



Third Sunday in Advert



SUNDAY WORSHIP

y a.m. 11:11 a.m. Traditional Service with organ and choir Contemporary Service with praise band

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Advent Prayer with Father Bruce
 - December 18 at 6 p.m.
- Christmas Eve Services
 - o Wednesday, December 24
 - 5 p.m. (Contemporary)
 - 7 p.m. (Traditional)

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FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

- CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE - December 14, 2025 • 3rd Sunday in Advent

GATHERING SONG

For Unto Us A Child Is Born All Who Are Thirsty

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

Verse 1 (children) 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.

Verse 2 (children) The Light of the World is a'comin', I'm gonna let it shine.

The Light of the World is a'comin', I'm gonna let it shine.

The Light of the World is a'comin', I'm gonna let it shine.

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

Verse 3 (children) As we prepare for Jesus, I'm gonna let it shine.

As we prepare for Jesus, I'm gonna let it shine.

As we prepare for Jesus, I'm gonna let it shine.

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

Verse 4 (all) In a world of darkness, I'm gonna let it shine. In a world of darkness, I'm gonna let it shine. In a world of darkness, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Verse 5 (all) 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

GENEROSITY TEMPLE TALK

Carrie Parrott

FIRST READING: Isaiah 7:14-15 pew Bible, page 623 Mary is prophesized by Isaiah.

¹⁴Therefore 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. ¹⁵ He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38 pew Bible, page 933

26 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² 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. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The 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. ³⁶And 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. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸Then 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.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON There's Something About Mary

Pastor Bob Stelter

A manuscript of this sermon is available on our website: www.faithloves.org/sermonmanuscript

SERMON SONG God With Us

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

OFFERINGS FOR MISSION & MINISTRY

OFFERING SONG *Un Flambeau, Jeanette Isabella* arr. Phil Perkins Lynn Rognsvoog

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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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 Breath of Heaven arr. Lloyd Larson

Lynn Rognsvoog

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 Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

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 Connie Rist

GREETER Debbie Pinchok

USHERS Matt Gray, Ethan Gray

COMMUNION MINISTERS Lisa Stelter, Kristie Turner,

Vicki Adams, Deb Miller, Connie Rist

PROJECTION & LIGHTS Jennifer Berry

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PRAYERS



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Joyous Welcome New Member: Jen Page

Thanksgiving: for all of the volunteers, bakers, shoppers and crafters who made the 20th Cookie Walk a great success.

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

Shepherd of Hope Pantry Friends: Eddie, Faye, Edna, Anne, Max, Savannah, May, Jorge, Johnny, Ease, Vivian, Susan, Brood, Robert, Chris, Alisa, Zachary, Donna, Amber, Kelly, Adrien, Ronnie, Mary, Andrew, Noorjau, Merita, Brook, Tricia & Andrew, Ryan 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 Yehiel 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

Stephen Dean, President David Mabry, Vice President Mary Bales Laura Beardsley, Secretary Carrie Parrott, Treasurer Ritchie Case

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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.

DECEMBER 14



Theme: Third Sunday In Advent

This sermon will explore Mary's faithful willingness. How can we capture the spirit of Mary in our lives? The Sunday School children will lead us in a song during the services.

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
- ullet The Mighty Kids Kingdom for $1^{\rm st}$ $5^{\rm th}$ grades in West hallway classroom, 2 doors past youth room

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

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 14

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

9 a.m. Traditional Worship Service10:15 a.m. Bible Study/Sunday School11:11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

12 p.m. Via de Cristo Reunion3 p.m. Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry6:15 p.m. English Language Class

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

1:30 p.m. Bible Study (Open to all)6 p.m. Salvation Army Visit7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

10 a.m. WELCA Women's Group12 p.m. Service of Healing5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

9 a.m. Food Pantry School Distribution
9:30 a.m. Handy Faithfuls
3 p.m. Food Pantry School Distribution
6 p.m. Evening Prayer with Father Bruce
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

9:30 a.m. Cole Center Caregiver Community7 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

11 a.m. Al-Anon

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

9 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
10:15 a.m. Bible Study/Sunday School
11:11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
2 p.m. Choir Open House

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Faithful Forks
 - This group is another opportunity to connect with others at Faith Lutheran Church. To sign up or get more information, visit faithloves.org/faithfulforks.
- Sponsor a poinsettia flower in the sanctuary and dedicate it to a loved one.
- We will be receiving a new altar on the week of Christmas. Subscribe to our newsletter to receive updates.

DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS THIS WEEK

Monday: Isaiah 29:17-24, Acts 5:12-16, Psalm 42

Tuesday: Ezekiel 47:1-12, Jude 17-25, Psalm 42

Wednesday: Zechariah 8:1-17, Matthew 8:14-17, 28-34,

Psalm 42

Thursday: 2 Samuel 7:1-17, Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19,

Galatians 3:23-29

Friday: 2 Samuel 7:18-22, Galatians 4:1-7,

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Saturday: 2 Samuel 7:23-29, John 3:31-36,

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Sunday: Isaiah 7:10-16, Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19, Romans 1:1-7,

Matthew 1:18-25

Faithful Response

Offerings last week: \$ 14,276
Offerings year to date: \$ 793,257



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