



# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

- CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE -

December 20, 2020

4th Sunday in Advent



OPENING

## Gathering Songs

*Great Things*  
*Father's House*  
*Holy Water*

WORD

## Prayer for Advent

Pastor: Prepare the way of the Lord! We are in the holy season of preparation, Advent. We are preparing for many things. Most importantly, we prepare for the coming of our Lord. Let us pray,

**Congregation:** *Come, Lord Jesus. Come at Christmas, but most of all we ask you to come into our lives and our hearts each new day. You are Emmanuel, God with us. Teach us to be ready to receive you. Amen.*

**Children's Message / Lighting of Advent Wreath** *Children stay in pews*

## Announcements

**Bible Reading** Luke 1:26-38

**Sermon** *Mary*

Pastor Bob Stelter

*-Sermons are available at [www.faithloves.org](http://www.faithloves.org)-*

**Sermon Song** *God with Us*

**Sharing of God's Peace** *Please do not shake hands or hug during the health crisis.*

THANKSGIVING

## Prayers of the People

### Words of Institution / Lord's Prayer / Holy Communion

**Communion Blessing** *"May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace. Amen."*

## Confession for Advent

Pastor: We confess,

**Congregation:** *We are people in need of a Messiah. We walk in darkness and are looking for the light. We know the frustration of serving other gods. We wander away at every turn and know the fear of being lost. God forgive our sin and separation. Bring us to everlasting life.*

P: People of God, now is the time. Now is the time to listen. Now is the time to open your eyes. God has come to be among us as a child in a manger. God lived and died and lives again so that we can do the same. Our sin is forgiven and the guilt we carry no longer weighs us down. Praise God for giving us Jesus.

**C: Prepare the way of the Lord!**

SENDING

## Benediction

Pastor: Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Congregation:** *Amen.*

**Sending Song** *For Unto Us a Child Is Born*

## Dismissal

**Pastor:** Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

**All:** *Thanks be to God!*

*Upon the conclusion of worship, please leave safely, observing social distance.  
Please take your communion wrappers and any other items to the trash cans in the narthex.  
Please take worship bulletin with you for your weekly prayers, including all those in the prayer concerns.*

*Poinsettias on the altar are given by members of Faith Lutheran Church  
in honor or in memory of loved ones and to the glory of God.*

Usher — Christina Landau

*OUR VISION*  
To be an inspired body of Christ.



*OUR MISSION*  
Love God. Love Others. Serve.

**BIBLE READING THE MAGNIFICAT, MARY'S PRAYER**

**Luke 1:26-38**

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." <sup>29</sup>But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup>He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." <sup>34</sup>Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup>The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. <sup>36</sup>And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup>Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Traditional Worship 9am ♦ Contemporary Worship 11:11am

### Members of Faith — Ministers

Dr. Robert Stelter — Pastor

Mich Walter — Organist & Choirmaster

Allison Cosby — Contemporary Worship Leader

Stephen Zell — Sound Tech

Peter Jeong — Camera Tech

Mary Boring — Office Manager

Phylis Garrison — Publications

Tiffany Crutchfield — Nursery Care Giver

Barbara Birkholz — Financial Secretary

Mildred Fenske — Prayer Chain Coordinator

Alicia & David Brondos — Missionaries

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**WELCOME!** As followers of Jesus, we rejoice in God's plan for a just, loving and peaceful world. We commit ourselves to making it a reality for all people everywhere. Just as all are welcome at the Lord's table during holy communion, all are welcome to this family of faith. People of all races, ages, social status, sexual orientations and gender identity are united here in our mission to love God, love others and serve. Please sign a Worship Card and place it in the offering plate. Nursery is available for children to age 3.

### NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

Want to know more about Lutheranism, Faith Lutheran Church & our ministries? Contact Pastor Bob. If you'd like to join us, contact [mary@faithloves.org](mailto:mary@faithloves.org) at the church office.

### RECORDED SERMONS & SERVICES AT FAITHLOVES.ORG

Click "Listen to Weekly Sermons & Services" on the homepage.

### In-Person & Online Sunday Worship, 9 & 11:11am

also online at [Facebook.com/FaithLutheranKnoxville](https://www.facebook.com/FaithLutheranKnoxville)

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS resumes January 3, 10:15am.

The Lives of Great Christians led by John Woods, in *The Cup*.

### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15am.

A live class is on Zoom. A parent must accompany their child and all must wear masks. Lesson and Zoom link are emailed on Friday. Contact Deb Miller or Melissa Horning for more information.

**BIRTHDAY WISHES TO JESUS** Remember to bring or send your postcard to Pastor Bob by Christmas Eve.

### CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

3pm, Contemporary • 5 & 7pm, Traditional

### WEEKLY SMALL GROUPS

**BIBLE STUDY Tuesdays**, resumes January 5, 1:30pm, led by John Woods.

**LADIES SMALL GROUP Tuesdays, 8:30am.** Meet at Cove Park for 30 minute walk followed by physical distanced conversation, prayer & Bible study. Please call or text Lynda Primka, 742-2727 so we'll know to look for you.

**YEAR END PLANNING December 30, 2020, noon is the last day** to make a 2020 contribution. A stock transfer or RMD transaction may take longer for your broker to process and still make the deadline. Contact the office for additional information—966-9626.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** Remember or honor a loved one with a \$13 donation for a poinsettia to beautify our sanctuary during Christmas. Make sure to note your loved one's name on your envelope.

**FAITH SERVES KARM Saturday, December 26, noon meal.** Please sign up to cook or bake.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Offerings last Sunday:	\$ 21,811
Offerings Year to Date	\$ 532,952
Walk by Faith Goal:	\$ 650,000
Walk by Faith received through November 30	\$ 434,800

### SHEPHERD OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY

**OPEN: Tomorrow, December 21, 3-7pm**

**ITEMS NEEDED:** Canned Pasta Sauce • Syrup • Box Meals  
Small Soup • Razors

**HOLIDAY ITEMS:** Canned Cranberries • Baking Mix, 40oz  
Regular Coffee & Tea

Contact Jan Darnell, [shephopepantry@gmail.com](mailto:shephopepantry@gmail.com)

### PRAYER CONCERNS

**MEMBERS:** Barbara Barrass, Barbara Bird, Mary Blackburn, Ritchie Case, Myles Cooper, Nortrud DePorter, Lois Engel, Jane Forsberg, Jan Foss, Pat & Nick Gary, Maret & Leo Hebert, Doug Houck, Tami Jansen, Larry Koran, Sr., Bill Lucas, Morgan Monteagudo, Elaine & Gary Mount, Jim Nicolosi, Rebecca Nieto, Emily Norris, Harold Peters, Joan Pfrommer, Pete Schlake, Bobbi & Bill Steele, Linda Swenson, Jim Van Deusen, Danny Willis.

**HEALING:** Karla Beason, Caroline Berdal, Valborg Berdal, Billy Bergeron, Ralph Bryson, Emme Burnette, Beverly Butler, Ginger & Harry Cameron, Rev. Robert & Mary Case, Harold Chapel, Jack Cleave, Molly Corbett, Kelly Cosby & children, Herb Cover, Bill Crain, Nancy Crain, Tony Darnell, Joshua & Mia DiGiovanni, Ollie Duke, Brian & Brandy Duke, Shirley Dyer, Alanna & Arnie Fenske, Johnnie Frost, Mary Gowens, Donna & Scott Gray, Traci Greve, Doris & Dale Gueck, Don Gutelius, Rita Heavner, Bea Horion, Lois Hueschen, Kaye & Larry Jeske, Angie Kinney, Donna Knick, the Livingston family, Loyacano family, Dan Majkrzak, Joe May, Linda McCallister, Dan McCroskey, Debbie McFee, William McKenna, Scott Mitchell, Barbara Perschke, Rachel Rector, Claire Recine, Dennis Rogers, James Rose, Lou Santoni, Leo Savilisky, Mya Scaglione, Alex Serrano, Robert Stelter, Sr, John Turner, Jessie Wright, Elaine & James Ystebroe, the Zehner family, Adam, Jodi, Jolena, Joy, Megan, Trek, William & those we name to You.

### COMFORT IN THE MIDST OF DEATH FOR THE FAMILY & FRIENDS OF:

Margaret Larsen, Jeni Jenkins, Noren Meland, Delbert Jensen, Virgil Hackworth, Betty Jean Bailey, John Widby, Don Crawley, Bimal Pal.

**PHYSICIANS AT FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH:** Drs. Parsons, Allred, Primka, Jeter, Thompson, Enderson, Haydek, Wike, Locke.

**PROTECTION WORKERS ON THE CORONA VIRUS FRONT LINE:** Amy, Ben, Callie, Catarina, Cate, Cathy, Elizabeth, Janson, Katie, Mary, Michael, Morgan, Tony, Reed, Sam, Will, William.

**SPIRITUAL GROWTH & LEARNING:** Seminarian Isaac Taylor, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary and Taylor Berdal, United Lutheran Seminary.

**SUPPORT:** Walk by Faith Appeal.

**PARTNERSHIP:** Bishop Eaton & the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Bishop Strickland & the Southeastern Synod; Alicia & David Brondos, Missionaries in Mexico; Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry; Tyson House; Deacon Ministry; Knox Area Rescue Ministry; Via de Cristo Ministry; Homeless Men's Shelter, Community Coalition Against Human Trafficking, RAISE Jamaica, Mercy Ships.

**PEACE:** Protection for all armed forces, especially: Jacob Bouck, Timothy Campbell, Adam Di Giovanni, Jessica Dyer, Chad Gregory, Kristen Hitter, Tyler Hitter, Thomas Kerr, Julianne LeFevre-Kerr, Chase Linell, Spencer Payne, Jake Safstrom, Alex Serrano, Sam Thompson, Walt Wright, Chris Yonke, Mitchell Yount, Greg Zager.

Kids, remember to post your Coloring Page on our website at [facebook.com/FaithLutheranKnoxville!](https://facebook.com/FaithLutheranKnoxville/)



## The Annunciation

### WEEK OF DECEMBER 20-27, 2020

#### Sunday, December 20 4th Sunday in Advent

9:00am Traditional Worship  
Children's Sunday School  
11:11am Contemporary Worship

#### Monday, December 21

3-7pm Food Pantry open

#### Tuesday, December 22

8:30am Ladies Small Group

#### Wednesday, December 23

6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
7:30pm Praise Team Rehearsal

#### Thursday, December 24

3:00pm Contemporary Christmas Eve Worship  
5:00pm Traditional Christmas Eve Worship  
7:00pm Traditional Christmas Eve Worship

#### Friday, December 25 Christmas Day, Birth of Our Lord

#### Sunday, December 27 1st Sunday after Christmas

9:00am Traditional Worship Carol Sing  
11:11am Contemporary Worship Carol Sing

#### PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK:

**Monday** Luke 1:46b-55, 1 Samuel 1:1-18, Hebrews 9:1-14. • **Tuesday** Psalm 96, Zephaniah 3:8-13, Romans 10:5-13.

**Wednesday** Psalm 96, Zephaniah 3:14-20, Romans 13:11-14.

**Thursday Nativity of Our Lord** - Isaiah 9:2-7, Psalm 96, Titus 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-14[15-20].

**Friday Christmas Day** Isaiah 62:6-12, Psalm 97, Titus 3:4-7, Luke 2:[1-7]8-20 or Isaiah 52:7-10, Psalm 98,, Hebrews 1:1-4[5-12], John 1:1-14.

**Saturday** Psalm 148, Jeremiah 26:1-9, 12-15 Acts 6:8-15; 7:51-60.

**1st Sunday after Christmas** Isaiah 61:10-62:3, Psalm 148, Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:22-40.