

*Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church  
St. Robert, MO*



*Second Midweek in Advent  
December 11, 2019*



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## § A Heartfelt Welcome To Our Guests §

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church (FELC). We're pleased you've come to receive the blessings our Lord gives in the Divine Service. Please help us get to know you and record your attendance by signing the red record of fellowship book as it is passed down the pew and/or the guest book in the narthex. Most Sundays we host refreshments after the service. Please join us downstairs in the Parish Fellowship. This is a great way to get to know the members of the family of FELC.

### *Holy Communion Announcement*

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Faith in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sin. In joyful obedience to the clear teaching of our Lord Jesus those are invited to His table who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. They show forth His death until He comes. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and so are unable to receive the Sacrament are invited to meditate on God's Word in the distribution hymns and pray for the day when divisions will have ceased.

*How Can We Help You?* We want your visit to be a blessing to you and strive to be as user friendly as possible. Our pastor is also available for pastoral care whether you're here for a week, months, years, or permanently. Faith is a member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

### Those Serving December 11th at Faith

<b>Organist</b>	Heidi Perling
<b>Acolyte</b>	Robert King and Sterling Gordon
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Elders
<b>Ushers</b>	

<b>Asst. Minister</b>	Justin Munson
<b>Greeters</b>	
<b>Refreshments</b>	
<b>Sermon Title</b>	O Key of David

# Service of Light

*Please rise*

**L** Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,  
**C** the light no darkness can o - ver - come.  
**L** Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve - ning,  
**C** and the day is almost o - ver.  
**L** Let Your light scatter the dark - ness  
**C** and il - lu - mine Your Church.

Phos Hilaron

LSB 244

**L** Joy - ous light of glo - ry:  
**C** of the im - mor - tal Fa - ther; heav - en - ly, ho - ly,  
bless - ed Je - sus Christ. We have come to the  
set - ting of the sun, and we look to the eve - ning light.

We sing to God, the Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spir-it:  
 You are wor-thy of be-ing praised with pure voic-es for -  
 ev - er. O Son of God, O Giv - er of life:  
 the u - ni - verse pro - claims Your glo - ry.

### Thanksgiving for Light

**L** We praise and thank You, O God, for You are without beginning and  
 with - out end. Through Christ You are the creator and preserver of the  
 whole world; but above all, You are His God and Father,  
 the giver of the Spirit, and the ruler of all that is,  
 seen and un - seen. You made the day for the works of light and the night  
 for the refreshment of our weak - ness. O loving Lord  
 and source of all that is good,  
 mercifully accept our evening sacri - fice of praise. As You have

conducted us through the  
day and brought us to night's be - gin - ning, keep us now in Christ;

grant us a peaceful  
evening and a night free from sin; and at the end bring us to everlasting

life through Christ, our Lord; through Him be glory, honor, and power to

You in the Holy Spir - it now and always and for - ev - er and ev - er.

**C** A - men.

*Please be seated*

## Psalmody

\* I-Pulpit II-Lectern

Psalm 141

LSB 245

**C** Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,  
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

**I** O Lord, I call to You; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice  
when I cry to You. **C** Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in-cense,



the lift-ing up of my hands as the eve-ning sac-ri-fice.



**II** Set a watch be-fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.



**I** Let not my heart in-cline to an-y e-vil thing;



let me not be oc-cu-pied in wick-ed-ness with e-vil-do-ers.



**II** But my eyes are turned to You, O God; in You I take ref-u-ge.



Strip me not of my life. **C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and



to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in



the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men.



Let my prayer rise be-fore You as in-cense,



the lift-ing up of my hands as the eve-ning sac-ri-fice.

**L** Let us pray. Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before You, O Lord, and let Your loving-kindness descend on us that, with purified minds, we may sing Your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host and may glorify You forever.

**C** Amen.

# Readings

## 398 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, Great Da - vid's great - er Son!  
Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, His reign on earth be - gun!  
He comes to break op - pres - sion, To set the cap - tive free,  
To take a - way trans - gres - sion And rule in eq - ui - ty.

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## Reading

*Matthew 20:30–34*

<sup>30</sup>And behold, there were two blind men sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was passing by, they cried out, “Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!” <sup>31</sup>The crowd rebuked them, telling them to be silent, but they cried out all the more, “Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!” <sup>32</sup>And stopping, Jesus called them and said, “What do you want me to do for you?” <sup>33</sup>They said to him, “Lord, let our eyes be opened.” <sup>34</sup>And Jesus in pity touched their eyes, and immediately they recovered their sight and followed him.

## 398 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

2 He comes with rescue speedy  
To those who suffer wrong,  
To help the poor and needy  
And bid the weak be strong;  
To give them songs for sighing,  
Their darkness turn to light,  
Whose souls, condemned and dying,  
Were precious in His sight.

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## Reading

*2 Samuel 7*

<sup>1</sup>Now when the king lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, <sup>2</sup>the king said to Nathan the prophet, “See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent.” <sup>3</sup>And Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you.”

<sup>4</sup>But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, <sup>5</sup>“Go and tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in? <sup>6</sup>I have not lived in a

house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. <sup>7</sup>In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?”” <sup>8</sup>Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. <sup>9</sup>And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. <sup>10</sup>And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, <sup>11</sup>from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. <sup>12</sup>When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>13</sup>He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. <sup>14</sup>I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, <sup>15</sup>but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. <sup>16</sup>And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.’” <sup>17</sup>In accordance with all these words, and in accordance with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

### **398 Hail to the Lord’s Anointed**

3 He shall come down like showers  
    Upon the fruitful earth;  
    Love, joy, and hope, like flowers,  
    Spring in His path to birth.  
Before Him on the mountains  
    Shall peace, the herald, go;  
And righteousness in fountains  
    From hill to valley flow.

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<sup>18</sup>Then King David went in and sat before the LORD and said, “Who am I, O Lord GOD, and what is my house, that you have brought me thus far? <sup>19</sup>And yet this was a small thing in your eyes, O Lord GOD. You have spoken also of your servant’s house for a great while to come, and this is instruction for mankind, O Lord GOD! <sup>20</sup>And what more can David say to you? For you know your servant, O Lord GOD! <sup>21</sup>Because of your promise, and according to your own heart, you have brought about all this greatness, to make your servant know it. <sup>22</sup>Therefore you are great, O LORD God. For there is none like you, and there is no God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears. <sup>23</sup>And who is like your people Israel, the one nation on earth whom God went to redeem to be his people, making himself a name and doing for them great and awesome things by driving out before your people, whom you redeemed for yourself from Egypt, a nation and its gods? <sup>24</sup>And you established for yourself your people Israel to be your people forever. And you, O LORD, became their God. <sup>25</sup>And

now, O LORD God, confirm forever the word that you have spoken concerning your servant and concerning his house, and do as you have spoken. <sup>26</sup>And your name will be magnified forever, saying, ‘The LORD of hosts is God over Israel,’ and the house of your servant David will be established before you. <sup>27</sup>For you, O LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, have made this revelation to your servant, saying, ‘I will build you a house.’ Therefore your servant has found courage to pray this prayer to you. <sup>28</sup>And now, O Lord GOD, you are God, and your words are true, and you have promised this good thing to your servant. <sup>29</sup>Now therefore may it please you to bless the house of your servant, so that it may continue forever before you. For you, O Lord GOD, have spoken, and with your blessing shall the house of your servant be blessed forever.”

### 398 Hail to the Lord’s Anointed

4 Kings shall fall down before Him  
And gold and incense bring;  
All nations shall adore Him,  
His praise all people sing.  
To Him shall prayer unceasing  
And daily vows ascend;  
His kingdom still increasing,  
A kingdom without end.

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### Reading

*Isaiah 22:22*

<sup>22</sup>And I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David. He shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open.

### 398 Hail to the Lord’s Anointed

5 O’er ev’ry foe victorious,  
He on His throne shall rest,  
From age to age more glorious,  
All blessing and all-blest.  
The tide of time shall never  
His covenant remove;  
His name shall stand forever—  
That name to us is Love.

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### Reading

*Psalms 107*

**P** <sup>1</sup>Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever!  
<sup>2</sup>Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,  
whom he has redeemed from trouble  
<sup>3</sup>and gathered in from the lands,  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.

- C** <sup>4</sup>Some wandered in desert wastes,  
finding no way to a city to dwell in;  
<sup>5</sup>hungry and thirsty,  
their soul fainted within them.  
<sup>6</sup>Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,  
and he delivered them from their distress.  
<sup>7</sup>He led them by a straight way  
till they reached a city to dwell in.  
<sup>8</sup>Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,  
for his wondrous works to the children of men!  
<sup>9</sup>For he satisfies the longing soul,  
and the hungry soul he fills with good things.
- A** <sup>10</sup>Some sat in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
prisoners in affliction and in irons,  
<sup>11</sup>for they had rebelled against the words of God,  
and spurned the counsel of the Most High.  
<sup>12</sup>So he bowed their hearts down with hard labor;  
they fell down, with none to help.  
<sup>13</sup>Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,  
and he delivered them from their distress.  
<sup>14</sup>He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death,  
and burst their bonds apart.  
<sup>15</sup>Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,  
for his wondrous works to the children of men!  
<sup>16</sup>For he shatters the doors of bronze  
and cuts in two the bars of iron.
- C** <sup>17</sup>Some were fools through their sinful ways,  
and because of their iniquities suffered affliction;  
<sup>18</sup>they loathed any kind of food,  
and they drew near to the gates of death.  
<sup>19</sup>Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,  
and he delivered them from their distress.  
<sup>20</sup>He sent out his word and healed them,  
and delivered them from their destruction.  
<sup>21</sup>Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,  
for his wondrous works to the children of men!  
<sup>22</sup>And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving,  
and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!

- P** <sup>23</sup>Some went down to the sea in ships,  
doing business on the great waters;  
<sup>24</sup>they saw the deeds of the LORD,  
his wondrous works in the deep.  
<sup>25</sup>For he commanded and raised the stormy wind,  
which lifted up the waves of the sea.  
<sup>26</sup>They mounted up to heaven; they went down to the depths;  
their courage melted away in their evil plight;  
<sup>27</sup>they reeled and staggered like drunken men  
and were at their wits' end.  
<sup>28</sup>Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,  
and he delivered them from their distress.  
<sup>29</sup>He made the storm be still,  
and the waves of the sea were hushed.  
<sup>30</sup>Then they were glad that the waters were quiet,  
and he brought them to their desired haven.  
<sup>31</sup>Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,  
for his wondrous works to the children of men!  
<sup>32</sup>Let them extol him in the congregation of the people,  
and praise him in the assembly of the elders.
- A** <sup>33</sup>He turns rivers into a desert,  
springs of water into thirsty ground,  
<sup>34</sup>a fruitful land into a salty waste,  
because of the evil of its inhabitants.
- C** <sup>35</sup>**He turns a desert into pools of water,  
a parched land into springs of water.**  
<sup>36</sup>**And there he lets the hungry dwell,  
and they establish a city to live in;**  
<sup>37</sup>**they sow fields and plant vineyards  
and get a fruitful yield.**
- P** <sup>38</sup>By his blessing they multiply greatly,  
and he does not let their livestock diminish.
- C** <sup>39</sup>**When they are diminished and brought low  
through oppression, evil, and sorrow,**  
<sup>40</sup>**he pours contempt on princes  
and makes them wander in trackless wastes;**  
<sup>41</sup>**but he raises up the needy out of affliction  
and makes their families like flocks.**
- A** <sup>42</sup>The upright see it and are glad,  
and all wickedness shuts its mouth.
- C** <sup>43</sup>**Whoever is wise, let him attend to these things;  
let them consider the steadfast love of the LORD.**

# 357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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5 O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen  
 wide our heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that  
 leads on high, And close the path to mis - er - y.  
*Refrain*  
 Re - jice! Re - jice! Em - man - u - el  
 Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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- L** In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.
- C** But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

## Sermon

# Canticle

## O Key of David

O Key of David and scepter of the house of Israel, You open and no one can close, You close and no one can | open:\*

Come and rescue the prisoners who are in darkness and the shad- | ow of death.

## Magnificat

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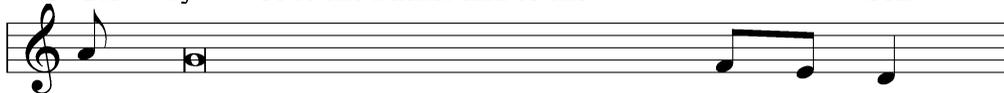
*Refrain*  
**C** My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spir - it re -  
 joic - es in God, my Sav - ior. My soul mag-ni-fies the



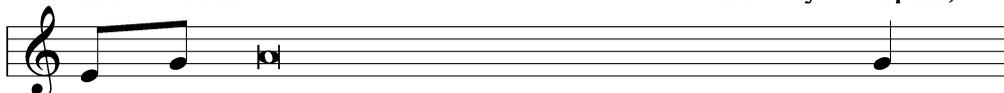
Lord, and my spir - it re - joic - es in God, my Sav - ior.



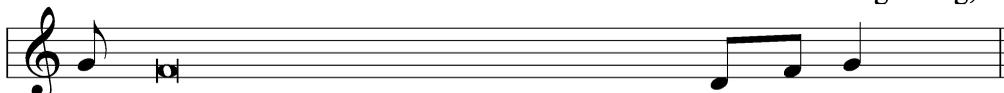
- 1 For ——— He has re ——— - ——— garded
- 2 For the Mighty One has done great things to . . . . . me,
- 3 He has shown strength with His . . . . . arm;
- 4 He has filled the hungry with good . . . . . things,
- 5 Glo - ry be to the Father and to the . . . . . Son



- 1 the lowliness of . . . . . His hand - maiden.
- 2 and holy . . . . . is His name;
- 3 He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
- 4 and the rich He has sent emp - - - ty a - way.
- 5 and to the . . . . . Ho - ly Spirit;



- 1 For be - hold, from this . . . . . day
- 2 and His mercy is on those who . . . . . fear Him
- 3 He has cast down the mighty from their . . . . . thrones
- 4 He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy
- 5 as it was in the be - - - ginning,



- 1 all generations will . . . . . call me blessèd.
- 2 from generation to . . . . . gen - er - ation. *Refrain*
- 3 and has exalt - - - ed the lowly.
- 4 as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for - ever.
- 5 is now, and will be forever. . . . . A - - - men. *Refrain*

### O Key of David



O Key of David and scepter of the house of Israel, You open and no one can close, You close and no one can | open:\*

Come and rescue the prisoners who are in darkness and the shad- | ow of death.

## Offering

# Prayer

*Kneel/Stand*

## Litany

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*The congregation's response may begin just as the leader's petition ends so that the word "Lord" is sung simultaneously by both leader and congregation.*

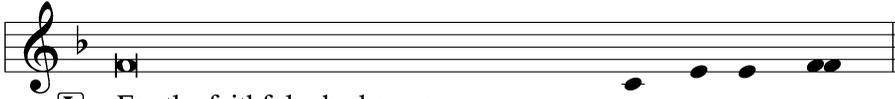


- L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:      **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the 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.
- P** For Matthew our Synodical President and Lee our District President, for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- A** For the President of the United States, for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- A** For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- A** For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For . . . [*additional bids for prayer may be inserted here*] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

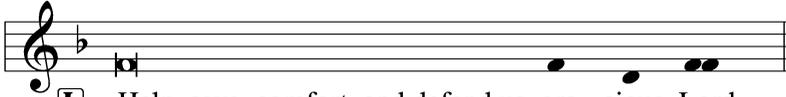
*The prayers then continue:*



**L** For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

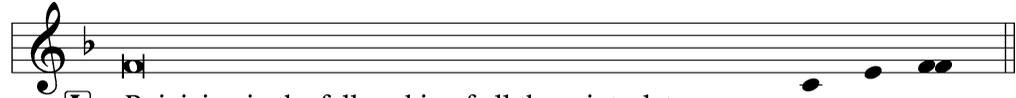


**C** Al - le - lu - ia.



**L** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

*Silence for individual prayer may follow.*



**L** Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:



**C** To You, O Lord.

### Collect For Peace

**L** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

### Lord's Prayer

*LSB 251*

**L** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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.**

## Benedicamus

LSB 252



**L** Let us bless the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

LSB 252



**P** The almighty and merciful Lord,  
the Father, the  $\text{✠}$  Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre - serve you.



**C** A - men.

## 936 Sing Praise to the God of Israel



1 Sing praise to the God of Is - ra - el! Sing praise for His  
2 God spoke by the proph - ets long a - go, His prom - ise on  
3 You, child, will go on be - fore the Lord As proph - et, His  
4 O bright, ris - ing Sun, now shine on us In need of il -



vis - i - ta - tion! Re - deem - ing His peo - ple from their sin,  
oath re - call - ing— To A - bra - ham made in for - mer years:  
way pre - par - ing; To speak on be - half of God Most High,  
lu - mi - na - tion; Come scat - ter the shades of sin and death



Ac - com - plish - ing their sal - va - tion, Up - rais - ing a  
Of van - quish - ing foes ap - pall - ing, That those He de -  
His coun - sel of truth de - clar - ing: Rich mer - cy and  
And shat - ter their dom - i - na - tion. Be guid - ing our



might - y horn with - in The house of His ser - vant Da - vid!  
liv - ered from their fears Might glad - ly and tru - ly serve Him.  
grace for all where - by In - iq - ui - ty is for - giv - en.  
foot - steps on the path Of peace, in Your pres - ence dawn - ing!

## Pray for Our Servicemen and Missionaries we support

Please remember to pray for family members and friends deployed on active duty and for the LCMS Missionaries we support including: † Franklin LaLonde †

† Rev. David Preus and his family (Dominican Republic) †

## Pray for Those Who are Ill and Recovering

† Juston Alexander † Inge Allen † Ellen Bauer † Tim Berrier † Tim and Joann Boettger †  
 † Barb Bon Giovanni † Brynna BonGiovanni † Karen Buettner † Denise Bush † Inger Candler †  
 † Virginia Charland † LuAnn Clark † Jerry Driscoll † Marlene Engstrom † Logan Gathman †  
 † Sharon Green † David Harbaugh † Mary Heimsoth † Herb Houser † Doug Isaac †  
 † Judy Jennings † Joelle Jones † Mary Jones † Roxanna Jones and baby † Liz Joyce †  
 † Patricia King † Marian Kubinski † Bill and Irene Leitgeb † GraceAnn Long †  
 † Chris MacMurray † Chris Malley † † Laine Martin † The Matson Family †  
 † Jim and Marie Matthews † Ken Merrill † Sydney Merrill † † Jenny Miessler †  
 † Bob and Judy Neff † Mery L. Osario † Dennis Remshek † Dwayne Richard †  
 † Waldo Ruehs † Melvin and Joan Rust † Claire Salerno † Smitty and Mary Smith †  
 † The Sundell Family † Donna Thomas † Roberta Thornsberry † Tom Ulmer † John Vaughan †  
 † Cody Vaughn † Jerome Welliver † Donna Wogan † Jessica Wood-Stewart †  
 † Christian Worth † Paul Zander †

## ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Wednesday	6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Christmas Carols Advent Service
Thursday	9:00 AM	Thurs AM Bible Study-Genesis
Friday	5:00PM-10:00PM	Youth Christmas Party (6th grade and up)
Saturday-	8:00AM 9:00AM 3:00PM 4:30 PM 6:00 PM	Men's Club Breakfast Men's Club Bible Study Board of Stewardship Meeting Choir Rehearsal Supper
Sunday-	9:15 AM 10:30 AM 12:30 PM	Sunday School Divine Service/Children's Christmas Program Confirmation <b>Refreshments K-M</b>
Tuesday -	12:00PM 3:00PM 5:00PM	Christmas Party – Warren Senior Center Bible Class-Resurrection and New Creation Advent Devotion @ Richland Care Center
Wednesday	9:00AM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Crocker Bible Study-Luther's Small Catechism Christmas Carols Advent Service

## Board of Stewardship

### MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE

We're so close!

Thank you to everyone for your ongoing support of our Organ Campaign.

The Voter's assembly voted to purchase the organ that the Allen Company has designed for our space. We are very close to having 100% of the funds necessary to pay for the new organ **in full** for installation at Easter!

Help us to close the gap by the end of the year!

Target Goal: \$77,897

Current Balance: \$64,459.11

**Still Needed: \$13,437.89**



## Poinsettias

We would like to adorn the sanctuary with poinsettias for our Christmas Eve service. The plants are \$10.00 each. If you wish to purchase a plant, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. To pay, please place the payment in an envelope making sure to indicate on the check and/or envelope that it is for poinsettias. Place the envelope in the offering plate or Mailbox A-1. You are welcome to take your poinsettia home after the service or have it delivered to one of our homebound members.



## Family Devotions for Advent

There are still a few Advent Devotion Books and wreaths available. Please let the office know if you would like one for your family.



**GIVE FOR THE YOUTH:** Planning for the immediate future and the 2022 Gathering in Houston TX!! Please help the Youth prepare for the future by choosing an envelope and putting a donation to match or exceed the number on the envelope. Then place the envelope in the **GIVING BOX**.

## ADVENT MIDWEEK PRAYER SERVICES

Come join your church family each Wednesday in December as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Lord & Savior. Services are Wednesdays at 7 p.m. with Christmas caroling beforehand at 6:30pm.

## LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Everyone is encouraged to participate in our local Free Women's Center's diaper drive and fill a baby bottle fundraiser beginning the first Sunday of Advent (Dec. 1st) and continuing through the end of December.

The results will be announced on "Sanctity of Life" Sunday (Jan 19).

Diapers & wipes are needed, especially size 3. Be sure to pick up a baby bottle and begin saving your change to support this special fundraiser.



Kim Bradford's son Henry is looking to begin working.

Ways to help:

1. Do you run your own business and have a job available?
2. Do you know of places that are hiring?
3. Would you be willing to write a recommendation letter for Henry?

Please speak with Kim or Henry if you can help.



If you need a current mailbox listing for Christmas cards let Stephanie in the office know. Just a note, the person's name is at the bottom of their mailbox.

To provide for a seasonal bulletin board certain regularly posted items are now available through the office.

Feel free to contact Stephanie in the office for copies of items like: Church Budget, Elected Positions, Clergy Roster, etc.

**REFRESHMENTS** In December we use an alphabet system for refreshments. Check the 'Those Who Serve' calendar to find the first letter of your last name so you will know when it is your week to bring refreshments to share.

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