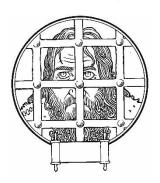


# The Third Sunday in Advent December 11, 2022



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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**

Organist	Heidi Perling
Acolyte	Skylar Clark
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Lee Phinney
Ushers	Tristan Boerner
	Anthony Cortesini, Fred Brady

Asst. Minister	Ron Hinchman
Greeters	
Refreshments	J-O
Sermon Title	He s Redeemed Me

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 A Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

# Service of the Word

### 334 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You



5 Sin's debt, that fearful burden,
Cannot His love erase;
Your guilt the Lord will pardon
And cover by His grace.
He comes, for you procuring
The peace of sin forgiv'n,
His children thus securing
Eternal life in heav'n.

6 He comes to judge the nations,
A terror to His foes,
A light of consolations
And blessèd hope to those
Who love the Lord's appearing.
O glorious Sun, now come,
Send forth Your beams so cheering,
And guide us safely home.

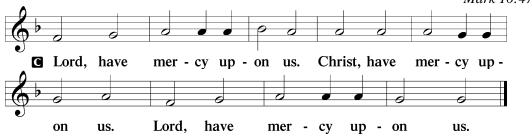
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P Alleluia. Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you. Alleluia.

Matthew 11:10b









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Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be seated

# **Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 35:1-10

A The Old Testament Reading for the Third Sunday in Advent is from Isaiah, chapter 35.

<sup>1</sup>The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;

the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;

<sup>2</sup>it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,

the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.

<sup>3</sup>Strengthen the weak hands,

and make firm the feeble knees.

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who have an anxious heart,

"Be strong; fear not!

Behold, your God will come with vengeance,

with the recompense of God.

He will come and save you."

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

<sup>6</sup>then shall the lame man leap like a deer,

and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;

<sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool,

and the thirsty ground springs of water;

in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,

the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

<sup>8</sup>And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it.

It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.

<sup>9</sup>No lion shall be there,

nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there,

but the redeemed shall walk there.

<sup>10</sup>And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;

they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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

#### **Psalm**

Psalm 146; antiphon: v. 5



Antiphon Blessèd is he whose help is the God of | Jacob,\*

whose hope is in the | LORD his God,

<sup>1</sup>Praise | the LORD!\*

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup>I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;\*

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

<sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in | princes,\*

in a son of man, in whom there is no sal- | vation.

<sup>4</sup>When his breath departs he returns | to the earth;\* on that very day his plans | perish.

<sup>5</sup>Blessèd is he whose help is the God of | Jacob,\* whose hope is in the | LORD his God,

<sup>6</sup>who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is | in them,\*

who keeps faith for- | ever;

<sup>7</sup>who executes justice for | the oppressed,\* who gives food to the | hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free; 8the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.\*

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the | righteous.

<sup>9</sup>The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the | fatherless,\* but the way of the wicked he brings to | ruin.

<sup>10</sup>The LORD will reign for- | ever,\*

your God, O Zion, to all generations. | Praise the LORD!

Antiphon Blessèd is he whose help is the God of | Jacob,\* whose hope is in the | LORD his God,

Epistle James 5:7–11

**A** The Epistle is from James, chapter 5.

<sup>7</sup>Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. <sup>9</sup>Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

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

Please rise

#### Alleluia



# Holy Gospel *Matthew 11:2–15*

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



<sup>2</sup>When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup> and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" <sup>4</sup>And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup> the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. <sup>6</sup>And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

<sup>7</sup>As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup>What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. <sup>9</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup>This is he of whom it is written,

"Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you."

<sup>11</sup>Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. <sup>12</sup>From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. <sup>13</sup>For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, <sup>14</sup>and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. <sup>15</sup>He who has ears to hear, let him hear."



### **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated

### 345 Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding



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#### The Second Article

- P The Second Article Redemption
- And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- **P** What does this mean?
- who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, This is most certainly true.

#### Sermon

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



Please be seated

# Offering

#### The Word Became Flesh

David Von Kampen

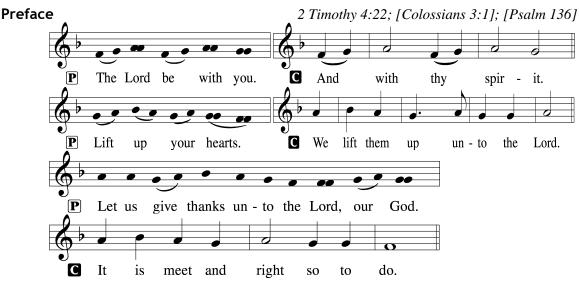
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# Prayer of the Church

- **P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A For all who offer prayers and supplications, that God would hear them on account of His Son who has enlightened the darkness of our hearts and every corner of creation by His incarnation, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A For all pastors and church workers, that the words they bear would prepare the way of Jesus' second advent and be received by all who hear them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A For the homes of our land, that God would grant safety and security to all families; and that the faith would be delivered from one generation to the next, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.

- A For all in authority, that they would be given wisdom and insight until the day when Christ comes again in glory to usher in His kingdom, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A For the sick and grieving, especially those listed in our bulletin, that as the day draws near when blind eyes see, deaf ears hear, lame legs leap and mute tongues sing for joy, God would grant them healing according to His gracious will, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A For faith and joy to receive the Lord's Supper worthily this day, as Christ comes as a foretaste of the Lamb's marriage feast, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- O God, Your love invites us to rejoice in Your goodness. In every circumstance of life, teach us the joy that comes from knowing Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and eagerly expecting His gracious visitation; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, 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 Matthew 6:9–13

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

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

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."

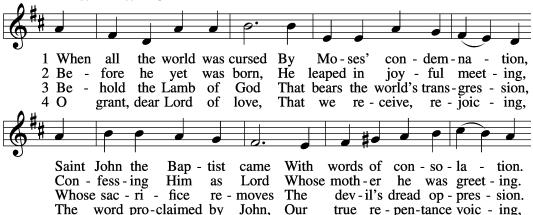


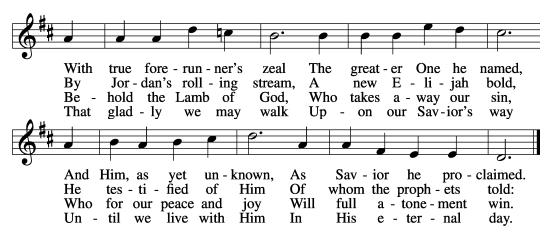
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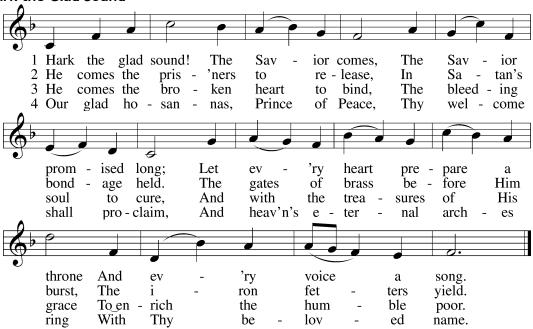
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- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart 

  → in peace.
- C Amen.

Please rise





Thanksgiving

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.







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.



#### 398 Hail to the Lord's Anointed



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

Sunday	9:15 AM	Bible Study- Acts of the Apostles					
	10:30 AM	Divine Service					
	12:00 PM	Refreshments J-O					
Monday	3:30 PM	Matthew					
-	7:00 PM	Worship in Clear Springs					
Tuesday	6:30 PM	Ladies of Faith					
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Luther's Small Catechism for Everyone					
	9:00 AM-11:00 AM	MOPS					
	11:00 AM	Fundamentals of Greek					
	12:30 PM	Advent Service					
	3:30 PM	Confirmation					
	6:30 PM	Carol Singing					
	7:00 PM	Advent Service					
Thursday	10:30 AM	Ladies Aid Workday					
	1:00 PM	Birthday Lunch @ Pappo's					
	3:30 PM	Annotated Luther					
Friday	11:00 AM	Fundamentals of Greek					
Saturday	8:00 AM	Men's Club Breakfast					
•	9:00 AM	Men's Club Bible Study					
	3:30 PM	Choir					
Sunday	9:15 AM	Bible Study- Acts of the Apostles/Christmas Program Practice					
	10:30 AM	Divine Service					
		Refreshments P-Z					

#### MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES

There are two opportunities for mid-week Advent worship on Wednesdays:

- 12:30 pm
- 7:00 pm with caroling beforehand at 6:30 pm



# Music lessons make **GREAT** Christmas gifts!

Please call or text Heidi Perling @ (573) 855-6858 if you are interested.

If you would like to offer lessons on any instrument through The Music School at Faith, contact our church office at 573-336-4464 or office@felclcms.org.

NOVEMBER AT A GLANCE	2022 AT A GLANCE
Budget for November: \$14,310.84	Year to Date Budget: \$164,574.66
Amount received for November: \$10,345.00	Year to Date Received: \$154,255.80
Amount Short: \$ -3,965.84	Difference: \$ - 10,318.86

### **Requesting Prayers**

## Pray for Our Servicemen and Missionaries we support

† Devin Houser † Franklin LaLonde † Chris MacMurray † Jacob Gan † Anthony Isaac † Laramie Yancey † Geoff Gronewold †

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

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† 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

† Samantha

† Kaison Laroi Boorom

† Al Isaac † Jeff Malam

† Todd Meyer

† Flori Scheuermann † Free Women's Center

**COVID-19 Thanksgivings** 

† Thankfulness for Vaccine

† Mike Heib

**COVID-19 Concerns** 

† Chaya Velasquez

Immediate Needs
† Rachel Benton

† Ken and Cheryl Bohannon

† Yvonne Brady † Scott Bryan † Ralph Bush † Lexi Crider

† Joe Duke † Marcia Euren

† Jamie Ann Gan

† Jana Goodard

† Peggy Gregor

† Darrel Hinrichs † Candy Holsten

† Herb and Joan Houser

† Joelle Jones † Michelle Jones

† Irene Leitgeb

† Diana Lopez † Tim Matthews

† JD Mattison

† Clark Mullins † Marion Munson

† Ingrid Ozee

† Renate Phillips † Bill Rostad

† Pastor Ben Schumacher

† Elaine Schumacher

† Mike Statton † Robin Stillwell

† Brian Strong

† Roberta Thornsberry

† Taylor Thornsberry

† Linda Tucker † Brenda Webbink

† Christel Wilfert

† Donna Wogan

**Long Term Needs** 

† Marolyn Baxter

† Ann Marie Boerner (Capps)

† The Boettger Family

† Barb BonGiovanni

† Dan Boorom † Kassy Boorom

† Ray Crosby

† Fulton Dobbs

† Sharon & Duane Green

† Roger Heimsoth

† Finnigan Heine

† Fayetta Hunter † Doug Isaac

† Mary Jones

† Liz Joyce

† Marge Kohl

† Marian Kubinski

† Ken Merrill

† Sydney Merrill † Jenny Miessler

† Velda Myers

† Anthony Nolting

† Ed Pyatt

† Dwayne Richard

† Susan Rostad † Melvin Rust

† Ben Paul Schumacher

† Mary Smith

† Donna Thomas

† Becky Vogel † Ron Weaver

† Jerome Welliver

† Lisa Weinhold

† Mike Wilson

† Kathy Wortham

Comfort Facing Death

† The Family of Karen Boorom

† The Family of Don Colby

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† The Family of Mary Heimsoth

† The Family of Marti MacMurray

† The Family of Carol Mitchell

† The Family of Joan Rust

† The Family of John Vaughan