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 – SETTING FOUR ✢
LSB 203

OPENING HYMN "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" (LSB 515)

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.

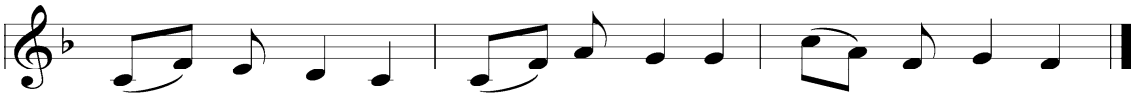
C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

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 ✢

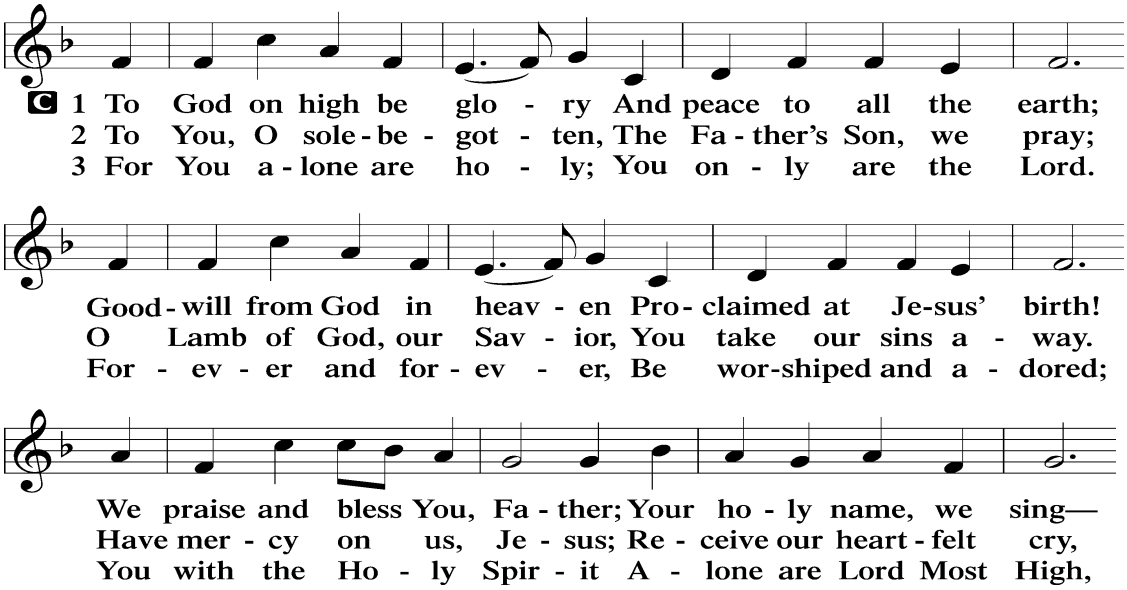
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C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

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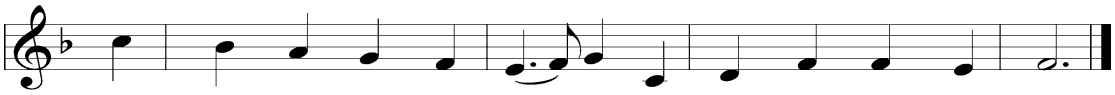
Luke 2:14; John 1:29



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.

Good - will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;

We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

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.**

OLD TESTAMENT *Isaiah 40:1–11* (Comfort for God's people)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "Blest Mary Walks Amid the Thorn"…arr. Todd Marchand

Haley Hobbie, guest vocalist

Our anthem today is a German folk carol. The three verses describe Mary walking with her child nestled "beneath her heart," which refers to Mary's journey to visit her cousin, Elizabeth. The thorn-wood references symbolic barrenness and death, and its flowering as the Mother and Divine Child are prophetic of new life in Christ.

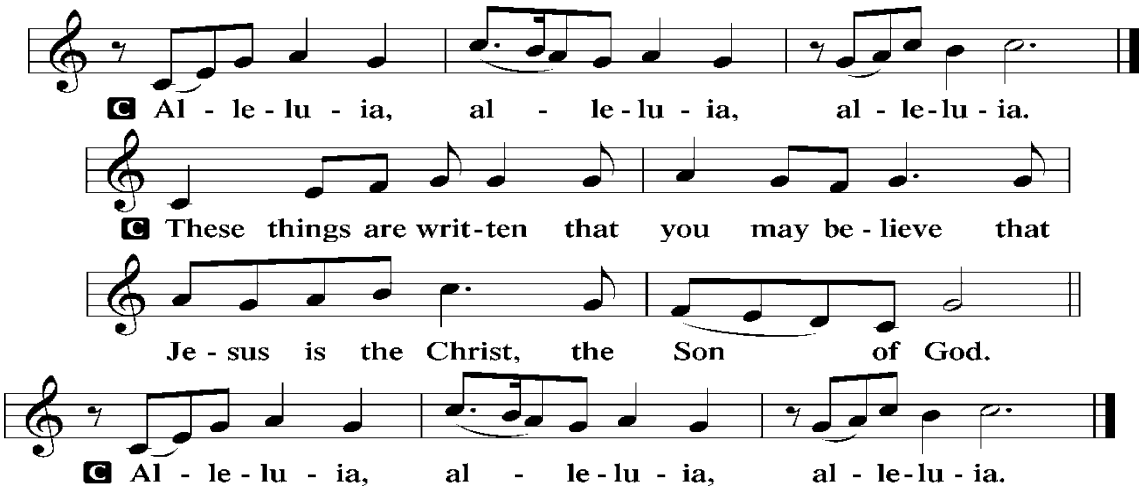
EPISTLE *2 Peter 3:8–14* (The day of the Lord will be coming like a thief in the night.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA *and* **VERSE**



HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 1:1–8* (John the Baptist begins to announce the coming of Jesus.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the eleventh 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* 334)

SERMON *Pastor Nabil Nour*

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OFFERING AND SHARING GOD'S PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH



P Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P … one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

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, 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

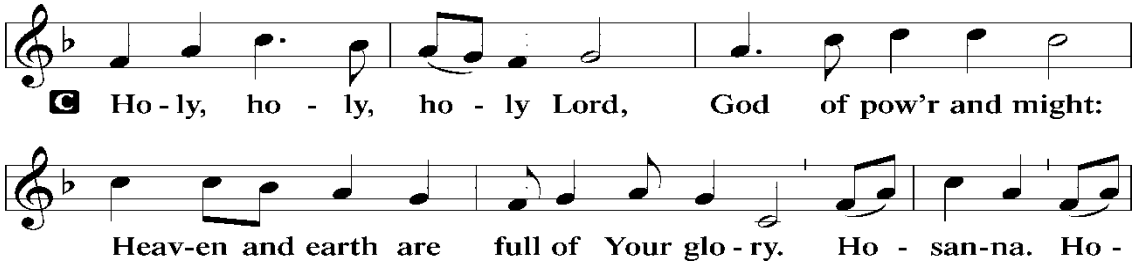
and doctrine, we would ask those people who are visiting with us to **please speak with our pastor**, before communing, in order that we might fulfill our responsibility of properly instructing people in the right use of the precious Sacrament.

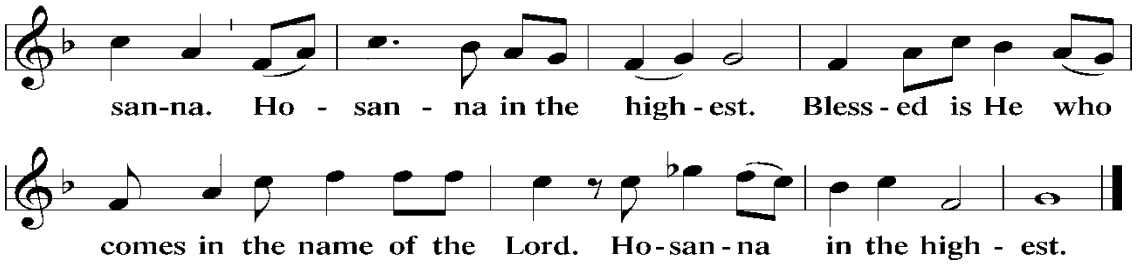
✢ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✢
Both Services

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





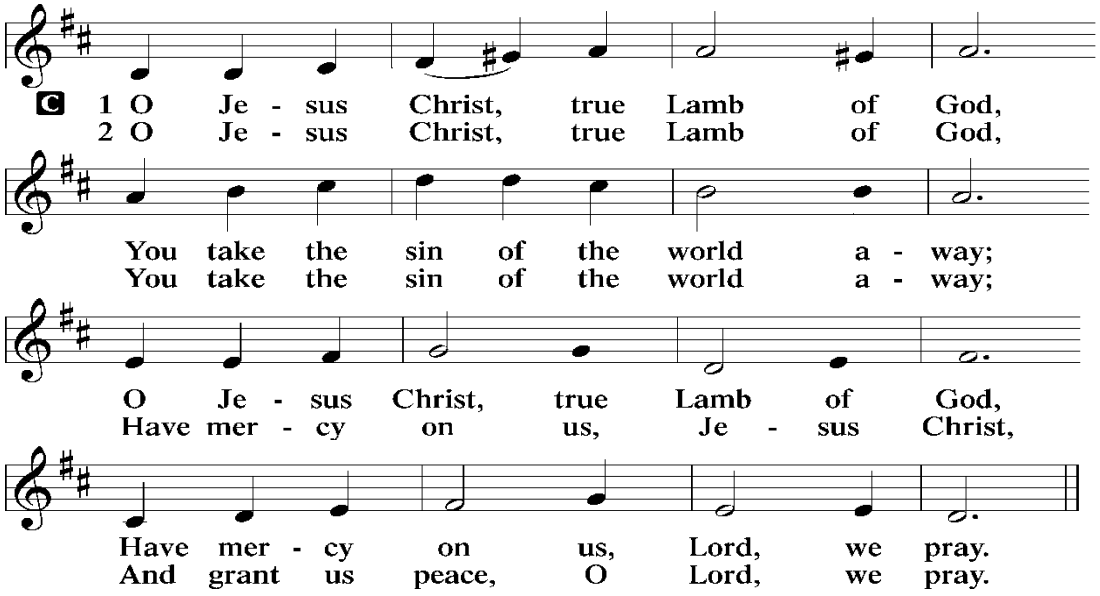
WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matt 26:26–28; Mk 14:22–24; Lk 22:19–20; 1 Cor 11:23–25*

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI



(Please be seated)

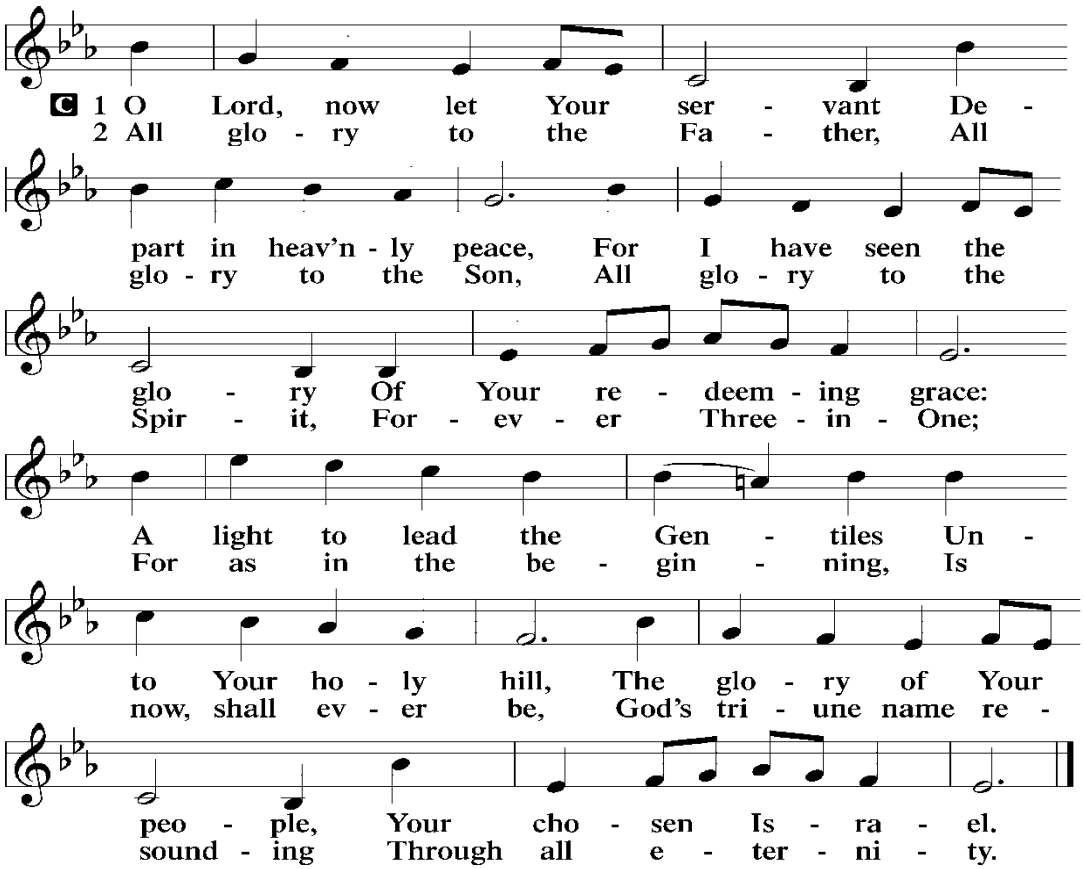
DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" (*LSB 621*)
"The Advent of Our King" (*LSB 331*)
"God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It" (*LSB 594*)



(Please rise)

NUNC DIMITTIS



POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, King of all creation, for all You have done for Your people in Jesus Christ, our Lord. We thank

You for all of creation and for every good gift with which You bless us. Accept our praise, Lord, and grant that all who partake of Christ's holy body and blood this day be filled with Your heavenly peace and joy. As we receive the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation, grant that we be sanctified in body and soul and spirit and finally be granted our place with all Your saints in glory. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

Psalm 103:1

P Let us bless the Lord.

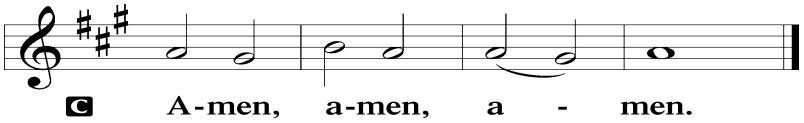
C Thanks be to God.

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 "Hark the Glad Sound" (*LSB* 349)

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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT



AS WE GATHER "Every beginning is hard." That simple English translation of an old German proverb underscores the truth that starting something new can bring both challenges and opportunities for growth. The season of Advent, which begins the Church Year, calls us to look at our lives with repentant joy. Matthew's Gospel relates that John the Baptist called out in the wilderness, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 3:2) and records how the people coming out to hear him were "confessing their sins" (Matthew 3:6). In our worship this Advent season, we can give special focus to our confession of sins in true repentance and hear the words of absolution telling us of God's forgiveness in Jesus Christ with heartfelt joy.

O Dayspring, splendor of light everlasting: Come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. LSB 357

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.

Delivering our message this morning is Reverend Nabil Nour. The Rev. Dr. Nabil Subhi Nour, 70, is a naturalized U.S. citizen. Born in Nazareth, Israel, he grew up a Roman Catholic, becoming Lutheran by the grace of

God after he was introduced to the faith by beloved wife, Jean. Arab by race, Palestinian by nationality and Christian by grace, Nour migrated to the U.S. at the age of 16. He received a B.S. in criminology and sociology from Huron College, Huron, S.D. in 1979. After receiving encouragement to consider the pastoral office from fellow church members and pastors, including the now sainted Rev. Dr. Dale Sattgast, Nour entered Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 1989 and received his M.Div. in 1994. He served at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Armour, S.D., for 21 years and at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hartford, S.D., for nine years. Nour has served as the vice-president representing the LCMS Great Plains Region since 2013. He and Jean have been blessed with many children, in-law children and grandchildren.



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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER
Our stewardship report for this week will be included in next week's bulletin.

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 **TODAY** we will have our December voters meeting 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

Governor's Prayer Breakfast Friday, January 22, 2027 6:20-7:45 AM
At the Ramkota.

"They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."
Acts 2:42

Using this verse for guidance, the Governor's Prayer Breakfast is held each year near the beginning of the South Dakota legislative session. Its purpose is to seek God's guidance for all leaders and citizens of the State and to strengthen each as we try to live responsibly as members of the community of faith. The Prayer Breakfast is a nondenominational event centered on the person of Jesus Christ as the Savior of the world and is intended to promote His glory. People of all faiths and professions are welcome to attend.

The guest speaker is John Stiegelmeier. Coach "Stig" retired as the winningest head coach in South Dakota State University football history after winning the 2022 FCS National Championship. More importantly, he demonstrated to young men "what it meant to be a true follower of Christ." A Selby, SD native, John and his wife Laurie have been generous supporters of organizations like Feeding South Dakota and Stig serves on the Fellowship of Christian Athletes state board of directors.

All are welcome to the Prayer Breakfast! Tickets are $27 at www.sdgpb.org or from the Chamber of Commerce, 800 W. Dakota Ave. You may also purchase a table or eight tickets for $200 and use those tickets to invite others to hear the message. Tickets must be purchased by January 11.

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.

Dec 6, 2026 - Advent 2
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. David Warner, pastor at Our Redeemer and Our Savior's Lutheran Churches in Custer and Hill City, SD, presents a message titled "Comfort in Christ for God's People". The sermon is based on Isaiah 40:1-11. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: **www.mainstreetliving.com**

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Dec. 6
8:30 am Communion
9:45 am Voters Assembly
11:00 am Communion
2:00 pm LWML Christmas Party
5:00 pm Bd. of Parish Fellowship
6:00 pm Board of Elders
Mon: Dec. 7
5:30 pm Monday Men
6:30 pm Men's Club Christmas
Tues: Dec. 8
10:30 am Women's Bible Study
Wed: Dec. 9
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
Fri: Dec. 11
5-11 pm Legion Train Show set-up
Sat: Dec. 12
8-6 pm Legion Train Show
Sun: Dec. 13
8:30 am Communion
9:45 am Sunday School/*Revelation*
11:00 am Communion
11:00 am Board of Missions
12-4 pm Legion Train Show
1:00 pm Bd. of Stewardship/End.



Psalm 85

Revive Us Again
To the choirmaster. A Psalm of the Sons of Korah.

85 Lord, you were favorable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
[2] You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you covered all their sin. Selah
[3] You withdrew all your wrath;
you turned from your hot anger.
[4] Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away your indignation toward us!
[5] Will you be angry with us forever?
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?
[6] Will you not revive us again,
that your people may rejoice in you?
[7] Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.
[8] Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
but let them not turn back to folly.
[9] Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that glory may dwell in our land.
[10] Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.
[11] Faithfulness springs up from the ground,
and righteousness looks down from the sky.
[12] Yes, the Lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
[13] Righteousness will go before him
and make his footsteps a way.



ADVENT SCHEDULE

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"