

The Fourth Sunday in Advent December 19, 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 19th at Faith

Organist	Heidi Perling
Acolyte	
Altar	Lee Phinney
Guild	
Ushers	

Asst. Minister	Ron Hinchman
Greeters	
Refreshments	N-S
Sermon Title	Reliable Signs

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,
- **and** You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

The Congregation reflects silently on God's Word using the Ten Commandments to examine specific sins committed in thought, word, and deed.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- 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.

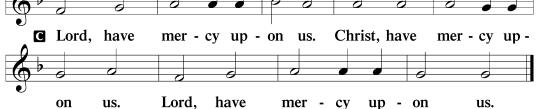
Service of the Word

376 Once in Royal David's City



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- **P** Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
- **C** and they shall call his name Immanuel.

Matthew 1:23a.





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

Micah 5:2-5a

- A The Old Testament Reading for the Fourth Sunday in Advent is from Micah, chapter 5.
 - ² But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.
 - ³Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth;

then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel.

⁴And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.

- ⁵And he shall be their peace.
- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.



Antiphon Restore us, O | God of hosts;* let your face shine, that we | may be saved!

¹Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph | like a flock!* You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, | shine forth.

²Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Ma- | nasseh,* stir up your might and come to | save us!

³Restore us, O God;* let your face shine, that we may be saved!

⁴O LORD | God of hosts,*

how long will you be angry with your | people's prayers?

⁵You have fed them with the | bread of tears* and given them tears to drink in full | measure.

⁶You make us an object of contention for our | neighbors,* and our enemies laugh a- | mong themselves.

Antiphon Restore us, O | God of hosts;* let your face shine, that we | may be saved!

Epistle Hebrews 10:5–10

A The Epistle is from Hebrews, chapter 10.

⁵When Christ came into the world, he said,

"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me;

⁶in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.

⁷Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.'"

⁸When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), ⁹then he added, "Behold, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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

Please rise.

Alleluia



Holy Gospel Luke 1:39–45

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



³⁹In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴²and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."





Nicene Creed

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.

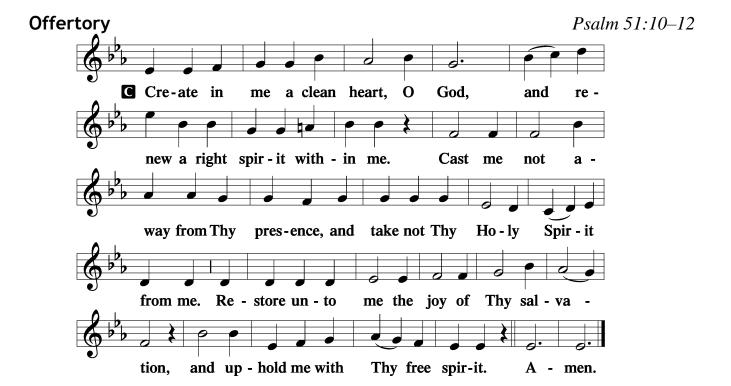




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Sermon

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



Please be seated.

Offering

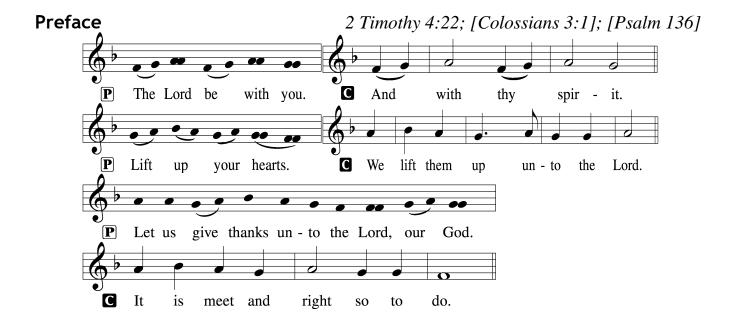
Please rise.

Prayer of the Church

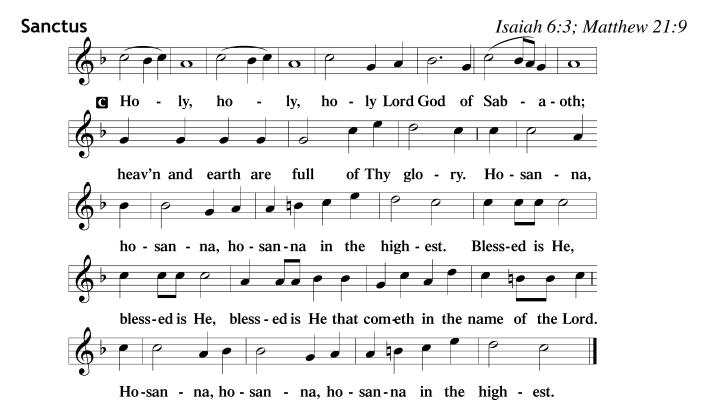
- **P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A For all who prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ, that our ever-faithful and all-powerful God would give us grateful hearts that His Son has come in the flesh to save us, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A For congregations where numbers are small and resources scarce, that God, who raised up the King of all from little Bethlehem, would provide for their needs also and remind them that the same King dwells among them in His Means of Grace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A For contentment with what our Lord provides, that He who makes poor and makes rich would preserve us from coveting what He does not give and make us wise stewards of all of His blessings, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.

- A For our leaders, that Christ Jesus, who shepherds His flock to the ends of the earth, would grant them wisdom; for the nations, that they may have peace; and that we may dwell secure, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A That the Lord, who helped His servant Israel, would have mercy upon all who are brought low by affliction especially those listed in our bulletin; that He would heal and strengthen them according to His will; and that He would maintain in them the certain hope of His faithfulness, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A For all who commune, that God, who sanctified us through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all on the cross, would prepare our hearts to receive Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of sins this day, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A Mighty God, You have done great things for us, most of all delivering us from death to life through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Mercifully hear our prayers and answer them according to Your will for the sake of Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Service of the Sacrament



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:



Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread;

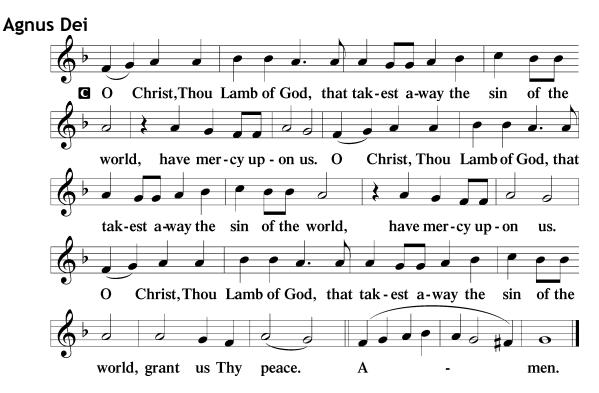
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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."

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

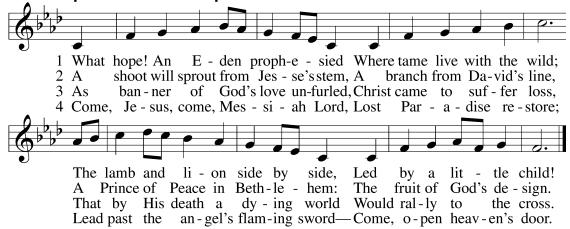


Please be seated.

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.

342 What Hope! An Eden Prophesied



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625 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread



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- 5 O come, Thou Key of David, come, And open wide our heav'nly home; Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery. Refrain
- 6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high, And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight. Refrain
- 7 O come, Desire of nations, bind In one the hearts of all mankind; Bid Thou our sad divisions cease, And be Thyself our King of Peace. Refrain

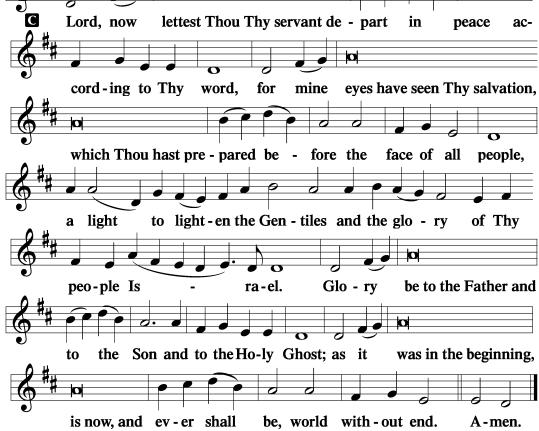
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- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart

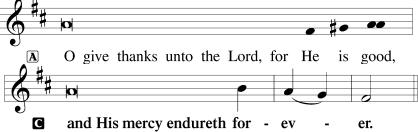
 → in peace.
- C Amen.

Please rise.









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.





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



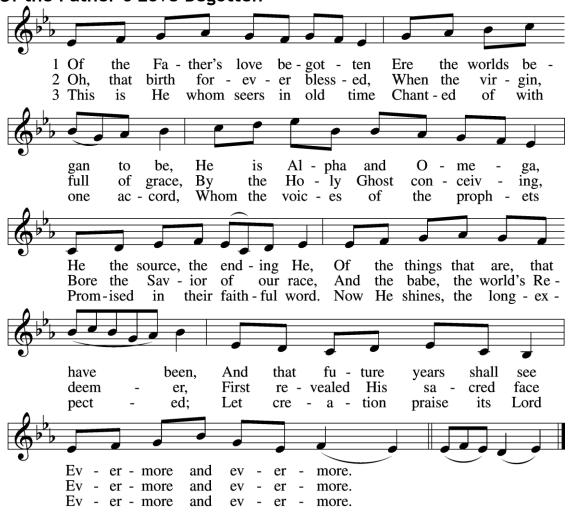
Benediction Numbers 6:24–26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.







- 4 O ye heights of heav'n, adore Him;
 Angel hosts, His praises sing.
 Pow'rs, dominions, bow before Him
 And extol our God and King.
 Let no tongue on earth be silent,
 Ev'ry voice in concert ring
 Evermore and evermore.
- △ 5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Father,
 And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee
 Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
 And unending praises be,
 Honor, glory, and dominion,
 And eternal victory
 Evermore and evermore. Amen.

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FELC ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK IN PERSON AND THROUGH ZOOM

Sunday	9:15 AM	Bible Study- The Acts of the Apostles
	10:30 AM	Divine Service
		Refreshments N-S
Tuesday	6:00 PM	Ladies of Faith Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Prayer Service
Friday	7:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service
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Saturday	10:30 AM	Christmas Day Service
Christmas		
Day		
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		Refreshments T-Z

FELC ZOOM INFO – Meeting ID 664 893 6657

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TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are placed by the Clark Family in memory of their daughter Kayla.

THE TUESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY will be taking a Christmas break on 12/19 & 12/28. We will resume on January 4th at 1 pm., followed by lunch at Cracker Barrel.

LADIES AID requests that you save any Christmas Cards you receive this year that you don't plan to keep, and pass them along to them. Throughout the year the ladies revamp the cards and deliver them to area nursing homes during the Christmas holidays. In past years they have delivered around 200 cards!

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.

*As of Wednesday evening's Advent Service 6 pkg wipes=512 wipes and 9 pkg of diapers=480 diapers have been contributed. So, you see we're halfway there for 800 diapers and we have until Life Sunday in Jan!!

60TH **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 "60th 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 Boorom.
- 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
- † 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
- † Todd Meyer
- † Clark Mullins
- † Marion Munson
- † 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 Boorom
- † 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