

FAITH
LUTHERAN CHURCH
Love God. Love Others. Serve.



Second 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

- **Special Singing Holden Evening Prayer**
 - Wednesday, December 10 at 6 p.m.
 - Holden Evening Prayer
 - Cookie Fellowship
 - Children's Ornament Making
- **Advent Prayer with Father Bruce**
 - December 11 at 6 p.m.
 - December 18 at 6 p.m.

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- CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE -
December 7, 2025 • 2nd Sunday in Advent

PRELUDE *What Star Is This That Beams So Bright*

Faith Bells

GATHERING SONG

*River of Life
Washed By the Water*

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

Greg Bohlken

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

Verse 1 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 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.

PARISH NEWS

MISSION & VISION TEAM UPDATE

William Halsey

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 3:1-12 *pew Bible, page 880*

Just before Jesus begins his public ministry, John the Baptist appears, calling people to mend their ways and speaking of a powerful one who is to come.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."³ This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey.⁵ Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him,⁶ and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?"⁸ Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance,⁹ and do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.¹⁰ Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Rinse, Lather, Repent*

Pastor Bob Stelter

SERMON SONG *Prepare the Way*

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

OFFERINGS FOR MISSION & MINISTRY

OFFERING SONG *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* arr. Jay Rouse

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 *Infant Holy* arr. Mark Hayes

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 *Greater*

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 Yvette Edwards

USHERS Nelson Titsworth, Eric Johnson

COMMUNION MINISTERS Cadence Titsworth Cortlyn Titsworth,
Katie Lehner, Dawn Titsworth, Richard Lehner

PROJECTION & LIGHTS Lisa Stelter

*The flowers on the altar are given by **Nancy & Steve Dean**
in honor of their grandson Adam's 2nd birthday.*

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PRAYERS

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

Friends: Rogan Acuff, 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, Carolyn Killhyon, 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, Sarah Ryg, Salles families, Marilyn Savilisky, Scaglione family, Richard Sena, Lynn Siegfried & family, Audra Tyler Moore, Frank Tyler, Barb Weldon, Mya, Ro & Haven Wolfe, Kim Yee, Gary Yonke, Mark Zalesky, Zenher family, Aaron & Zionah, Angel & Ben, Cheri & George, Christine, Darcy, Dave, Debbie, Eve, Hayden, Janie, Jodi, Judy, Laura, Lauren, Myra, & Sandra, Stephanie, Tonya, Vanessa, Zoe *and those we name to You.*

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

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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.

DECEMBER 7



Theme: Second Sunday In Advent

Worship will include the ceremonial lighting of the Advent wreath. The sermon will focus on John the Baptist's call to repentance and readiness.

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.

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 7

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 10:15 a.m. Bible Study/Sunday School Classes
- 10:15 a.m. English Language Class
- 11:11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
- 3 p.m. Farragut Christmas Parade Staging
- 5 p.m. N.A. Gathering and Potluck

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

- 12 p.m. Via de Cristo Reunion
- 6:15 p.m. English Language Class

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

- 1:30 p.m. Bible Study (Open to all)
- 6:30 p.m. Spirituality Book Club
- 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

- 5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Advent Event
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

- 7 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

- 11 a.m. Al-Anon

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 10:15 a.m. Bible Study/Sunday School
- 11:11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service



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DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS THIS WEEK

Monday: Isaiah 24:1-16, 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12, Psalm 21

Tuesday: Isaiah 41:14-20, Romans 15:14-21, Psalm 21

Wednesday: Genesis 15:1-18, Matthew 12:33-37, Psalm 21

Thursday: Ruth 1:6-18 2, Peter 3:1-10, Psalm 146:5-10

Friday: Ruth 4:13-17, 2 Peter 3:11-18, Psalm 146:5-10

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

Sunday: 1 Samuel 2:1-8, Luke 3:1-18, Psalm 146:5-10

Faithful Response

Offerings last week: **\$ 62,480**

Offerings year to date: **\$ 779,005**



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