

*Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church
St. Robert, MO*



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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 22nd at Faith

Organist	Mary Jones
Acolyte	Robert King and Anthony Cortesini
Altar Guild	Elders
Ushers	Tom & Faith Dunn, Leroy Tronstad, Harold King, Fred Brady

Asst. Minister	Ron Hinchman
Greeters	
Refreshments	N-S
Sermon Title	God with Us

The order of service for today begins on page 184 of the Lutheran Service Book.

Confession and Absolution

Please rise. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Parishioners observe a moment of silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination, perhaps using the Ten Commandments to examine specific sins committed in thought, word, and deed.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

340 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates



1 Lift up your heads, ye might-y gates! Be - hold, the King of
2 A righ-teous Help - er comes to thee; His char - iot is hu -
3 How blest the land, the cit - y blest, Where Christ the rul - er
4 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make it a tem - ple
5 Re - deem - er, come and o - pen wide My heart to Thee; here,



glo - ry waits. The King of kings is draw - ing near; The
mil - i - ty, His king - ly crown is ho - li - ness, His
is con-fessed! O peace - ful hearts and hap - py homes To
set a - part From earth - ly use for heav'n's em - ploy, A -
Lord, a - bid! O en - ter with Thy grace di - vine; Thy



Sav - ior of the world is here. Life and sal - va - tion
scep - ter, pit - y in dis - tress. The end of all our
whom this King in tri - umph comes! The cloud-less sun of
dorned with prayer and love and joy. So shall your Sov'-reign
face of mer - cy on me shine. Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



He doth bring; There - fore re - jice and glad - ly sing. To
woe He brings; There - fore the earth is glad and sings. To
joy is He Who comes to set His peo - ple free. To
en - ter in And new and no - bler life be - gin. To
guide us on Un - til our glo - rious goal is won. E -



God the Fa - ther raise Your joy - ful songs of praise.
Christ the Sav - ior raise Your grate - ful hymns of praise.
God the Spir - it raise Your hap - py shouts of praise.
God a - lone be praise For word and deed and grace!
ter - nal praise and fame We of - fer to Thy name.

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be seated

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 7:10–17

¹⁰Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, ¹¹“Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” ¹²But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” ¹³And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. ¹⁷The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father’s house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria.”

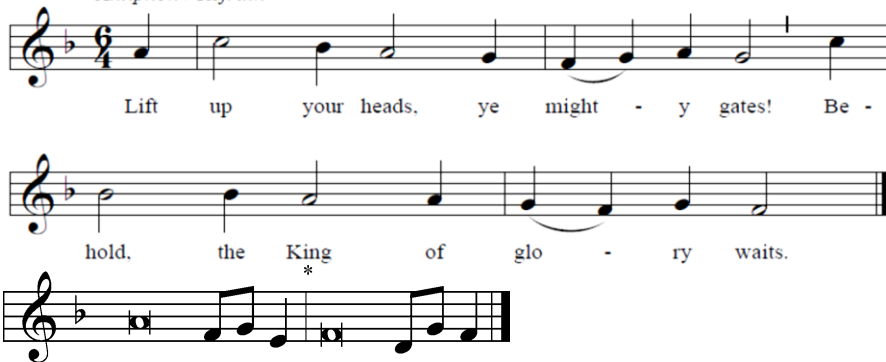
- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 24

**The choir will sing the Antiphon the first time, the congregation will join the second time.*

Antiphon / Refrain



¹The earth is the LORD's and the full- | ness thereof,*

the world and those who | dwell therein,

²for he has founded it up- | on the seas*

and established it upon the | rivers.

³Who shall ascend the hill | of the LORD?*

And who shall stand in his | holy place?

⁴He who has clean hands and a | pure heart,*

who does not lift up his soul to what is false

and does not swear de- | ceitfully.

⁵He will receive blessing | from the LORD*

and righteousness from the God of his sal- | vation.

⁶Such is the generation of those who | seek him,*

who seek the face of the God of | Jacob.

Antiphon-All

⁷Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O | ancient doors,*

that the King of glory | may come in.

⁸Who is this King of | glory?*

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in | battle!

⁹Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O | ancient doors,*

that the King of glory | may come in.

¹⁰Who is this King of | glory?*

The LORD of hosts, he is the King of | glory!

Antiphon-All

Epistle

Romans 1:1-7

¹Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,

²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the

dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, ⁶including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, ⁷To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please rise

338 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, Thou long-ex-pect-ed Je-sus, Born to set Thy peo-ple free;
2 Born Thy peo-ple to de-liv-er; Born a child and yet a king!
From our fears and sins re-lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Born to reign in us for-ev-er, Now Thy gra-cious king-dom bring.
Is-rael's strength and con-so-la-tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,
By Thine own e-ter-nal Spir-it Rule in all our hearts a-lone;
Dear de-sire of ev-'ry na-tion, Joy of ev-'ry long-ing heart.
By Thine all-suf-fi-cient mer-it Raise us to Thy glo-rious throne.

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 1:18–25

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the first chapter.



G Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

²¹She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

²³“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call his name Immanuel”

(which means, God with us). ²⁴When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated

O Emmanuel



O Emmanuel, our king and our Lord, the anointed for the nations and their | Savior: *
Come and save us, O | Lord our God.

357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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Musical notation for the hymn 'O Come, O Come, Emmanuel' in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is written on a single staff with a treble clef. It begins with a half note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a half note C, a quarter note D, a quarter note E, a half note F, a quarter note G, and ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the staff. The first line of the melody is marked with '1' and 'O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som'. The second line of the melody is marked with 'cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly'. The third line of the melody is marked with 'ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.' The fourth line of the melody is marked with 'Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el'. The fifth line of the melody is marked with 'Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!'. The word 'Refrain' is written below the third line of the melody. The word 'Tune and text: Public domain' is written below the fifth line of the melody.

O Emmanuel



O Emmanuel, our king and our Lord, the anointed for the nations and their | Savior: *
Come and save us, O | Lord our God.

Sermon

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C** Amen.

Please rise

Offertory

LSB 192



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Please be seated

Offering

Please rise

Prayer of the Church

P Lord, You have taught us to pray; hear us now as we come to You in Jesus' name.

Brief silence

A You established the earth and the heavens, O Lord, and created us to exercise dominion over all that You made. O come, O Wisdom, You established the earth, restore all things to Your purpose. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A O Come, O Lord, our Redeemer, You came down to rescue Your people Israel from slavery in Egypt; come rescue us from slavery to sin, the fear of death, and the tyranny of the Evil One. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A O Come, O Root of Jesse, You are the hope that the remnant of the Father's loving purposes will emerge in humble authority to restore Good out of Evil. Lift our eyes and hearts in hope. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A O Come, O Key of David, release us from the prison of darkness and open heaven for your redeemed people. Shut the way of darkness and welcome us into your everlasting Light. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A O Come, thou Dayspring, O Morning Light, enlighten our darkness with Your Light, O Christ, may Your Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path, for You are merciful and You love Your whole creation, and we Your people glorify You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A O Come, Lord of the Nations, lift high Your banner of Peace and Mercy and gather all nations under Your Word and Truth that by Your Spirit, we all live with full allegiance to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A O Come, Emmanuel, that we may rejoice in your full presence, God with us, face to face. Until You fulfill all these promises confirm us in contentment to patient waiting and true faith under Your cross. Open our eyes to see you clearly as You make Yourself plain to us in Word and Sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

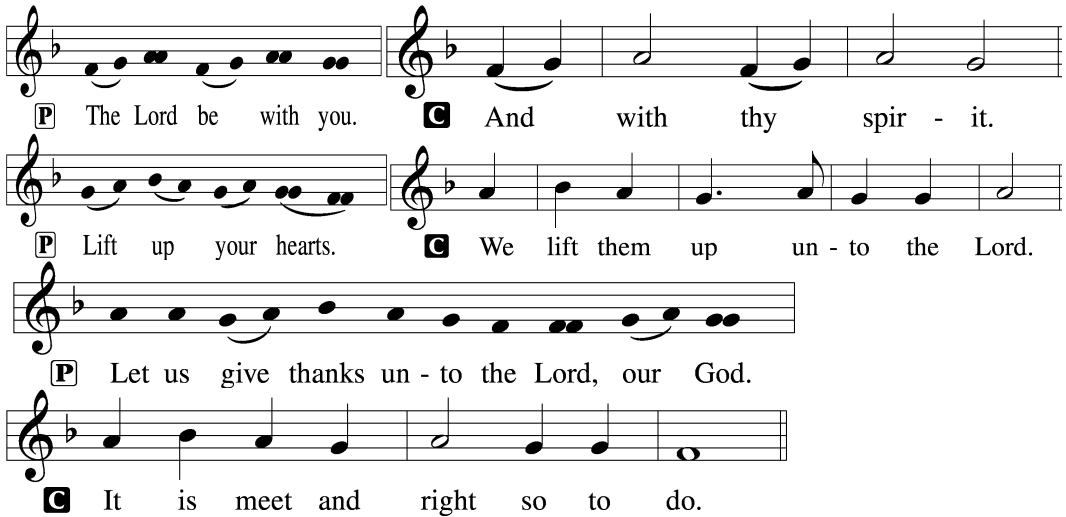
P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy to provide us all things as we have need; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 194



P The Lord be with you. **C** And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

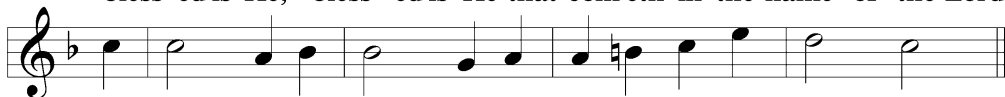
LSB 195



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

- 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.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini



- P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



- C** A - men.

Following the Pax Domini, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Agnus Dei



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Please be seated

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive.

Communing at Faith

Please see our communion statement on page 2.

Communion Hymns

356 The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

384 Of the Father's Love Begotten

359 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

Please rise

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
 cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tles and the glo - ry of Thy
 peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
 and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

- A** Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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.

Salutation

LSB 201



P The Lord be with you. **C** And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

LSB 202



A Bless we the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 202

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

364 Away in a Manger



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay

The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head.
 But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes.
 Close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.

The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
 I love Thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care,

The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
 And take us to heav - en to live with Thee there.

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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



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**.



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.

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.



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.

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 †
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 † 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

Sunday-	9:15 AM 10:30 AM 12:30 PM	Sunday School Divine Service Confirmation Refreshments N-S
Tuesday	7:00PM	Christmas Eve Service
Wednesday	10:30AM	Christmas Day Service
Sunday-	9:15 AM 10:30 AM 12:30 PM	Sunday School Divine Service Confirmation Refreshments T-Z
Tuesday	7:00PM	New Year's Eve Service



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.



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Traditional Candlelight Service at 7 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

Divine Service at 10:30 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE – Divine Service at 7 p.m.

