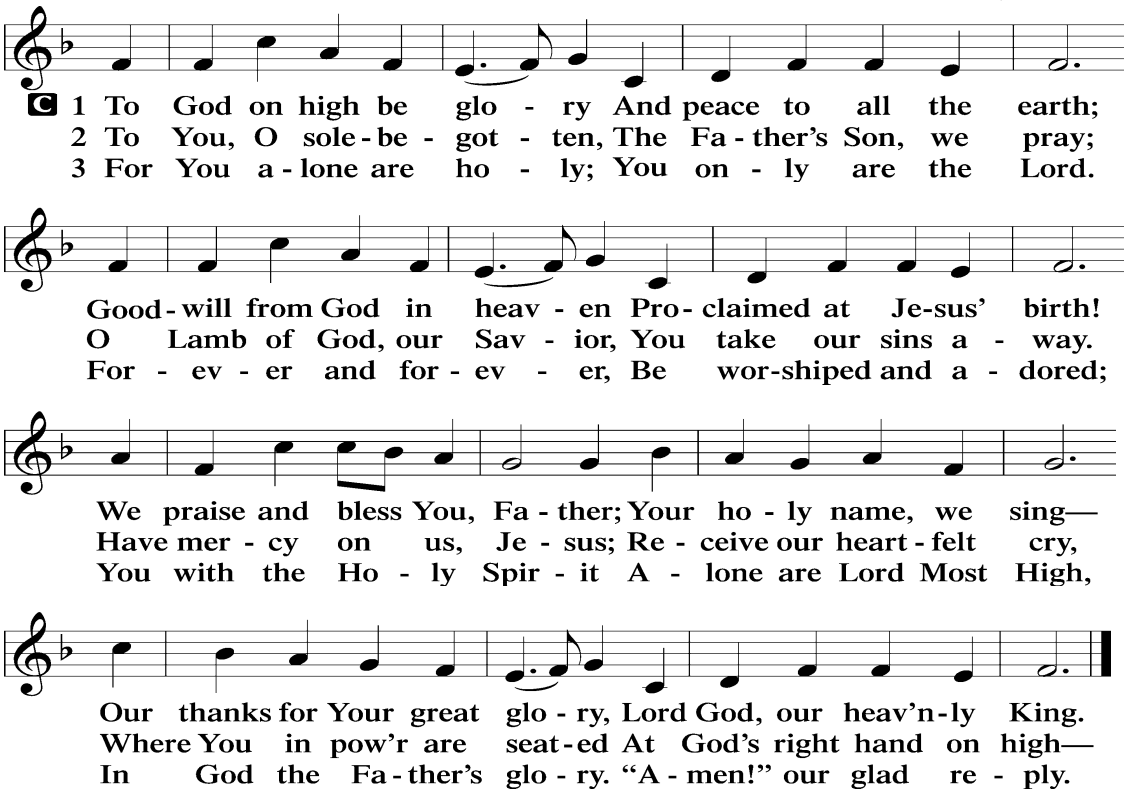
**P** Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation.

### KYRIE



## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*




## 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.**

## OLD TESTAMENT *Isaiah 64:1–9* (God is the potter, and we are the clay.)

*After the reading:*

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM** "Long Days of Waiting"… Nadasdy, Shepperd
Helen Kiepke, vocal soloist
Andrew Wulf, oboe

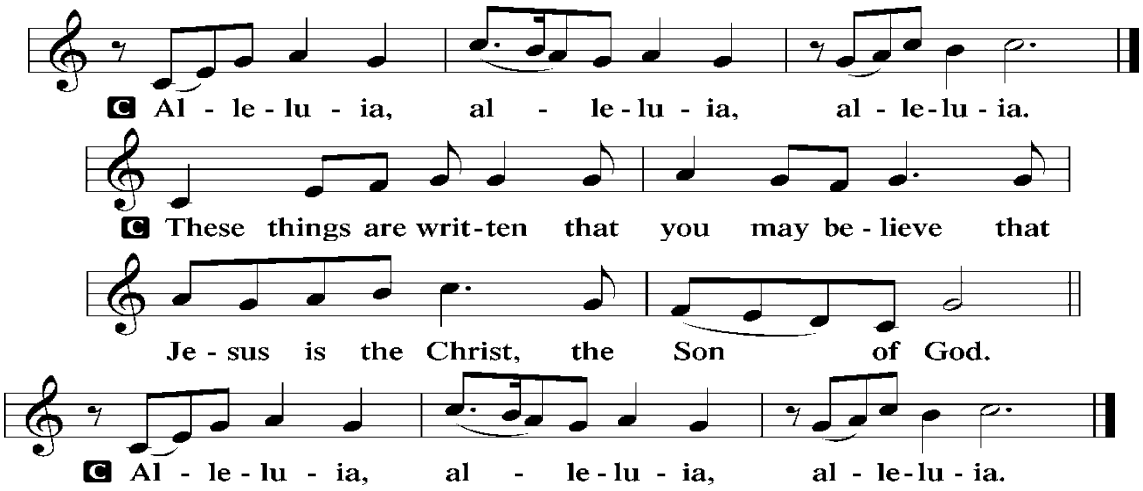
**EPISTLE** *1 Corinthians 1:3–9* (Paul is thankful for the Christians at Corinth.)

*After the reading:*

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA** *and* **VERSE**




**HOLY GOSPEL** *Mark 11:1–10* (Jesus enters Jerusalem in triumph.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the eleventh chapter.

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

*After the reading:*

℗ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

℃ **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

**SERMON HYMN** "Savior of the Nations, Come" (*LSB* 332)
Verses 1-4 before sermon, Verses 5-8 after sermon

**SERMON** "The Prophecy Candle" *(Jeremiah 33:14-16)*
*Pastor Tom Penrod*

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**OFFERING AND SHARING GOD'S PEACE**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**




℗ Lord, in Your mercy,

℃ **hear our prayer.**

℗ … one God, now and forever.

℃ **Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13*

℃ **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, with and under the bread and wine 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.

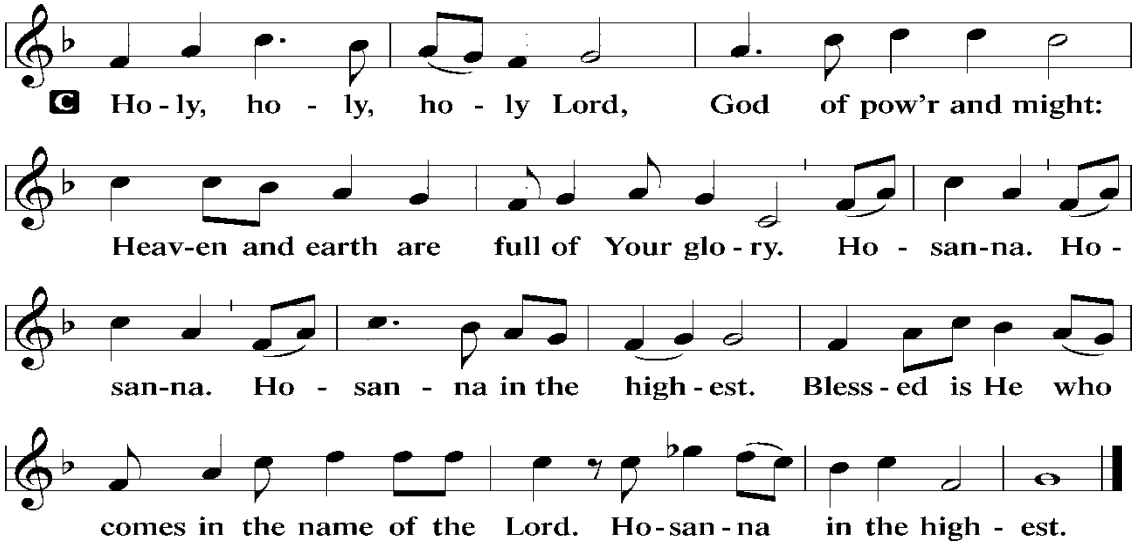
## ✢ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✢
## Both Services

### 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



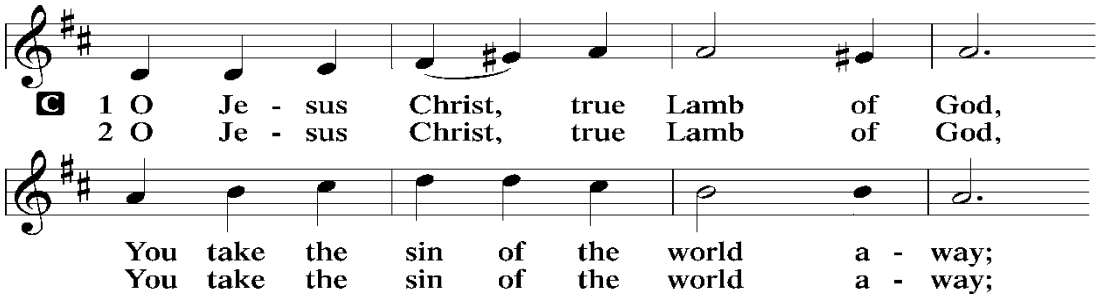

## WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matt 26:26–28; Mk 14:22–24; Lk 22:19–20; 1 Cor 11:23–25*

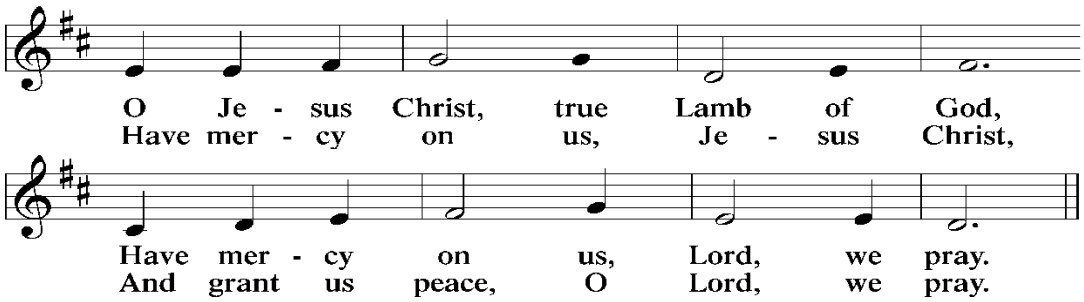
## PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C Amen.**

## AGNUS DEI






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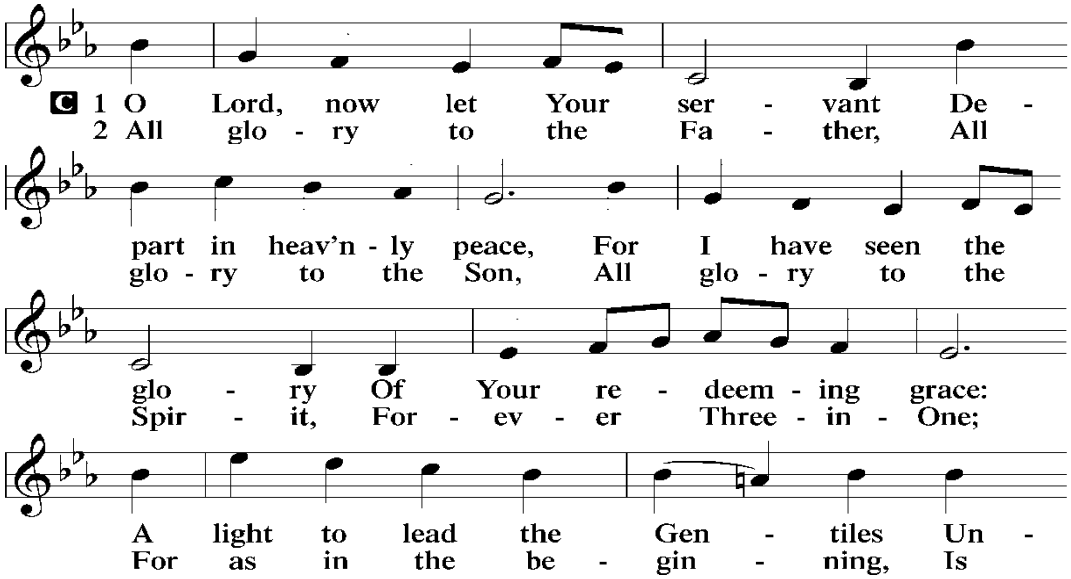
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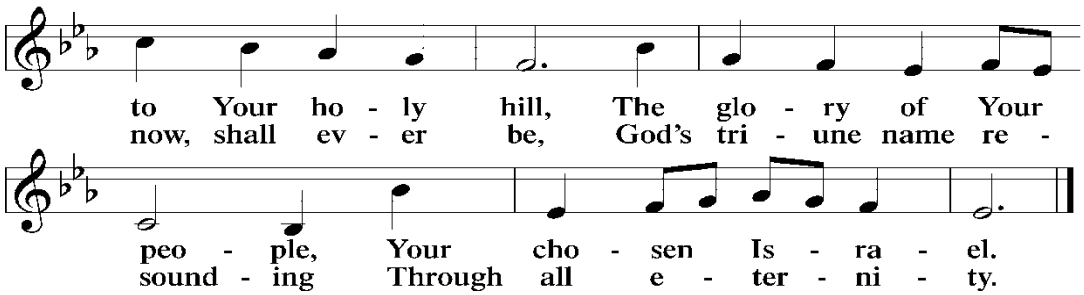
"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord" (*LSB 637*)
"The Advent of Our King" (*LSB 331*)
"Jerusalem, My Happy Home" (*LSB 673*)



*(Please rise)*

## NUNC DIMITTIS






## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**P** Let us pray. Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, who in giving Your only Son, Jesus Christ, to accomplish our salvation has fulfilled the hope of the prophets and of Your people for countless generations. We thank You for calling us to be Your people in this time and place and for inviting us to Your Holy Table. Joined together in the name of our Lord and in the communion of saints, we pray You to send Your Holy Spirit upon us to sanctify and renew us in body and soul for the sake of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**C** **Amen.**

## BENEDICAMUS

*Psalm 103:1*

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

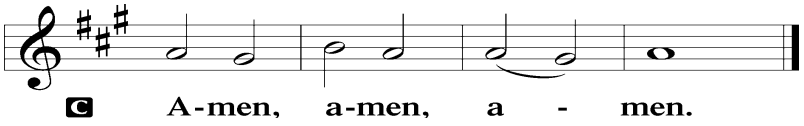
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## 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** "Prepare the Royal Highway" (*LSB* 343)

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# THE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT



**AS WE GATHER** The First Sunday in Advent begins what has historically been known in the church as Adventtide. The word *tide* originally meant "time" in Old English. It indicated a special season of reflection and of action set apart for a distinct purpose. Through the words of the hymn "Arise, O Christian People," we pray to our coming King: "Prepare my heart, Lord Jesus; turn not from me aside, and help me to receive You this blessed Adventtide" (*LSB* 354:4). Whatever may happen in the days ahead, we can prepare our hearts and lives while keeping our focus on the Advent of our King, expectantly awaiting the tidings of great joy that announce His wondrous birth!

*Prepare my heart, Lord Jesus; Turn not from me aside,*
*And help me to receive You This blessèd Adventtide.*
*From stall and manger low Come now to dwell within me;*
*I'll sing Your praises gladly And forth Your glory show. LSB 354:4*

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.

**Delivering our message this morning** is Pastor Thomas Penrod. Pastor Penrod is a Specific Pastor Minister at Emmanuel Lutheran in Gettysburg. He has been serving the congregations at Immanuel, Wecota and Concordia, Cresbard, SD.



**Holy Communion** is celebrated this Sunday at **both services**. 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.

**Vacancy Information** I would encourage all to attend Sunday Morning services during this time of transition. The Board of Elders is planning to have services at the same time on Sunday morning. The District President has been looking for a Vacancy Pastor to come to Pierre. Pastor Penrod has agreed to be the Pastor to call **in case of an emergency**. His phone number is **605-769-0235**. The Board of Elders is also working to call a Pastor to be in Pierre. Pastor Otten can be reached at **605-630-9541**.

**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.

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**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

**Sun., Nov. 22, Att. 254;** General Fund $7,521.34; Sunday School $0.00; Building Fund $225.00; Love Fund $105.05; Contingency Fund $100.00; Mexico Mission $1,615.00; Special Missions $25.00; Thanksgiving offering $210.00; Branson Bus Trip $1,452.00; Forever Young $970.00.

**Endowment Fund** There are envelopes in your box of envelopes to 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!




**Voters Meeting** We will have our December voters meeting on December 6th between services at 9:45. This is the meeting at which we will vote on our work plan for 2027 among other items. Come, enjoy First Sunday treats and stay to find out what is going on in our congregation.

**First Sunday of the Month Fellowship** Our fellowship this December is provided by the women of Rebekah Circle. Come get some goodies and coffee and then stay for our December Voters Meeting. All adult members are able to vote on the issues.

**Ladies' Christmas Party Sunday, December 6 | 2:00 pm** All women of Faith are invited! • Fellowship with other ladies of Faith • Refreshments will be served • "Regift" exchange (rather than purchasing a gift, bring something you already have (see posters for more details) • Free-will monetary offering for Orphan Grain Train.

**Caroling** The Board of Missions will sponsor a night of caroling on **Thursday, December 17th**. 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. We will meet at the church afterwards for hot chocolate, goodies, and fellowship.

**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

*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 20th 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. If you would like to go along, please notify the church office.

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**Faith Library** Do you know that Faith Lutheran Church has a small library section for our church congregation members?

**Did you notice the new rolling book cart by Berea Circle's gift area?**
The items available are: adult and children's reading books; adult, youth and children's videos; Bible commentaries and other reference materials; maps and charts and audio and written Bibles.

***Instructions for checking out and returning items are located in the library section.***

**Anyone wishing to *donate materials*** to the library may do so by placing them in the basket in the west cabinet by Berea Circle's gift area. See the list below for items we wish to acquire. Keep in mind we have a very limited space.

**If anyone has borrowed the following items in the past their return would be greatly appreciated:**

**People's Bible Commentaries** published by Concordia Publishing House
They are out of print, but we would like to complete the set:
Proverbs
Isaiah 1-39
Haggai/Zechariah/Malachi
Mark
Romans

**Maps that are missing:**
The Exodus/The Divided Kingdom
The Conquest of Canaan/The Assyrian Empire
The Persian Empire/The Judges of Israel
The Tabernacle/The Babylonian Empire
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**Building Healthy Families: Whiter Than Snow!**
Love it or dread it, there's something remarkable about the first snowfall of the year. Overnight, the familiar landscape is transformed by a beautiful blanket of sparkling white. Everything looks fresh, clean, and peaceful – at least until the plows or cows come through! The next time snowflakes start falling, take a moment to enjoy the view. Better yet, let that beautiful blanket of white remind you of something even more wonderful: God's amazing gift of forgiveness through Jesus Christ: *"…though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool."* — Isaiah 1:18 What a beautiful picture of God's grace. Through Christ, we are forgiven and made clean. Perhaps even sparkling. That's a gift worth celebrating, no matter what the weather brings. Live this week in the light of God's amazing love and forgiveness! 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.

**Nov 29, 2026 - Advent 1**

*KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1*

**10:00am - "Red Boots Christmas" -** A shoemaker learns the true meaning of Christmas.

**10:30 AM - Rev. Joshua Jones,** pastor at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Rapid City, SD, presents a message titled "God Is God and I Am Not". The sermon is based on Isaiah 64:1-9. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: **www.mainstreetliving.com**

**Life Quotes** "Christmas means we are not alone; the Child who was born to die for us then is with us now as we walk through all the joys and sorrows of life." *CMDA Weekly Devotions, Christian Medical & Dental Associations – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Faith Lutheran Youth 

# *This Week at Faith Lutheran*

**Today: Nov. 29**
8:30 am Communion
11:00 am Communion
**Mon: Nov. 30**
5:00 pm Daycare Mtg. in Gym
5:30 pm Monday Men
7:00 pm Priscilla Circle
**Tues: Dec. 1**
9:00 am Bus leaves for Branson
10:30 am Women's Bible Study
**Wed: Dec. 2**
5:45 pm *Revelation* at Wulf's
6:00 pm *Clearly Christian* Study
6:00 pm Midweek
6:30 pm *Isaiah* In Homes
8:00 pm LYF
**Thurs: Dec. 3**
12-5:30 pm Guns 'N' Hoses
**Fri: Dec. 4**
8:00-1:30 pm Guns 'N' Hoses
**Sat: Dec. 5**
2-5 pm Wulf Studio Recitals in Sanctuary, gym, and kitchen
?:?? pm Branson bus returns
**Sun: Dec. 6**
8:30 am Communion
9:30 am 1st Sunday Fellowship
9:45 am Voters Assembly
11:00 am Communion
5:00 pm Bd. of Parish Fellowship
6:00 pm Board of Elders



## *Psalm 80:1–7*

[1] Give 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!




# ADVENT SCHEDULE

**Advent Midweek**
**December 2, 2026**
**7:00 pm**
“A Street Called Light”

**Advent Midweek**
**December 9, 2026**
**7:00 pm**
“A Street Called Beautiful”

**Advent Midweek**
**December 16, 2026**
**7:00 pm**
“A Street Called Impossible”

**Christmas Eve**
**December 24, 2026**
**3:00 & 5:00 pm**
“A Street Called Forever”

**Christmas Day**
**December 25, 2026**
**9:00 am**
"Spoke to Us Through His Son"