

# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

- CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE -  
December 10, 2023 • 2nd Sunday in Advent

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## GATHERING SONG

*Hosanna, Praise Is Rising  
Even So Come*

## 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

## 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: Mark 13:24-37** *Pew Bible pg. #927.*

*Jesus encourages his followers to look forward to the day when he returns in power and glory to end all suffering.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>24</sup>"In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup>Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

<sup>28</sup>From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>32</sup>But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come.

<sup>34</sup>It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. <sup>35</sup>Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, <sup>36</sup>or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

## SERMON

*Watch with Hope*

*Pastor Bob Stelter*

*A manuscript of this sermon is available on our website: [FaithLoves.org](http://FaithLoves.org).*

## SERMON SONG

*Glory Revealed*

## SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

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



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

**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**

**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**

*Glorious Day*

**SENDING**

**Praise Band: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.**

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

*Poinsettias are given in honor or in memory of loved ones.*

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*Evangelical Lutheran Churches in America*

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*Founding Congregation of Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry ▪ Stephen Ministry Congregation*

**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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**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](mailto:greg@faithloves.org).

**Sunday Worship 9 & 11:11am**

Live in the sanctuary or online at:

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

<b>WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY</b>	
<b>11:11am Contemporary</b>	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Connie Rist
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	Carrie Parrott, Scarlett Parrott, Jack Parrott, Vicki Adams, Lisa Stelter
<b>Greeters</b>	Leslie & Rick Smenner
<b>Ushers</b>	Linda & John Shoemaker
<b>Offering Stewards</b>	Gary Dakolios, George Herbold

**SHEPHERD OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY**

**Open Monday, December 18, 3-6pm.**

**CURRENT NEEDS**

**Brownie Mix, Vegetable Oil, (32oz) , Coffee (1lb ground)**

**Tea bags (20—48 count), Canned Green Beans,**

**Canned Corn, Cranberry Sauce, Yams,**

**Jiffy Cornbread Mix, Stuffing Mix**

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

Shepherd of Hope donation envelopes are in the narthex.

**Contact: Reneé Stone, 865-599-7424.**

**UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS**

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

**HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER Wednesdays during Advent**  
**December 13, 20 at 6:30pm.**

**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 services include holy communion, carols, children's talk and singing *Silent Night* in candlelight.

Sermon: "Have Yourself a Messy Little Christmas!"

Share our Christmas invitation video!

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**YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

- **YOUTH 3RD SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH** We'll meet with youth groups **December 17 at 6pm** for St. John Lutheran Church's Christmas Program.
- **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](mailto:greg@faithloves.org).

**Giving: 12.3.2023**

**Offerings last Sunday: 20,506**

**Offerings Year to Date 584,946**

**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, Pam Covington, Sarah Covington, Bill Crain, Nancy Crain, Damico family, the Darling family, Brandy & Brian Duke, Edington family, Vader Ernst, Alanna & Arnie Fenske, Jim Ford family, Jordan & Tyler Fordiani, Sandra & Joel Garber, Gregory Goodall, Gutelius family, Rita Heavner, Allyn Hildebrand, Linda Holtz, Joy Hymer, Matt Kilgore, Sandra Kilgore, Donna Knick, Junior Koontz, Anthony Koran, Barb Korsmo, Alexis & Taylor Lee, Nicole & Dalton Light, 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, Jim Shea, Donna Smith, Austin Stephens, Mark Syler, Paul Travis, Frank Tyler, Brigette Williams, Virginia Williams, Mya, Ro & Haven Wolfe, Carley, Darcy, Jodi, Sue *and those we name to You.*

**JOY:** First Wednesday gatherings each month!

**BLESSINGS:** Holden Evening Prayer services on Wednesdays, 12/13 & 20.

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

Jo Watson, Stephen O'Connor, 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 10-17, 2023**

#### **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*

#### **Monday, December 11**

**Noon Via de Cristo Reunion Group** library  
**6:30pm Property Team Meeting**

#### **Tuesday, December 12**

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

#### **Wednesday, December 13**

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

#### **Thursday, December 14**

1:00pm Committal Service for Faye Parsons  
6:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal  
7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous *The Cup*

#### **Friday, December 15**

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

#### **Saturday, December 16**

11:00am AL-ANON meeting *Zoom*

#### **Sunday, December 17 3rd 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  
**6:00pm Youth Event at St. John Lutheran Church**  
5:00pm AL-ANON meeting *Zoom*

### **PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK**

**Monday:** Psalm 27; Isaiah 26:7-15; Acts 2:37-42. • **Tuesday:** Psalm 27; Isaiah 4:2-6; Acts 11:1-18.

**Wednesday:** Psalm 27; Malachi 2:10-3:1; Luke 1:5-17. • **Thursday:** Psalm 126; Habakkuk 2:1-5; Philippians 3:7-11.

**Friday:** Psalm 126; Habakkuk 3:2-6; Philippians 3:12-16. • **Saturday:** Psalm 126; Habakkuk 3:2-6; Philippians 3:12-16.

**3rd Sunday in Advent:** Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11, Psalm 126 or Luke 1:46b-55, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24, John 1:6-8, 19-28.