

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

- CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE -

December 3, 2023 • Children's Christmas Program • 1st Sunday in Advent

GATHERING SONG

*The Lion and the Lamb
Awake, O Sleeper*

ADVENT CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Behold, I bring you glad tidings. Our Savior is coming.

Congregation: Jesus is coming, bringing salvation to all. We rejoice. Alleluia.

P: Let us pray,

All: We wait for you, most gracious God, for eye has not seen and ear has not heard the wonders of your deeds. In gratitude we thank you for the gift of Jesus to our world. Give us the eyes to see beyond our limited vision and the ears to hear the joy of your coming. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *Good Gifts Catalogs*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Oh, Come All Ye Faithful

Oh, come let us adore him, oh, come let us adore him,
oh, come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE READING: The Christmas Story, Luke 2:1-20 *Pew Bible pg. #935*

²In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ²(This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³And everyone went to their own town to register.

⁴So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

⁸And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

⁹An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

¹³Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

¹⁶So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

¹⁷When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

¹⁹But Mary treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

OUR VISION

To be an inspired body of Christ.



OUR MISSION

Love God. Love Others. Serve.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

A Christmas Bedtime Story

SERMON SONG

Go Tell It on the Mountain

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

OFFERINGS FOR MISSION & MINISTRY

OFFERING SONG

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION / LORD'S PRAYER / HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 SONG

Hosanna

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Congregation Amen.

ADVENT BENEDICTION

Pastor: May God guide you in the way of peace and give light to your darkness.
Prepare the way of the Lord! Blessings in the name of the Father, Son
and Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

SENDING SONG

Sing to the King

SENDING

Praise Band: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Flowers on the altar today are given by Darla & Alan Berdal in honor of our Cookie Walk volunteers.

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Evangelical Lutheran Churches in America

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

Dr. Bob Stelter — *Pastor*

Greg Bohlken — *Ministry Associate*

Lynn Rognsvoog — *Organist*

Collin Kasefang — *Choir Director*

Lisa Stelter — *Worship Graphics*

Members of Faith Lutheran Church — Ministers

Sandra Bohlken — *Contemporary Worship Leader*

Trace Taylor — *Sound Technician*

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Kim Frasch — *Quiet Music Ministry*

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Barbara Birkholz — *Financial Secretary*

Mildred Fenske — *Prayer Chain Coordinator*

Alicia & David Brondos — *Missionaries*

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, our ministries and considering membership? Contact Greg Bohlken at greg@faithloves.org.

Sunday Worship 9 & 11:11am

Live in the sanctuary or online at:

[YouTube.com/@FaithLutheranChurch3329/stream](https://www.youtube.com/@FaithLutheranChurch3329/stream)

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES TODAY — 10:15AM

Adult Sunday School, led by *John Woods*.

Confirmation Class

Children's Sunday School grades 5 & under

Teen Sunday School grades 6-12. *youth room*

WEDNESDAY MUSIC REHEARSALS

HANDBELLS, 5:30pm ♦ CHANCEL CHOIR, 6:30pm

PRAISE TEAM REHEARSALS

Thursdays, 6pm & Sundays, 10:15am

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR FAYE PARSONS December 14, 1pm. Veteran's National Cemetery on Northshore. Pastor Stelter leads the service.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS will adorn our sanctuary during Christmas! To remember or honor a loved one place your \$15 donation in an envelope and remember to note your loved one's name on your envelope.

2024 FLOWER CHART has been posted by the library.

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

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY	
11:11am Contemporary	
Altar Guild	Connie Rist
Communion Ministers	Jamie Daut, Ava Daut, Dawn Titsworth, Cadence Titsworth, Cortlyn Titsworth
Greeter	Debbie Pinchok
Ushers	Matt Daut, Ethan Daut, Nelson Titsworth
Offering Stewards	George Herbold, Gary Dakolios

SHEPHERD OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY

Open Mondays: December 4, 3-5pm & 18, 3-6pm.

CURRENT NEEDS

Jelly (20oz plastic bottles) • **Syrup** (24oz plastic bottles)

• **Tea bags** (20—48 count) • **Coffee** (1lb ground)

• **Monetary donations for a ham or turkey.**

Shepherd of Hope donation envelopes are in the narthex.

We will distribute Christmas Pantry Baskets

on **December 14, 9am-noon & 3-4pm.**

Contact: Reneé Stone, 865-599-7424.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY, 1:30pm led by John Woods.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM today at both services.

Get your "Christmas Spirit" here on the 1st Sunday in Advent.

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

FIRST WEDNESDAY DINNER & ACTIVITIES

December 6

RSVP for dinner, and/or set up & clean up

at <https://tinyurl.com/FirstWed120623>

Come be part of the Family of Faith as we grow together!



Wed Dec 6

SALVATION ARMY SHELTER VISITS Tuesday, December 19.

We'll make an early Christmas visit to the men's & women's shelters to bring cheer, sing carols and distribute your gifts of treats and needed L-XXL men's boxer briefs & women's sizes 8-11 briefs. Contact Michael Lee at 865-405-6585 or Debbie Ragucci, 865-567-1945.

CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24 WORSHIP: 5pm contemporary service & 7pm traditional service. Both worship experiences include children's talk, holy communion, carols and singing Silent Night in candlelight. Sermon: "Have Yourself a Messy Little Christmas!"

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **FIRST WEDNESDAY YOUTH GROUP** December 6. Sign up online, meet in the Youth Room 5:15pm & eat dinner together.
- **College Care Packages** - Thank you for everyone who wrote notes of encouragement and brought gift cards to send to our college students. If you have someone to include next semester, please email greg@faithloves.org.

Giving: 11.26.2023

Offerings last Sunday: \$ 16,374

Offerings Year to Date \$564,371

Walk by Faiths of October 31 \$754,570



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PRAYER CONCERNS

MEMBERS: Shannon Allred, Shaun Allred, Arlene Aring, Doug Bales, Mary Blackburn, Rebecca Calderone, Amy Canapa, Leon Cole, Myles Cooper, Chuck Crosby, Mac Curtis, Patsy Elmore, Kim Fransch, Pat & Nick Gary, Green family, Leo Hebert, Eric Johnson, Carmen Larsen, Bonnie Legako, Kris Lehman, Anne Loyacano, Patricia Mabry, Heather McDonald, Lin & Mike McKinley, Bob Moore, Joe Morelli, Joe Poole, Lynda Primka, Toby Rosenbaum, Ken Savitz, Donnie & Lisa Smith & family, Pamela Spaar, Bobbie Steele, Paul Turner, Jim Van Deusen, Susan Vanacore, Nick Vanacore, Danny Willis, Maurice and Rebecca.

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

FRIENDS: Caroline Beavers, David Berdal, Valborg Berdal, Marsha Bode, Sharon Brokenshire, Noah Bryant, Michael Carfi, Harold Chapel, Jack Cleve, Jan Colangelo, Jenna Cormany, Bill Crain, Nancy Crain, Damico family, Brandy & Brian Duke, Edington family, Vader Ernst, Alanna & Arnie Fenske, Jordan & Tyler Fordiani, Sandra & Joel Garber, Gregory Goodall, Gutelius family, Rita Heavner, Linda Holtz, Joy Hymmer, Donna Knick, Junior Koontz, Anthony Koran, Barb Korsmo, Alexis & Taylor Lee, Loyacano family, David Matthews, Paul Miller, Audra Tyler Moore, Becky Moore Larsen, Bob Moore, Julie Moore, Salles families, Marilyn Savilisky, Jessica Savitz, Scaglione family, Terry Serrano, Victor Serrano, Donna Smith, Austin Stephens, Mark Syler, Paul Travis, Frank Tyler, Brigitte Williams, Virginia Williams, Mya, Ro & Haven Wolfe, Carley, Darcy, Jodi *and those we name to You.*

BLESSINGS: Our Children's Christmas Program today.

JOY: First Wednesday gatherings each month!

GRATITUDE & JOY: All who supported the Cookie Walk.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Antonia, Kevin & Felix Roberts; Kristen, Chris & Cora Joy; Caroline Beavers & Steve Lunsford.

COMFORT IN THE MIDST OF DEATH FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS:

Milton Creighton, Paul Hearnberger, Jim Kilgore, Audrey Meland, Teresa Rozanski.

SALVATION ARMY FRIENDS: Denisha, Tara, Leila, Larissa, Katricia, Sierra, Stephanie, Brittany, Genesis, Robert, C.J., Shane, John, Gibby, Josh, Roy, J.R., Scott, Ty, Reggie, John.

PRAYERS, CONCERN & ASSISTANCE: The people of Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, Russia. Mentally & physically challenged. Veterans.

LEARNING & PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT: William Bales at Concordia Seminary.

PARTNERSHIPS: Bishop Pro-Tem Michael Burk 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, Mercy Ships, Iglesia Luterano Augustana de Guatemala & Milagro Women's Education Center, AL-ANON, Narcotics Anonymous.

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



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WEEK OF DECEMBER 3-10, 2023

Sunday, December 3 1st Sunday in Advent

9:00am Traditional Worship *Sanctuary*
Children's Christmas Program
10:00am Fellowship *The Cup*
10:15am Children's Sunday School *5th Grades & under*
Teen Sunday School *Grades 6-12*
Confirmation
Adult Sunday School
Praise Team Rehearsal
11:11am Contemporary Worship
Children's Christmas Program
5:00pm AL-ANON meeting *Zoom*

Monday, December 4

9:00am Sons of Norway
Noon Via de Cristo Reunion Group *library*
3-5pm Food Pantry open

Tuesday, December 5

1:30pm Bible Study Small Group *The Cup*
6:00pm AL-ANON meeting *zoom*
7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous *The Cup*

Wednesday, December 6

11:00am AL-ANON meeting *Community Room*
4:00pm Staff meeting
5:15-7:30 First Wednesday Dinner &
Holden Evening Prayer
5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 7

6:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal
7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous *The Cup*

Friday, December 8

12:15pm Cole Center Caregiver Band
7:00pm Narcotics Anonymous Group *The Cup*

Saturday, December 9

11:00am AL-ANON meeting *Zoom*

Sunday, December 10 2nd Sunday in Advent

9:00am Traditional Worship *Sanctuary*
10:00am Fellowship *The Cup*
10:15am Children's Sunday School *5th Grades & under*
Teen Sunday School *Grades 6-12*
Confirmation
Adult Sunday School
Praise Team Rehearsal
11:11am Contemporary Worship
5:00pm AL-ANON meeting *Zoom*

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday: Psalm 79; Micah 4:1-5; Revelation 15:1-8. • **Tuesday:** Psalm 79; Micah 4:6-13; Revelation 18:1-10.

Wednesday: Psalm 79; Micah 5:1-5a; Luke 21:34-38. • **Thursday:** Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; Hosea 6:1-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:2-10.

Friday: Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; Jeremiah 1:4-10; Acts 11:19-26. • **Saturday:** Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; Ezekiel 36:24-28; Mark 11:27-33.

2nd Sunday in Advent: Isaiah 40:1-11, Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13, 2 Peter 3:8-15a, Mark 1:1-8.