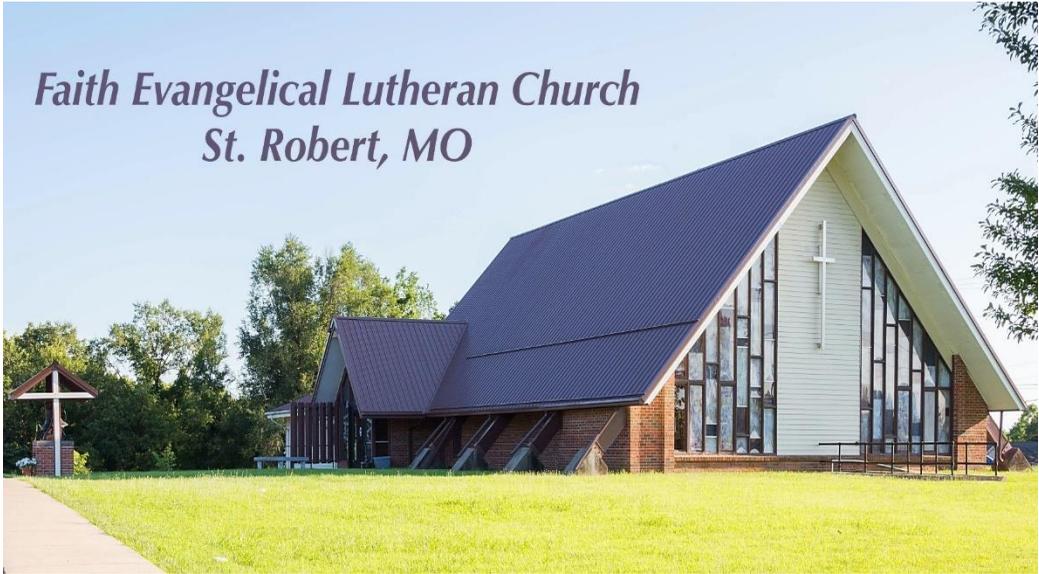


*Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church  
St. Robert, MO*



*Second Midweek in Advent  
December 8, 2021*



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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 8<sup>th</sup> at Faith

<b>Organist</b>	Heidi Perling
<b>Acolyte</b>	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Lee Phinney
<b>Ushers</b>	

<b>Asst. Minister</b>	Dennis Engstrom
<b>Greeters</b>	
<b>Refreshments</b>	
<b>Sermon Title</b>	

# Service of Light

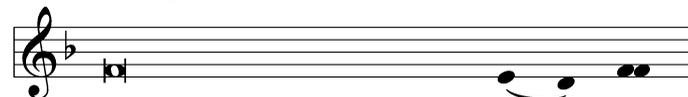
*Please rise.*



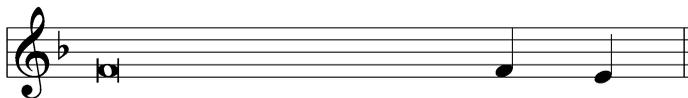
**L** Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,



**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,



bles - 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**

*LSB 245*

**L** Blessèd are You, O Lord our God, king of the u-ni-verse,  
 who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of  
 fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ;  
 may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;  
 for You are mer-ci-ful, and You love Your whole cre-a-tion  
 and we, Your creatures, glo-ri-fy You, Father, Son, and Ho-ly Spir-it.  
**C** A-men.

*Please be seated.*

# Psalmody

Psalm 141

*Psalm 141:1-4,8*

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

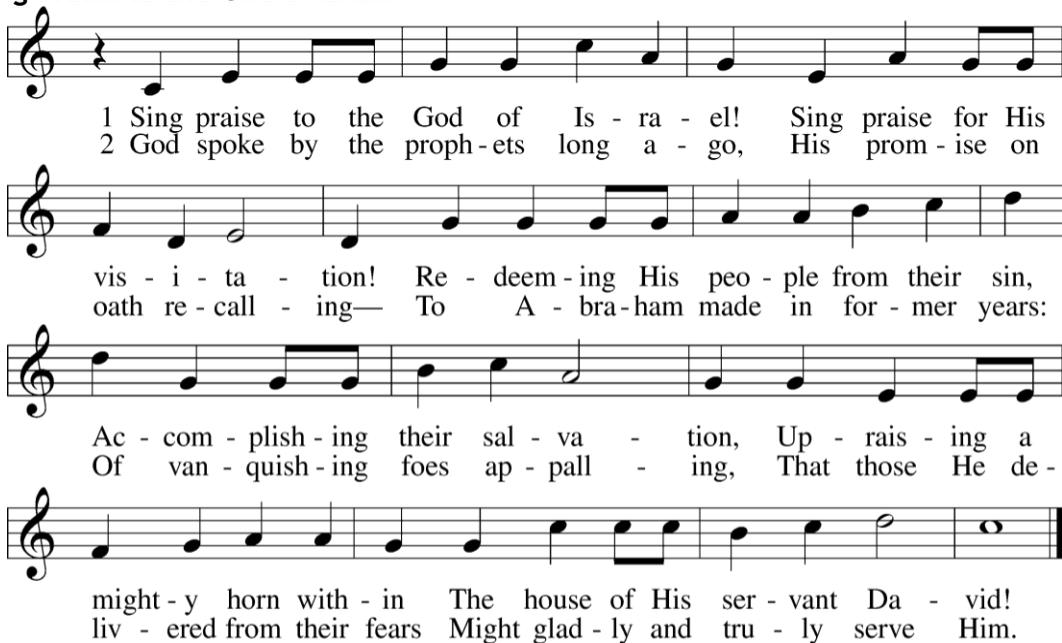


to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in  
the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men.  
Let my prayer rise be-fore You as in-cense,  
the lift-ing up of my hands as the eve-ning sac-ri-fice.

**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.

### 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  
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:  
Ac-com-plish-ing their sal-va-tion, Up-rais-ing a  
Of van-quish-ing foes ap-pall-ing, That those He de-  
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.

3 You, child, will go on before the Lord  
As prophet, His way preparing;  
To speak on behalf of God Most High,  
His counsel of truth declaring:  
Rich mercy and grace for all whereby  
Iniquity is forgiven.

4 O bright, rising Sun, now shine on us  
In need of illumination;  
Come scatter the shades of sin and death  
And shatter their domination.  
Be guiding our footsteps on the path  
Of peace, in Your presence dawning!

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## Readings

### Reading

*Malachi 3:1–7b*

<sup>1</sup>“Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap. <sup>3</sup>He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

<sup>5</sup>“Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

<sup>6</sup>“For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. <sup>7</sup>From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them.”

### Reading

*Luke 1:57–80*

<sup>57</sup>Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. <sup>58</sup>And her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. <sup>59</sup>And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child. And they would have called him Zechariah after his father, <sup>60</sup>but his mother answered, “No; he shall be called John.” <sup>61</sup>And they said to her, “None of your relatives is called by this name.” <sup>62</sup>And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he wanted him to be called. <sup>63</sup>And he asked for a writing tablet and wrote, “His name is John.” And they all wondered. <sup>64</sup>And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God. <sup>65</sup>And fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea, <sup>66</sup>and all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, “What then will this child be?” For the hand of the Lord was with him.

<sup>67</sup>And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying,

<sup>68</sup>“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
for he has visited and redeemed his people  
<sup>69</sup>and has raised up a horn of salvation for us  
in the house of his servant David,  
<sup>70</sup>as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,  
<sup>71</sup>that we should be saved from our enemies  
and from the hand of all who hate us;  
<sup>72</sup>to show the mercy promised to our fathers  
and to remember his holy covenant,  
<sup>73</sup>the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us  
<sup>74</sup>that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,  
might serve him without fear,  
<sup>75</sup>in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.  
<sup>76</sup>And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,  
<sup>77</sup>to give knowledge of salvation to his people  
in the forgiveness of their sins,  
<sup>78</sup>because of the tender mercy of our God,  
whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high  
<sup>79</sup>to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

<sup>80</sup>And the child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

- 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

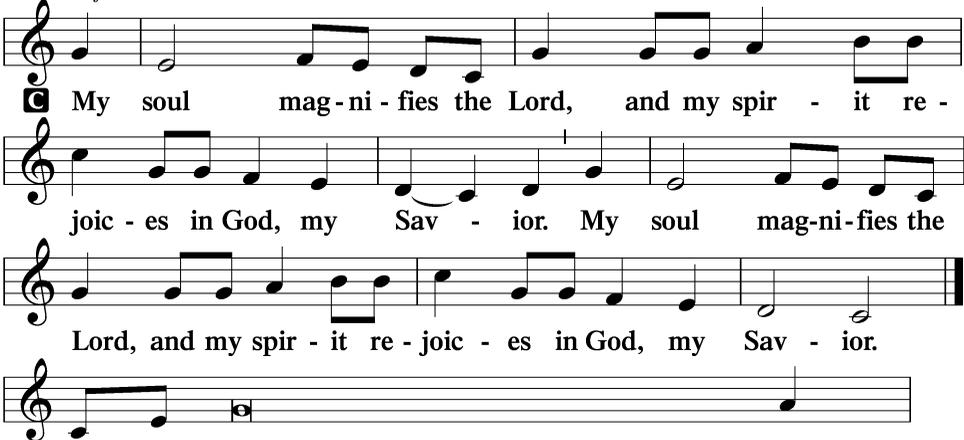
# Canticle

Please rise.

## Magnificat

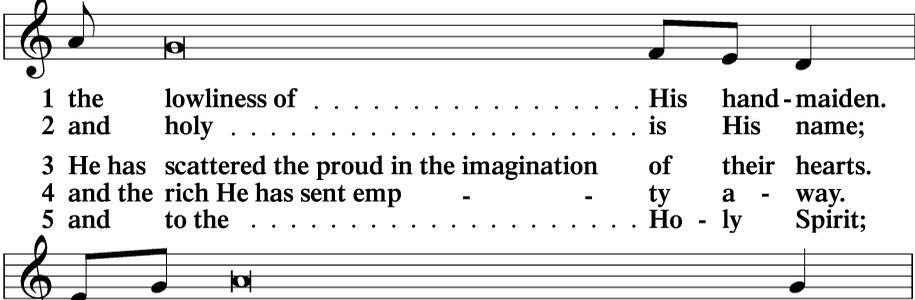
Luke 1:46–55

*Refrain*



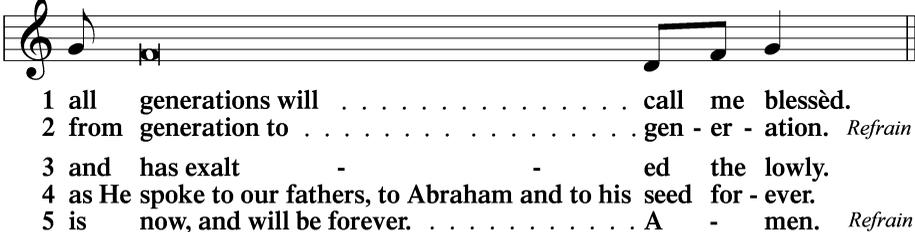
My soul mag - ni - fies the Lord, and my spir - it re -  
joic - es in God, my Sav - ior. My soul mag - ni - fies the  
Lord, and my spir - it re - joic - es in God, my Sav - ior.

- 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*

*Please be seated.*

## Offering

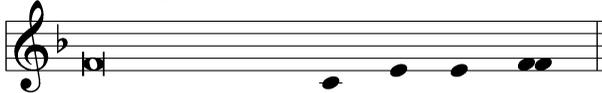
# Prayer

*Please rise.*

## 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:

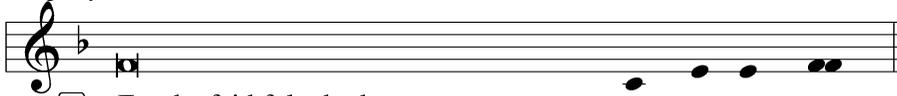


**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- L** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** 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.**
- L** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** 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.**
- L** For the President, 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.**
- L** 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.**
- L** 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.**

- L** 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.**
- L** For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For . . . [*additional bids for prayer may be inserted here*] . . . let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

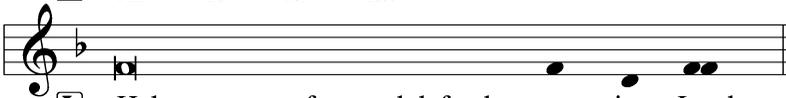
*The prayers then continue:*



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

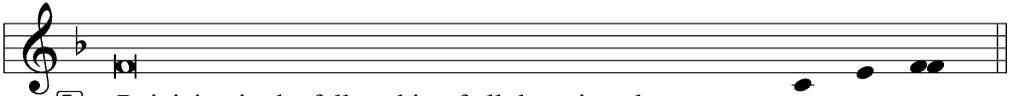


- C** Al - le - lu - ia.

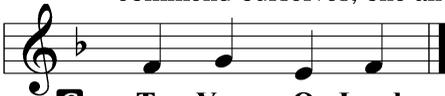


- L** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

*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.**

*Please rise.*

## 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.

### 359 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming



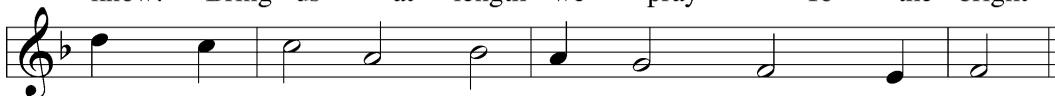
1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing From ten - der stem hath  
 2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, The rose I have in  
 3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der With sweet - ness fills the  
 4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, Who felt our hu - man



sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing As proph - ets long have  
 mind; With Mar - y we be - hold it, The vir - gin moth - er  
 air, Dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor The dark - ness ev - 'ry -  
 woe; O Sav - ior, King of glo - ry, Who dost our weak - ness



sung, It came, a flow - 'ret bright, A - mid the  
 kind. To show God's love a - right, She bore to  
 where. True man, yet ver - y God, From sin and  
 know: Bring us at length we pray To the bright



cold of win - ter, When half - spent was the night.  
 us a Sav - ior, When half - spent was the night.  
 death He saves us And light - ens ev - 'ry load.  
 courts of heav - en, And to the end - less day.

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**FELC ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK IN PERSON AND THROUGH ZOOM**

Wednesday	9:00 AM 12:00 PM 1:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Luther’s Small Catechism for Everyone Midweek Advent Service Widow’s Lunch @ Colton’s Christmas Caroling Midweek Advent Service
Thursday	9:00 AM 3:30 PM	Thurs AM Bible Study-Deuteronomy Confirmation Class
Sunday	9:15 AM 10:30 AM	Bible Study- The Acts of the Apostles Divine Service

**FELC ZOOM INFO** – Meeting ID 664 893 6657      Meeting Password - 530995

**ANNUAL DIAPER DRIVE** for the Free Women’s Center has begun. We will be collecting diapers and wipes. Sizes 3 & 4 are needed most. In celebration of the LWML being 80 years old let’s try for a goal 80 pkgs of wipes and 800 diapers. FELC has donated more than that in the past. Let’s go for it!!

**THE BOARD OF YOUNG PEOPLE** is hosting a Christmas party for youth in 5th - 12th grades. The party will be at the church December 18 at 6:00 p.m. We are planning a devotional, planning session, food, games, and cookie decorating. If you plan to attend, please let us know on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. More information will be published in the coming weeks.

**60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY FUND** has begun. The Committee has need of funding for the special occasion next spring: April 29, 30 & May 1. Note in the memo of your check “60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary” or use any extra envelopes in your box.

- The committee will continue accepting names and addresses. Please place them in mailbox G-2 Karen Boorum.
- Recipes are still needed, such as tasty potluck dishes, Grandma’s recipes, etc.
- Get your picture taken by Stephanie Mitchell - *No charge, no soliciting.*  
*Upcoming dates will be posted soon.*

Your donations help to cover the cost of these items.

## Requesting Prayers

### Pray for Our Servicemen and Missionaries we support

† Franklin LaLonde † Chris MacMurray † Jacob Gan † Anthony Isaac

† Laramie Yancey † Geoff Gronewold †

† Rev. Dr. David Preus & family (Dominican Republic) † Nathaniel & Emma Jensen (Kaiserslauten) †

#### Current Events

† Pray that we and the nations put away false gods, but know, trust, love, and follow Jesus  
† Natural disasters recovery and restoration efforts.  
† Prayers for Peace and Justice  
† Prayer for Nation's Leaders and illness; prayer for the Lord to do His will through our local, state, and national elections  
† Health Workers  
† Educators & Students  
† All new military visitors and families

#### Thanksgivings

† Jeff Malam  
† Free Women's Center

#### COVID-19 Thanksgivings

Thankfulness for Vaccine

#### COVID-19 Concerns

† Scott Bryan  
† SFC Mike Heib  
† Doris and Ollie Schneider

#### Immediate Needs

† Rachel Benton  
† Ken and Cheryl Bohannon †  
Ralph Bush  
† Don Colby  
† Lexi Crider  
† Rodney Drees  
† Ethel Duke  
† Joe Duke  
† Marcia Euren  
† Jamie Ann Gan  
† Jana Goodard

† Darrel Hinrichs  
† Herb and Joan Houser  
† Al Issac  
† Joelle Jones  
† Michelle Jones  
† Irene Leitgeb  
† JD Mattison  
† Clark Mullins  
† Marion Munson  
† Ingrid Ozee  
† Renate Phillips  
† Bill Rostad  
† Flori Scheuermann  
† Pastor Ben Schumacher  
† Mike Statton  
† Robin Stillwell  
† Roberta Thornsberry  
† John Vaughan  
**Long Term Needs**  
† Marolyn Baxter  
† Ann Marie Boerner (Capps)  
† The Boettger Family  
† Barb BonGiovanni  
† Dan Boorum  
† Ray Crosby  
† Fulton Dobbs  
† Sharon & Duane Green  
† Mary Heimsoth  
† Finnigan Heine  
† Doug Isaac  
† Mary Jones  
† Liz Joyce  
† Linda Keener  
† Marge Kohl  
† Marian Kubinski

† Don Major  
† Ken Merrill  
† Sydney Merrill  
† Jenny Miessler  
† Velda Myers  
† Anthony Nolting  
† Ed Pyatt  
† Dwayne Richard  
† Jane Robinson  
† Susan Rostad  
† Melvin and Joan Rust  
† Ben Paul Schumacher  
† Mary Smith  
† Donna Thomas  
† Becky Vogel  
† Ron Weaver  
† Jerome Welliver  
† Lisa Weinhold  
† Mike Wilson  
† Donna Wogan  
† Kathy Wortham  
† Samantha  
**Comfort Facing Death**  
† The Family of Inge Allen  
† The Family of Mike Bradford  
† The Family of Ed Bucnis  
† The Family of David Burnett  
† The Family of  
Jerry & Janet Driscoll  
† The Family of Margaret Earle  
† The Family of Francis Iverson  
† The Family of Davina McCall  
† The Family of Barbara  
Stubblefield  
† The Family of Tina Woody