

# 11-30-25 Full Bulletin

**Faith Lutheran Church is a family of God** built on love: worshiping, welcoming, learning, and serving in Christ's name. All are welcome! Thank you for worshiping with us.

*Sunday Worship 9:30 am, Setting 3 Liturgy, ELW p.138  
ELW refers to the red hymnal, WOV refers to the blue hymnal.*

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## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

## GATHERING

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
whose home is heaven and earth,  
whose salvation is sure.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God  
and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Long-expected God,

**C: we confess that we look to ourselves**

**for the peace and security only you can provide.  
We reach for swords and spears,  
reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war.  
We become impatient while waiting  
and weary of keeping awake.  
Free us from self-reliance,  
and teach us to live in harmony with our  
neighbors.  
Increase our trust in God's timing,  
and awaken us to your advent among us,  
that we may abound in the hope you have  
promised. Amen.**

P: God judges us not as we deserve,  
but according to God's own righteousness.

✝ You are freed and forgiven,  
saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior.  
C: Amen.

## **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

### **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent: verse 1*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent: verses 1-2*

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent: verses 1-3*

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent: verses 1-4*

**“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”** ELW #240

**1 Light one candle to watch for Messiah:  
let the light banish darkness.  
He shall bring salvation to Israel,  
God fulfills the promise.**

**2 Light two candles to watch for Messiah:  
let the light banish darkness.  
He shall feed the flock like a shepherd,  
gently lead them homeward.**

**3 Light three candles to watch for Messiah:  
let the light banish darkness.  
Lift your heads and lift high the gateway  
for the King of glory.**

**4 Light four candles to watch for Messiah:  
let the light banish darkness.  
He is coming, tell the glad tidings.  
Let your lights be shining!**

**GATHERING SONG** “My Lord, What a Morning” ELW #438

### *Refrain*

My Lord, what a morning;  
my Lord, what a morning;  
oh, my Lord, what a morning,  
when the stars begin to fall.

1 You will hear the trumpet sound,  
to wake the nations underground,  
looking to my God's right hand,  
when the stars begin to fall. *Refrain*

2 You will hear the sinner cry,  
to wake the nations underground,  
looking to my God's right hand,  
when the stars begin to fall. *Refrain*

3 You will hear the Christian shout,  
to wake the nations underground,  
looking to my God's right hand,  
when the stars begin to fall. *Refrain*

### **GREETING**

A: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of  
God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with  
you all.

**C: And also with you.**

### **KYRIE**

ELW p.138

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For the peace from above,  
and for our salvation,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For the peace of the whole world,  
for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the unity of all,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For this holy house,  
and for all who offer here their worship and  
praise,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious  
Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A: The lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

A: Let us pray.

**C: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## WORD

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

*The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshiping community responds: "Let us walk in the light of that Lord now!"*

<sup>1</sup> The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.

<sup>3</sup> Many peoples shall come and say,  
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob,

that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.”  
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.  
<sup>4</sup> He shall judge between the nations  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into plowshares  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation;  
neither shall they learn war any more.  
<sup>5</sup> O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD!

## PSALM

Psalm 122

<sup>1</sup> I was glad when they said to me,  
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”  
<sup>2</sup> **Now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**  
<sup>3</sup> Jerusalem is built as a city  
that is at unity with itself;  
<sup>4</sup> **to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,  
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.**  
<sup>5</sup> For there are the thrones of judgment,  
the thrones of the house of David.

**<sup>6</sup> Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:**

**“May they prosper who love you.**

**<sup>7</sup> Peace be within your walls  
and quietness within your towers.**

**<sup>8</sup> For the sake of my kindred and companions,  
I pray for your prosperity.**

**<sup>9</sup> Because of the house of the Lord our God,  
I will seek to do you good.”**

## **SECOND READING**

Romans 13:11-14

*Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ’s coming in the future.*

<sup>11</sup> Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup> the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup> let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*Response after the readings.*

**L: The word of the Lord.**

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **KIDS’ TIME**

## **GOSPEL ACCLIMATION**

ELW p.142



**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**  
**You have the words of eternal life.**  
**Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## **GOSPEL**

Matthew 24:36-44

**P:** The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples,] <sup>36</sup> “About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup> For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup> and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup> Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. <sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. <sup>42</sup> Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup> But 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. <sup>44</sup> Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

*Response after the reading.*

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

## SERMON

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**    “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”    ELW #244

- 1 Rejoice, rejoice, believers,  
and let your lights appear;  
the evening is advancing,  
and darker night is near.  
The bridegroom is arising  
and soon is drawing nigh.  
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;  
at midnight comes the cry.
- 2 The watchers on the mountain  
proclaim the bridegroom near;  
go forth as he approaches  
with alleluias clear.  
The marriage feast is waiting;  
the gates wide open stand.  
Arise, O heirs of glory;  
the bridegroom is at hand.
- 3 The saints, who here in patience  
their cross and suff'rings bore,  
shall live and reign forever  
when sorrow is no more.

Around the throne of glory  
the Lamb they shall behold;  
in triumph cast before him  
their diadems of gold.

4 Our hope and expectation,  
O Jesus, now appear;  
arise, O Sun so longed for,  
o'er this benighted sphere.  
With hearts and hands uplifted,  
we plead, O Lord, to see  
the day of earth's redemption  
that sets your people free!

## **CREED**

### *Nicene Creed*

ELW p.104

A: Let us profess our faith together in the words of  
the Nicene creed.

**C: 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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin  
Mary and became truly human.**

**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,**

**who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and  
glorified,**

**who 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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A: In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation.

*A brief silence.*

God of the people, we come seeking wisdom and instruction. Uphold and strengthen lay leaders, teachers, deacons, pastors, and bishops. Teach us your ways and lead us in your paths. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

God of the earth, we seek your goodness in the grandeur of creation. Empower us to care for forests and oceans, as we see you in the world around us. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

God of the nations, grant wisdom to leaders, judges, and mediators. Cast out words of hate and transform them into words for building up community. Remake implements of war to sow peace. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

God of healing, bring comfort and strength. We pray for our kindred and companions who are ill or despairing (*especially . . . and those affected by HIV and AIDS as we remember World AIDS Day*). Surround all with care and consolation. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of new possibilities, when addiction wounds, jealousy tears down, and relationships fray, show us how to journey with one another. Nurture therapists, counselors, and sponsors in their care for others. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God of all time, build up our lives that we would reflect your grace. At the last, bring us with all the saints (especially) to your holy city where peace and goodness make a home. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.  
**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C:** And also with you.

## **MEAL**

## **OFFERING & OFFERING SONG**

*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent: verse 1 (sing 2 times)*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent: verse 2 (sing 2 times)*

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent: verse 3 (sing 2 times)*

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent: verse 4 (sing 2 times)*

**“He Came Down”**

**ELW #253**

- 1 He came down that we may have love;  
he came down that we may have love;  
he came down that we may have love;  
hallelujah forevermore.**
- 2 He came down that we may have light;  
he came down that we may have light;  
he came down that we may have light;  
hallelujah forevermore.**
- 3 He came down that we may have peace;  
he came down that we may have peace;  
he came down that we may have peace;  
hallelujah forevermore.**
- 4 He came down that we may have joy;  
he came down that we may have joy;  
he came down that we may have joy;  
hallelujah forevermore.**

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

**A: Nourishing God,**

**C: you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert.**

**Through this meal, satisfy our parched places,  
that we may rejoice and be for the world  
signs of your kingdom come.**

**Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**P: The Lord be with you.**

**C: And also with you.**

**P: Lift up your hearts.**

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

**P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ...**

**... we praise your name and join their unending  
hymn:**

**ELW p.144**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of pow'r and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the  
highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of  
the Lord.**



**Hosanna in the highest.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**P:** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C:** 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 TO COMMUNION**

**P:** Here is life. God is with us.

**Come, receive what God has promised.**

## **COMMUNION**

ELW p.146

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace.**

## **COMMUNION SONG(S)**    “What Feast of Love”    ELW #487

- 1    What feast of love is offered here,  
      what banquet come from heaven?  
      What food of everlasting life,  
      what gracious gift is given?  
      This, this is Christ the king,  
      the bread come down from heaven.  
      Oh, taste and see and sing!  
      How sweet the manna given!
- 2    What light of truth is offered here,  
      what covenant from heaven?  
      What hope of everlasting life,  
      what wondrous word is given?  
      This, this is Christ the king,  
      the sun come down from heaven.  
      Oh, see and hear and sing!

The Word of God is given!

- 3 What wine of love is offered here,  
what crimson drink from heaven?  
What stream of everlasting life,  
what precious blood is given?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
the sweetest wine of heaven.  
Oh, taste and see and sing!  
The Son of God is given!

## **COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
nourish your soul and fill you with his grace now  
and forever!

**C: Amen**

## **COMMUNION CANTICLE**

“Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise” ELW #207

**Thankful hearts and voices raise;  
tell ev'ryone what God has done.  
Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice  
and bear the name of Christ.  
Send us with your promises  
and lead your people forth in joy**

with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: God our host,

C: at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness.

Send us forth, eager to share the feast,  
welcome the stranger,  
and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus.  
Amen.

## SENDING

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BLESSING

P: May God who comes among us,  
Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness,  
and good news to share today and always.

C: Amen

## SENDING SONG

“Soon and Very Soon”

ELW #439

*Lyrics unavailable. Please use the red hymnal.*

## DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Keep awake.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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