



FAITH LUTHERAN  
CHURCH  
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

DECEMBER 18, 2022 • 9AM

4th Sunday in Advent Bread of Life, Setting 5

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## INTRODUCTION

*Today Isaiah prophesies that a young woman will bear a son and name him Emmanuel. The gospel is Luke's account of this prophesy fulfilled. During these final days of Advent we pray, "O come, O come, Emmanuel," a beloved hymn based on the O Antiphons, ancient prayers appointed for the seven days preceding Christmas. On this final Sunday of Advent we prepare to celebrate the birth of the one born to save us from the power of sin and death.*

## PRELUDE

*Breath of Heaven* arr. Lloyd Larson

## CALL TO WORSHIP & CONFESSION FOR THE ADVENT SEASON

Pastor: It is Advent, the holy season of preparation.

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

P: Blessed be the One God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit + who comes to wake us from sleep, from spiritual darkness, to lead us into the light of grace

*Silence for confession.*

P: God of all time,

**C: we confess that we have not prepared for your merciful reign among us. We ignore our neighbors in need and fail in the labor of justice and peace. In your mercy forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your light and to seek the things that will endure until Christ comes again in glory. Amen.**

P: Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. In † Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven and all things are made new. Rejoice in this good news!

**C: Amen.**

*OUR VISION*

To be an inspired body of Christ.



*OUR MISSION*

Love God. Love Others. Serve.

## GATHERING

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *hymnal, #250, stand*

### Blessed Be the God of Israel



1 Bless'd be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free  
2 With prom-ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,  
3 My child, as proph-et of the Lord you will pre - pare the way,



and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree.  
the oath once sworn to A - bra - ham, from foes to save us all;  
to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.



So have the proph-ets long de - clared that with a might-y arm  
that we might wor - ship with - out fear and of - fer lives of praise,  
Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease



God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.  
in ho - li - ness and righ - teous-ness to serve God all our days.  
to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

## GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

KYRIE *hymnal, page 213*

Marti Poole, Assisting Minister



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:  Lord, have mer - cy.



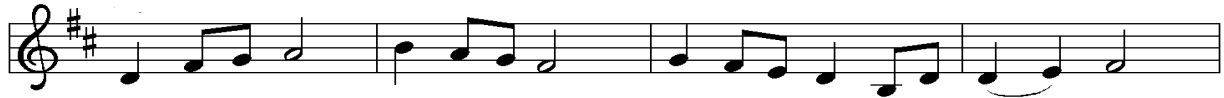
Chri - ste e - le - i - son:  Christ, have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:  Lord, have mer - cy.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

### Glory to God



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



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.



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on



earth, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray,

**All: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH



Oh, come, oh, come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
 Oh come O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things  
 Oh come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on  
 Oh come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
 far - and nigh: in strength and beaut - y come and stay;  
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law  
 tyr - an - ny. We trust your might - y pow'r to save



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!  
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.  
 and give us vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em-man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NEWS

### WORD

#### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

William Halsey, Lector

#### FIRST READING: Isaiah 7:10-16 Pew Bible #623

*An Israelite and Aramean military coalition presented a serious threat to King Ahaz of Judah. In response, Ahaz decided to secure his throne and kingdom by seeking Assyrian help. Isaiah reminds Ahaz that human attempts to establish security will fail. The prophet gives the sign that is the only source of true safety: Immanuel, God is with us!*

<sup>10</sup>The Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, <sup>11</sup>Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. <sup>12</sup>But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. <sup>13</sup>Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup>Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. <sup>15</sup>He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. <sup>16</sup>For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

Lector: The word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

#### PSALM: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 Pew Bible #529

Lector: <sup>1</sup>Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!  
 You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth

**Congregation: <sup>2</sup>before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.**

**L: <sup>3</sup>Stir up your might, and come to save us!**

L: <sup>3</sup>Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

**C: <sup>4</sup>O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?**

L: <sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure.

C: <sup>6</sup>**You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies laugh among themselves.**

L: <sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

C: <sup>17</sup>**But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself.**

L: <sup>18</sup>Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.

C: <sup>19</sup>**Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

**SECOND READING: Romans 1:1-7** Pew Bible pg. #1026

*Most of the Christians in Rome do not know Paul. In this letter's opening he introduces himself as an apostle divinely appointed to spread God's gospel. The gospel's content is the promised coming of Christ, and Paul's mission is to bring about the obedience of faith among all nations, including his Roman audience.*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, <sup>2</sup>which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, <sup>3</sup>the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup>and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, <sup>5</sup>through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, <sup>6</sup>including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, <sup>7</sup>To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** hymnal pg. 216, *stand*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Al - le -  
lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL: Luke 1:26-38** Pew Bible pg. #933

*The birth of Jesus is foretold and the faith of Mary inspires us even today.*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 1st chapter.

**Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<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 for ever, 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.

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.

**Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ!**

**SERMON**

*Mary's Faith*

Pastor Bob Stelter

**HYMN OF THE DAY** Holden Evening Prayer, pgs, 8 & 9, *stand*

Luke I: 46-55 *All:* **The Magnificat**

1.3. My soul pro-claims your  
 2. You have cast the might-y  
 great-ness, O God, and my spir-it re-joic-es in  
 down from their thrones, and up lift-ed the hum-ble of  
 you, heart, You have looked with love on your  
 You have filled the hun-gry with  
 ser-vant here, and blessed me all my life through.  
 won-drous things, and left the wealth-y no part.  
 Great and might-y are you, O Ho-ly One,  
 Great and might-y are you, O Faith-ful One,  
 strong is your kind-ness ev-er-more.  
 strong is your jus-tice strong your love,  
 How you fa-vor the weak and low-ly one,  
 As you prom-ised to Sar-ah and A-bra-ham,  
 hum-bling the proud of heart.  
 kind-ness for-ev-er more.

## NICENE CREED FOR ADVENT

**All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate  
from the Virgin Mary and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Assistant: As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

*A brief silence.*

Assistant: God our shepherd, let your Spirit move with power throughout the church. Give discernment and wisdom to our bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders. Take away our fear, so that we serve and love, confident that you are guiding us. God, in your mercy,

**Congregation: hear our prayer.**

A: God our source, awaken us to the beauty of the earth and the marvelous variety of life. Unite humankind in repairing and caring for your creation. Protect creatures and habitats in peril due to rising seas and warming temperatures. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: God our vision, raise up leaders in every nation who dream of freedom and justice for all people. We pray for the work of international organizations that promote peace and human rights. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: God our helper, come to the aid of all who cry out to you. Shelter migrants, refugees, and those fleeing war and famine. Bring relief to individuals and families experiencing hunger, homelessness, or impoverishment. Comfort any who are isolated or lonely. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: God our Emmanuel, you are with us in our life together. We give you thanks for gathering us in worship and fellowship, and we remember those who cannot be present. Watch over those who travel. Heal the sick and speed their recovery. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A: God our hope, you bring life out of death, and you promise to be our God forever.  
Shine upon the faithful who now rest in the fulfillment of your promise and bring us  
also into your blessed reign of peace. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit,  
gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children.  
In Jesus' name we pray.

**Congregation: Amen.**

## MEAL

### THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

*The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

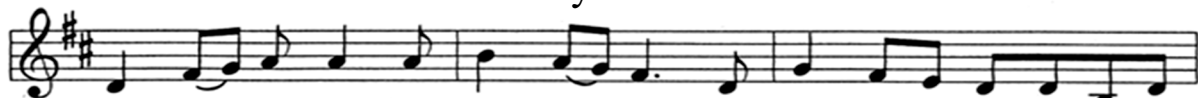
### PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

### OFFERING ANTHEM

*O Love that Will Not Let Me Go*

### OFFERTORY *stand*

#### Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



Let the vine-yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown,



that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we



of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, Lord,



and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.



## OFFERING PRAYER

Assistant: Let us pray. Merciful God,

**Congregation: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

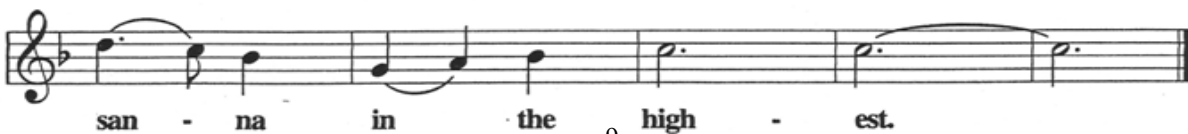
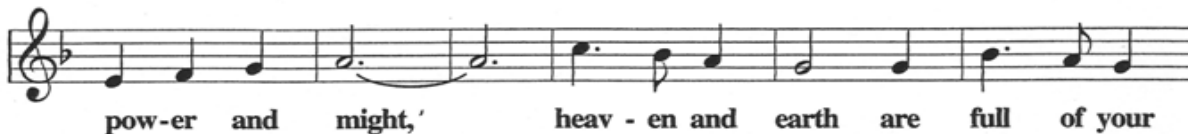
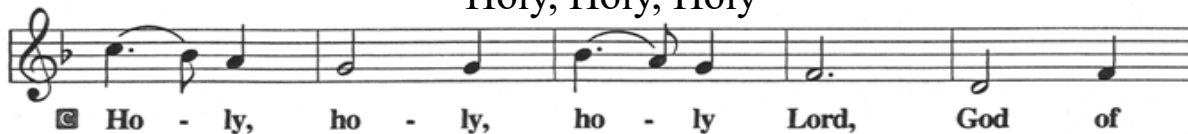
**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE FOR ADVENT

Pastor: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes again to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS

### Holy, Holy, Holy



## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Pastor: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal  
the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and  
gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all  
to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you  
and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await  
his coming in glory.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory  
and honor is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

**Congregation: Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Pastor: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**All: 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.**

## COMMUNION

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*and each person may respond* **Amen.**

## INVITATION TO THE MEAL FROM PASTOR BOB STELTER

### Lamb of God



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, grant us peace.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN** hymnal, #265

### The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came



1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,  
2 "For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,  
3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;  
4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born



with wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:  
all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;  
"To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said.  
in Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,



"All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,  
thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,  
"My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name."  
and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say:



most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."  
most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Glo - ri - a!  
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy,  
"Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."

**COMMUNION BLESSING** *stand*

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,  
strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

**Congregation: Amen.**

**POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**

**Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise**

☐ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -  
one what God has done. Let all who seek the  
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.  
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God,  
and lead us forth in joy with shouts  
of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Assistant: Let us pray,

**Congregation: Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. Amen.**

**PRAYER FOR SENDING OF DEACONS**

Mildred Fenske  
December 18-31

*Deacons come forward to receive communion kits.*

Pastor: Let us pray.

**Congregation: Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick and homebound. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## SENDING

### **BENEDICTION**

Pastor: Christ is coming. Prepare the way of the Lord. Almighty God, Father, + Son,  
and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Congregation: Amen.**

### **SENDING HYMN** hymnal, #272

#### Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming



1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung!  
2 I - sai - ah 'twas fore - told it, the rose I have in mind;  
3 This flow'r, whose fra-grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the air,  
4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man woe;



Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as proph - ets long have sung,  
with Mar - y we be - hold it, the vir - gin moth - er kind.  
dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - 'ry - where.  
O Sav - ior, king of glo - ry, who dost our weak - ness know:



it came, a flow'r - et bright, a - mid the cold of  
To show God's love a - right, she bore to us a  
True man, yet ver - y God, from sin and death he  
bring us at length we pray to the bright courts of



win - ter, when half - spent was the night.  
Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.  
saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.  
heav - en, and to the end - less day.

### **DISMISSAL**

Assistant: Together, we go

**Congregation: to love God, love others, serve!**

A: Go in peace!

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

*Masters in This Hall* arr. Mark Hayes

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

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Traditional Worship, 9am ♦ Contemporary Worship, 11:11am

**☎ Faith Guest WiFi Password: beblessed**

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**Lynn Rognsvoog** — Organist  
**Collin Kasefang** — Choir Director  
**Trace Taylor** — Sound Technician

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Thanks to our volunteers who help assemble these bulletins.  This bulletin is printed on recycled paper with soy ink.

**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.

### NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

Want to know more about Lutheranism and our ministries? Contact Pastor Bob, [pastorbob@faithloves.org](mailto:pastorbob@faithloves.org).

### Sunday Worship 9 & 11:11am

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

Recorded Sermons & Services at [Faithloves.org](http://Faithloves.org)

**POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS** Place your order now for memorials or honorariums for your loved ones, \$15 each.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS, 10:15am** the study of Genesis, led by John Woods in *The Cup*.

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:15am.**

**Tuesday Bible Study December 21, 1:30pm**  
led by John Woods.

**HANDBELL PLAYERS REHEARSAL Wednesdays, 5:30pm.** Come join us! Lynn offers **piano lessons**, too. Contact her at [rosiemomflowers@yahoo.com](mailto:rosiemomflowers@yahoo.com) or call 503-819-0118.

**COLUMBARIUM NICHES** are available to our members for \$1,800 & to non-members at \$2,500. Application forms are found in our **Columbarium Booklet** in the narthex.

**YEAR END PLANNING Friday, December 30, 2022, noon** is the last day to make contributions for 2022. Call Mary in the church office, 865-966-0626,

**2023 FLOWER CHART** has been posted. Sign up for memorials or honorariums for your loved ones.

### SHEPHERD OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY Open: Tomorrow, December 19, 3-6pm Items needed:

Yams (1 large or 2 small cans) • Brown Sugar (1 box or bag)  
 Corn (2 cans) • Green Beans (2 small or 1 large can)  
 Cranberry Sauce (1 small can) • Jiffy Cornbread Mix (2 boxes)  
 Brownie Mix • Stuffing (1 box) • Coffee (1 regular size bag)

Contact our Pantry Coordinator to volunteer at:  
[shephopepantry@gmail.com](mailto:shephopepantry@gmail.com)

### UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

**WELCA IS COLLECTING COMFORTERS** for the Women's Salvation Army Shelter. Place new or gently used twin, full & queen size comforters in the small crib in the narthex.

**MEN'S & WOMEN'S SALVATION ARMY VISIT Tuesday, December 20, meet at church at 5pm.** Your donations of men's boxer briefs, sizes m-xl, women's underwear, sizes 6-11, snacks & goodies and WELCA comforters, along with our Christmas spirit will be so appreciated.

**MOPS FOR MOMS & KIDS Tuesday, December 20, 6pm.**

**HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP Wednesdays, December 21, 6:30pm.** Join us for this lovely service followed by a time for refreshments & fellowship.

**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP  
Contemporary, 5pm • Traditional, 7pm  
CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP  
1 Service, 10am**

**TOYS FOR TOTS MATCHING MEMORIAL FUNDS** Council has approved matching gifts up to \$2,500 for Mary's husband, Ron Boring. Here's how to donate:

1. Place your donation in your offering envelope. Note Toys for Tots on memo line.
2. Donate online using our QR code. Note Toys for Tots on designated line.
3. Donate directly to [Toysfortots.org](http://Toysfortots.org).

### WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

9am Traditional

Altar Guild	Lois Simmons
Assisting Minister	Marti Poole
Lector	William Halsey
Communion Ministers	Darla Berdal, Alan Berdal, Mildred Fenske, Lisa Stelter
Greeters	Mary Beth Hallahan
Ushers	Ritchie Case, Jim Hallahan
Offering Stewards	George Herbold, Gary Dakolios

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Offerings last Sunday: \$ 8,382  
 Offerings Year to Date \$ 615,682  
 Walk by Faith through 11/30 \$ 735,731



Scan this QR code with your phone camera to donate now on our secure webpage.



## PRAYER CONCERNS

**MEMBERS:** Shaun Allred, Arlene Aring, Doug Bales, Barbara Barass, Peggy Beckwith, Larry Benorden, Mary Blackburn, Amy Canapa, Nancy Cole, Myles Cooper, Mac Curtis, Jan & Steve Damell, Patsy Elmore, Kim Fransch, Pat & Nick Gary, Mary Beth & Alex Greene, Rosemarie Greenman & family, Maret & Leo Hebert, Joan Howard, Tami Jansen, Larry Koran, Jr., Carmen Larsen, Diane Lee, Roger Legako, Kris Lehman, Foster Loyacano, Bill Lucas, Heather McDonald, Joe Morelli, Tony Monteagudo, Debbie Moore, Judy Morris, Walter Paquet, Scarlett Parrott, Harold Peters, Loni Peters, Donnie & Lisa Smith & family, Pamela Spaar, Bobbie Steele, Paul Turner, Jim Van Deusen, Danny Willis.

*This column will start anew on the first Sunday of each month.*

**FRIENDS:** Ava Alkire, Kathy Baxter, Emily Bell-Smith, Jeff Belt, David Berdal, Marion Berdal, Marsha Bode, Boring family, Sharon Brokenshire, Gary Bunch, Freddie Burgess, Mike Carfi, Harold Chapel, Jack Cleave, Jan & Frank Colangelo, Marty & Marybeth Connor, Ian Cooper, Bill Crain, Nancy Crain, the Daminco family, Brandy & Brian Duke, Patsy Elmore, Vader Ernst, Karen Evans & LeAnn, Alanna & Arnie Fenske, Nicholas Frank, Sandra & Joel Garber, Gregory Goodall, Bill Gross, David Gunderson, Rita Heavner, Gary Holtz, Esther Jones, Allison Kenniger, Donna Knick, Ally Koonce, Melinda, Dillon & Paul Koonce, Tammy & Paul Koonce, Laura Lehner, Loyacano family, David Matthews, Linda McCallister, Brenda Montgomery, Sue Olson, Fea April Penn, Jim Pressley, Sandra Prior, Claire Racine, Alice Ramsey & family, Rick Reed, Shannon Remington, Gerald Rosenberger, Claude Salles, Donald Salles, the Salles family, Mya Scaglione family, Anne Marie Schrubbe, Tiphinnie Shea-Scoba, Austin Stephens, Dempsey Sullins, Frank Tyler, the Varanka family, Barb & Jerry Weldon, Janet Wengert, Ro & Haven Wolfe, Lauren Wolfe, Martha Woodward, Edison Yee, Kim Yee, the Zehner family, Bob, Darcy, Gayle, Jodi, Jolena, Katie, Kerry, Manard, Michael, Savannah, Sean, Walter *and those we name to You.*

**COMFORT & JOY:** our Christmas Eve worship services.

**SALVATION ARMY FRIENDS:** Daniel, Bruce, Larry, James, Nicholas, Steve, Edward, Tyler, Floyd, Mike, Roy, Mack, Leo, Geoffery, Tyrone, Vanessa, Joan, Christen, Amanda, Noah, Shyshi, Brook, Ashland, Stephanie, Jenny, Kayla, Rhonda.

**COMFORT IN THE MIDST OF DEATH:** Marce Matisko, Jimmy Dean, Ruth Sittler, Pratt Hughes, Louie Martin.

**SAFETY & ADVOCACY:** for the mentally & physically disabled & persons trapped in toxic relationships.

**CONCERN & ASSISTANCE:** The people of Ukraine.

**PARTNERSHIPS:** Bishop Eaton & the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Bishop Strickland & the Southeastern Synod; Alicia & David Brondos, Missionaries in Mexico; Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry; Quiet Music Ministry; Tyson House; Deacon Ministry; Knox Area Rescue Ministry; Via de Cristo Ministry; Salvation Army Women's & Men's Homeless Shelters; Community Coalition Against Human Trafficking; Cole Center Caregivers and Parkinson Band, RAISE Jamaica; Mercy Ships, AL-ANON, Narcotics Anonymous.

**PEACE:** Protection for all armed forces, especially: Jacob Cole, Andrew Chovancek, Adam Di Giovanni, Tyler Hitter, H.M., Anthony Hu, Julianne LeFevre-Kerr, Chase Linell, Alex Primka, Christine Russ, Alex Serrano, Sam Thompson, Mitchell Yount, Greg Zager.

## 2022 COUNCIL MEMBERS

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### WEEK OF DECEMBER 18, 2022

#### Sunday, December 18 4th Sunday of Advent

9:00am	Traditional Worship <i>Sanctuary</i>
10:00am	Fellowship <i>The Cup</i>
10:15am	Adult Sunday School Children's Sunday School
	<b>Confirmation Christmas Party</b> Praise Team Rehearsal
11:11am	Contemporary Worship
5:00pm	AL-ANON meeting <i>Community Room</i>

#### Monday, December 19

3-5pm Food Pantry open

#### Tuesday, December 20

1:30pm	Bible Study Small Group <i>The Cup</i>
<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Salvation Army Shelter visit</b>
<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>MOPS for Moms &amp; Kids</b> <i>nursery</i>
6:00pm	AL-ANON meeting <i>Community Room</i>
7:30pm	Narcotics Anonymous <i>The Cup</i>

#### Wednesday, December 21 Holden Evening Prayer & Fellowship

11:00am	AL-ANON meeting <i>Community Room</i>
3:00pm	Staff Meeting
5:30pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Holden Evening Prayer</b> followed by Refreshments

#### Thursday, December 22

9:30am Narcotics Anonymous *The Cup*

#### Saturday, December 24 Christmas Eve

11:00am	AL-ANON meeting <i>Community Room</i>
<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Contemporary Christmas Eve Worship</b>
<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Traditional Christmas Eve Worship</b>

#### Sunday, December 25 Christmas Day

<b>10:00am</b>	<b>One Worship Service</b> <i>Sanctuary</i>
5:00pm	AL-ANON meeting <i>Community Room</i>



### PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK

**Monday:** 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Genesis 17:15-22; Galatians 4:8-20. ▪ **Tuesday:** 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Genesis 21:1-21; Galatians 4:21-5:1.  
**Wednesday:** 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Genesis 37:2-11; Matthew 1:1-17. ▪ **Thursday:** Luke 1:46b-55; Isaiah 33:17-22; Revelation 22:6-7, 18-20.  
**Friday:** Luke 1:46b-55; 2 Samuel 7:18, 23-29; Galatians 3:6-14. ▪ **Saturday:** Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:[1-14] 15-20.  
**Christmas Day:** Isaiah 62:6-12; Psalm 97; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20.