

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

- CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE -
November 30, 2025 • 1st Sunday in Advent

GATHERING SONG

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Come Lord Jesus (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.

P: Let us pray,

All: We wait for you, most gracious God, in this season of Advent. In gratitude we thank you for the gift of Jesus to our world. Give us the eyes to see and the ears to hear the joy of your coming. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

PARISH NEWS

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 24:36-44 *pew Bible, page 905*

Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.

Jesus said to the disciples, ³⁶"About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

OUR VISION

To be an inspired body of Christ.



OUR MISSION

Love God. Love Others. Serve.

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First Sunday in *Advent*

SUNDAY WORSHIP

- 9 a.m.** Traditional Service with organ and choir
- 11:11 a.m.** Contemporary Service with praise band

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Cookie Walk & Craft Fair**
 - **Saturday, December 6, 9 a.m. - noon**
- **The Advent Event**
 - Wednesday, December 10 at 6 p.m.
 - Holden Evening Prayer
 - Cookie Fellowship
 - Children's Ornament Making
- **Advent Prayer with Father Bruce**
 - The three Thursdays before Christmas
 - December 4 at 6 p.m.
 - December 11 at 6 p.m.
 - December 18 at 6 p.m.

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SERMON *Out of Control*

Pastor Bob Stelter

SERMON SONG *Living Hope*

WELCOME NEW MEMBER *Jen Page*

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

OFFERINGS FOR MISSION & MINISTRY

OFFERING SONG *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Phil Perkins

Lynn Rognsvoog

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 *Let the Praises Ring*

SENDING

Praise Band: Prepare the way of the Lord.

Congregation: We will love God, love others, serve.

Praise Band: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

ALTAR GUILD Vicki Adams

GREETER Deb Miller

USHERS Brad Berry, Christian Berry

COMMUNION MINISTERS Sarah & Chip Hester, Kaya Johnson,
Carol Nanney, Joanne Sills

PROJECTION & LIGHTS Tim Stone

*The flowers on the altar are given by **Pam Brown**
in appreciation of the Deacons and their ministry.*

Love God. Love Others. Serve.



PRAYERS

Members: Terry Biesboer, Gene Bird, Dave Birkholz, Jan Bishop, Mary Blackburn, Rob Blackburn, Roger Brown, Nancy & Leon Cole, Michael Condon, Myles Cooper, Nancy Dean, Nancy Dickinson, Patsy Elmore, John Elmore, Karoline Frasch, Pat Gary, Nick Gary, Mary Beth Green, Jonas Greenman, Chip Hester, Deb & Doug Houck, Paul Jurkoic, Michael Lee, Bonnie Legako, Irene Manthey, Lin & Mike McKinley, Harold Peters, Joe Poole, Dr. Ted Primka, Sandra Prior, the Saylor family, John Shoemaker, Pamela Spaar, Bill Steele, Kali Sullins, Rich Wellner, Jean Witte, John Woods.

Friends: App family, Bill Birkholz, Sheila Birkholz, John Burkett, Michael Carfi, Steve Case, Meg Corrigan, Vanessa Coates, Linda Cosby, Michael Condon, Nancy Crain, Michael Damico, Irma DeBord, Shayna DeBord, Dennis family, Michelle Dionne, Van Dudley, Brandy & Brian Duke, Dan Edmunds, Favre family, Alanna & Arnie Fenske, Kathi Fenske-Hong, Phylis Garrison, Cindy Gioe, Angél Gobel, Gregory Goodall, Gary Gouzy, Gutelius family, Hale family, Patrick Harvey, Joy Hymer, Christine Johansen, Juniper Johnson, Duane Koran, Barb Korsmo, Dick Korsmo, Darren Lee, Tammy & Mark Leonhart, Loyacano family, Joe May, Jeff McCown, Roger McCown, Tillie Meffert, Josh Nicols, Cynthia & Jack Park, Chris Patrick, Rose & Steve Penney, Ashley Raunch, Shannon Remington, Lois Richardson, Carolyn Russell, Salles families, Marilyn Savilisky, Scaglione family, Richard Sena, Lynn Siegfried & family, Donna Smith, Audra Tyler Moore, Frank Tyler, Barb Weldon, Mya, Ro & Haven Wolfe, Kim Yee, Gary Yonke, Zenher family, Aaron & Zionah, Angel & Ben, Cheri & George, Christine, Darcy, Dave, Debbie, Eve, Hayden, Janie, Judy, Lauren, Myra, & Sandra, Jodi, Stephanie, Tonya, Vanessa, Zoe *and those we name to You*.

Blessings: for a successful Cookie Walk and prayers that those who attend will feel God's love in each cookie baked.

Safety: Thanksgiving travelers.

Comfort in the midst of death for the family and friends of: David Jones, Donna Knick, Nick Leonhardt, Ann Sudder, Scheryl Reider.

Shepherd of Hope Pantry Friends: Mary, Mike, Gavin. Grandma, Sandra, Chris, Zackary, Emily and family, Nikki and family, Joshua, Donna, Amber, Adrian, Kelly, Vicki & family, Charles, Weston, Patricia, Staley, Meredith, Donna, Jimmy, Michael, Erica, Susan, Henry, Denise, Theresa, Tom, Winnie, Rusian, Lynette, Dawn, Dyllon, Ibukunolwa, Samuel, Sally, Tracy, JJ, Kim, Robby, Retha, Andrea, Joyce, Terry, Harris *and those known to God*.

Salvation Army Friends: Paula, Julie, Stephanie, Daphne, Elizabeth, Ren, Lisa, Cheryl, Wendy, Al, Gabby, James, Gibby, Jay, Alfredo, Chris, Grant, Grant, Jr., Zyane, Lois, Adam, Jason, Gary, Brandon, Sean, Jason *and those known to God*.

Concern & Assistance: Those dealing with addiction while incarcerated. Mentally & physically challenged. Veterans. Refugees and those living in fear of deportation. Persecuted Christians. The people of Jamaica, Nigeria, Iran, Israel, Syria, Palestine, Ukraine, Russia.

Partnerships: Bishop Yehie Curry & the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Bishop Kevin Strickland & the Southeastern Synod; Alicia & David Brondos, Missionaries in Mexico; Seminarian Sam Sosebee; Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry; English Language Learning Classes, Quiet Music Ministry; Tyson House; Deacon Ministry; Knox Area Rescue Ministry; Via de Cristo Ministry; Salvation Army Women's & Men's Homeless Shelters; Street Hope; Cole Center Caregivers and Parkinson Band; Mercy Ships; Lutheran Church & School in Guatemala; AL-ANON; Narcotics Anonymous.

Peace & Protection for all armed forces, especially: Jacob Cole, Kyleigh Cole, Anthony Hu, HM, Andrew McDonald, Alex Primka, Christine Russ, Sam Thompson, Chris Yonke, Mitchell Yount.

Church Council Leadership Team

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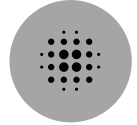
Dawn Titsworth

Pastor Stelter

Love God. Love Others. Serve.

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 identities are united here in our mission to love God, Love Others, Serve.

NOVEMBER 30



Theme: First Sunday In Advent

Worship will include the ceremonial lighting of the Advent wreath. Today's sermon offers hope even when life feels out of control.

If you are new, please sign a worship card and place it in the offering plate.

DIG IN, GROW DEEP, LEARN WITH OTHERS.

*Sunday School Classes
held at 10:15 a.m.*

Adult Bible Class: The Holy Land Revealed – In the classroom side of the Cup

Teen Sunday School (6th - 12th grade): In the Youth Room

Confirmation Class (8th - 10th grade): In the Library

Children's Sunday School for 5th grade and younger:

- Ye Littles of Faith for Kindergarten and younger in East hallway classroom next to Nursery
- The Mighty Kids Kingdom for 1st – 5th grades in West hallway classroom, 2 doors past youth room

Tuesday Bible Study (Open to All): In the classroom side of the Cup

NURSERY



Jesus welcomed everyone—and so do we! Children are a cherished part of our church family.

Coloring pages are available near the center doors, and a staffed nursery is open on Sundays down the hall by the restrooms (with a convenient diaper changing station). For parents who'd like to stay with their little ones, our Cry Room at the back of the Sanctuary offers a comfortable space with a nursing area, diaper changing station, and full view of the service so you can participate in worship together.

EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 30

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 10:15 a.m. Bible Study
- 10:15 a.m. Cookie Walk Volunteer Meeting
- 10:15 a.m. English Language Class
- 10:15 a.m. *The Cup* revision Team
- 11:11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
- 12 p.m. Youth Candy Making
- 5 p.m. Celtic Worship

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1

- 12 p.m. Via de Cristo Reunion
- 3 p.m. Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry
- 6:15 p.m. English Language Class

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

- 1:30 p.m. Bible Study (Open to all)
- 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

- 5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

- 6 p.m. Evening Prayer with Father Bruce
- 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

- 9:30 a.m. Cole Center Caregiver Community
- 7 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

- 8:30 a.m. Cookie Walk and Craft Fair
- 10 a.m. Families with Littles
- 11 a.m. Al-Anon

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 10:15 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
- 3 p.m. Farragut Christmas Parade Staging
- 5 p.m. N.A. Gathering and Potluck



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DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS THIS WEEK

Monday: Genesis 8:1-19, Romans 6:1-11, Psalm 124

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Wednesday: Isaiah 54:1-10, Matthew 24:23-35,
Psalm 124

Thursday: Isaiah 4:2-6, Acts 1:12-17, 21-26,
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Friday: *Isaiah 30:19-26, Acts 13:16-25, Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19*

Saturday: Isaiah 40:1-11, John 1:19-28, Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Sunday: Isaiah 11:1-10, Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19, Romans 15:4-13,
Matthew 3:1-12

Faithful Response

Offerings last week: \$ 6,651
Offerings year to date: \$ 716,524



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