

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

DECEMBER 3, 2023 • 9AM

1st Sunday of Advent • Children's Christmas Program • Now the Feast & Celebration Liturgy

INTRODUCTION

Today our children present the sermon with a Christmas Bedtime Story. Their proclamation of the Good News of Jesus Christ begins Advent, a season of preparation for Christ's coming among us. Today begins a new liturgical year on the church calendar. To mark the newness, we begin worshiping with the Now the Feast and Celebration liturgy, last used at Faith Lutheran Church in 2014. Happy liturgical new year and happy newness of life!

PRELUDE

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks 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: Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN LBW #22 stand



OUR VISION

To be an inspired body of Christ.

OUR MISSION
Love God. Love Others. Serve.

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.

NOW THE FEAST





SALUTATION



PRAYER OF THE DAY

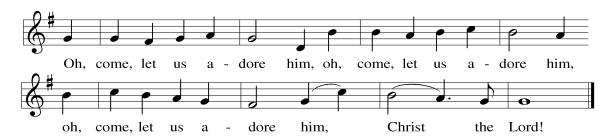
Pastor: Let us pray,

Congregation: O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples especially in this season of Advent. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TALK

ELCA Good Gifts Catalogs

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH



ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NEWS

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 2:1-20 Pew Bible pg. #935

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 2nd chapter.

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY hymnal #290, stand



NICENE CREED FOR ADVENT

Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us proclaim our faith.

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. THE PRAYERS stand or kneel

Greg Bohlken, Assisting Minister

Assistant: With hope and expectation, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who await God's day of restoration.

A brief silence.

Assistant: Call your church into holy fellowship as we await the restoration of all things. Re-energize your faithful people to live with hope and compassion, especially those who serve as missionaries near and far. Center us on your promise to come among us and make all things new. Merciful God,

Congregation: receive our prayer.

A: All creation signals your presence, O God: the vastness of the cosmos, the turn of the seasons, and living things that both rest and flourish. Rekindle our commitment to care for the earth. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Let the nations tremble at your holy presence, that justice and liberation prevail in all corners of the earth. Restore peace to nations in conflict, teach righteousness to corrupt leaders and systems, and bring stability to areas facing uncertain futures. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Enrich the spirits of all who feel hopeless, fearful, or despairing. Stay close to those who await healing or relief. Deliver all in any need. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Be with those who keep awake at night: nurses working overnight shifts, caregivers of newborns and aging adults, stargazers, those who are anxious, or those who are traveling. Reveal to all that the dark can be a place of calm and comfort filled with your presence. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: You have sent out your angels and gathered your faithful people from every time and place, calling them into one fellowship of saints. Bless the witness of those who dwell in your eternal presence. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Silence for individual prayer petitions.

Pastor: Listen to these and all our prayers, O God of hosts, and restore us

with your great and everlasting mercy.

Congregation: Amen.

THE PEACE

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

Congregation: And also with you.

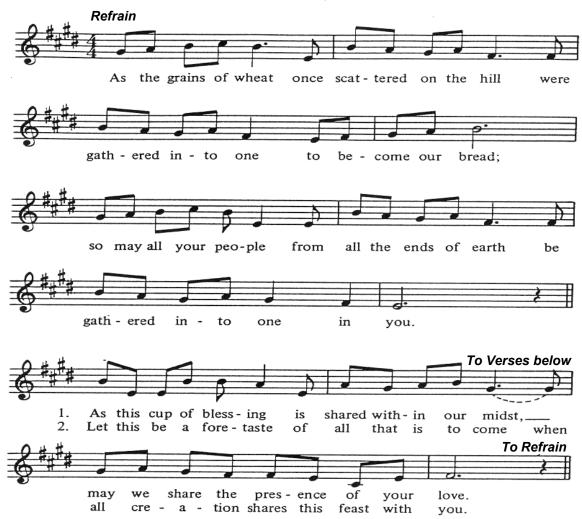
OFFERING FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY sit

OFFERING ANTHEM

Thou Dost Guide Karin Weinhardt Englund

OFFERING HYMN stand

As the Grains of Wheat

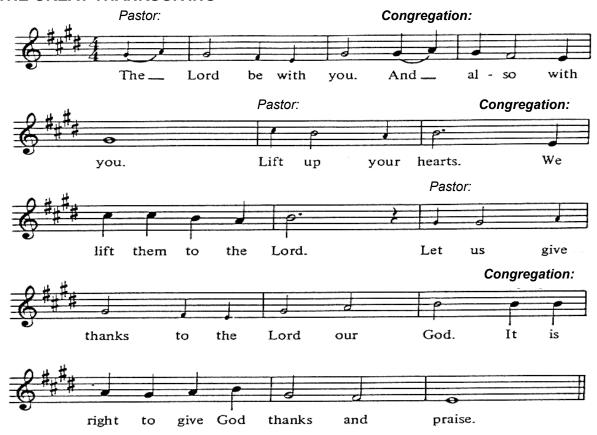


OFFERING PRAYER

Assistant: Let us pray. Merciful God,

Congregation: everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



THE PREFACE

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. 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 to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: You are indeed holy, gracious and merciful God, creator of heaven and earth; everything, everywhere is filled with your glory. You sent Jesus, who in word and deed announced your rule of justice and peace. He was obedient unto death, even death on a cross. We remember how on the night of his betrayal 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."

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 his command that we love one another, his life and death, and his glorious resurrection, we look for his coming again.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

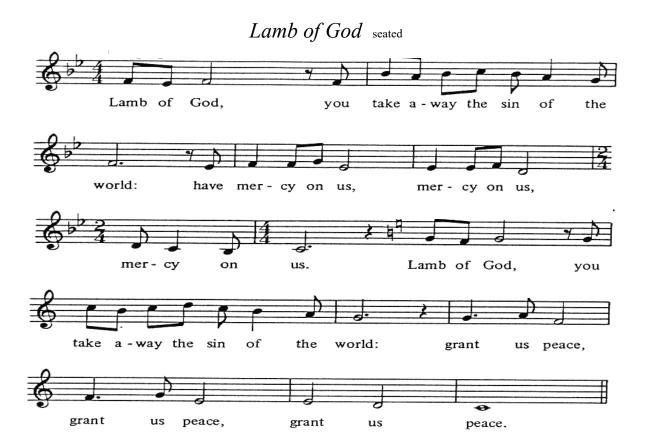
Pastor: With one will and one voice, we pray:

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.

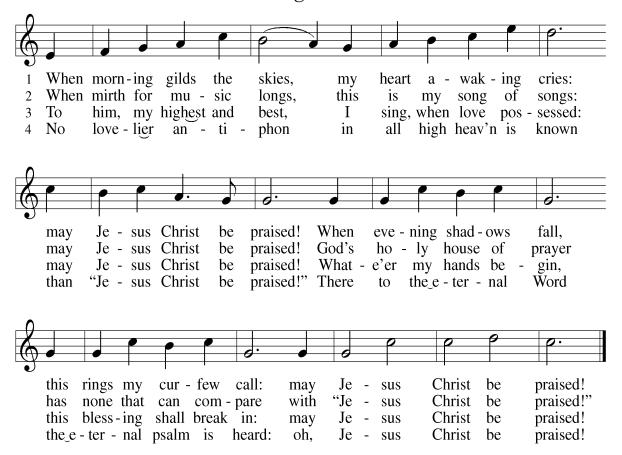
INVITATION

Pastor: Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life. If you believe in me, though you die, yet shall you live." This meal is a foretaste of the feast to come!



DISTRIBUTION HYMN hymnal #853

When Morning Gilds the Skies



COMMUNION BLESSING stand

Pastor: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood

strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

COMMUNION CANTICLE



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Assistant: Let us pray.

All: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence for reflection.

PRAYER FOR SENDING OF DEACONS Michael Lee, Lois Simmons December 3-16

Deacons come forward to receive communion kits.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Congregation: Compassionate God, bless our deacons who go forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick and homebound. May this ministry be a sign of our love, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing. Amen.

BENEDICTION

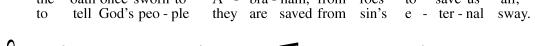
Pastor: May God bless us and keep us. May God's face shine on us and be gracious. May God look on us with favor and † give us peace.

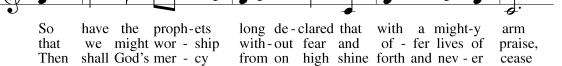


SENDING HYMN hymnal, #250











God would turn back our 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.

DISMISSAL

Assistant: Our mission calls us from this place Congregation: to love God, love others, serve!

A: Go in peace.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Toccata — Prelude on "Hyfrydol" arr. Edward L. Good

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

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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

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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.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

Want to know more about Lutheranism, our ministries and considering membership? Contact Greg Bohlken at qreg@faithloves.org.

Sunday Worship 9 & 11:11am

Live in the sanctuary or online at: YouTube.com/@FaithLutheranChurch3329/stream

<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES TODAY — 10:15AM</u>
<u>Adult Sunday School</u>, *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.

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 (11b 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.

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!

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 (special music begins at 4:30pm) & 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 greq@faithloves.org.

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

9am Traditional

 Altar Guild
 Lois Simmons

 Assisting Minister
 Greg Bohlken

 Communion Ministers
 Allison Pressley, Marj West, Lisa Stelter, Darla Berdal

 Greeter
 Mary Beth Hallahan

 Ushers
 Randy Stewart, Jim Hallahan

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Offering Stewards George Herbold, Gary Dakolios

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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 Frasch, 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 Hymer, 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, Brigette 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.

<u>Welcome New Members:</u> Antonia, Kevin & Felix Roberts; Kristen, Chris & Cora Joy; Caroline Beavers & Steve Lunsford.

COMFORT IN THE MIDST OF DEATH FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS:

Milton Creighton, Paul Hearnsberger, 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.

<u>PEACE</u>: 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

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PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK