



# *Faith Lutheran Church*

*The Lutheran Church  
Missouri Synod*

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*Worship 9:30 am*

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11:00 am*

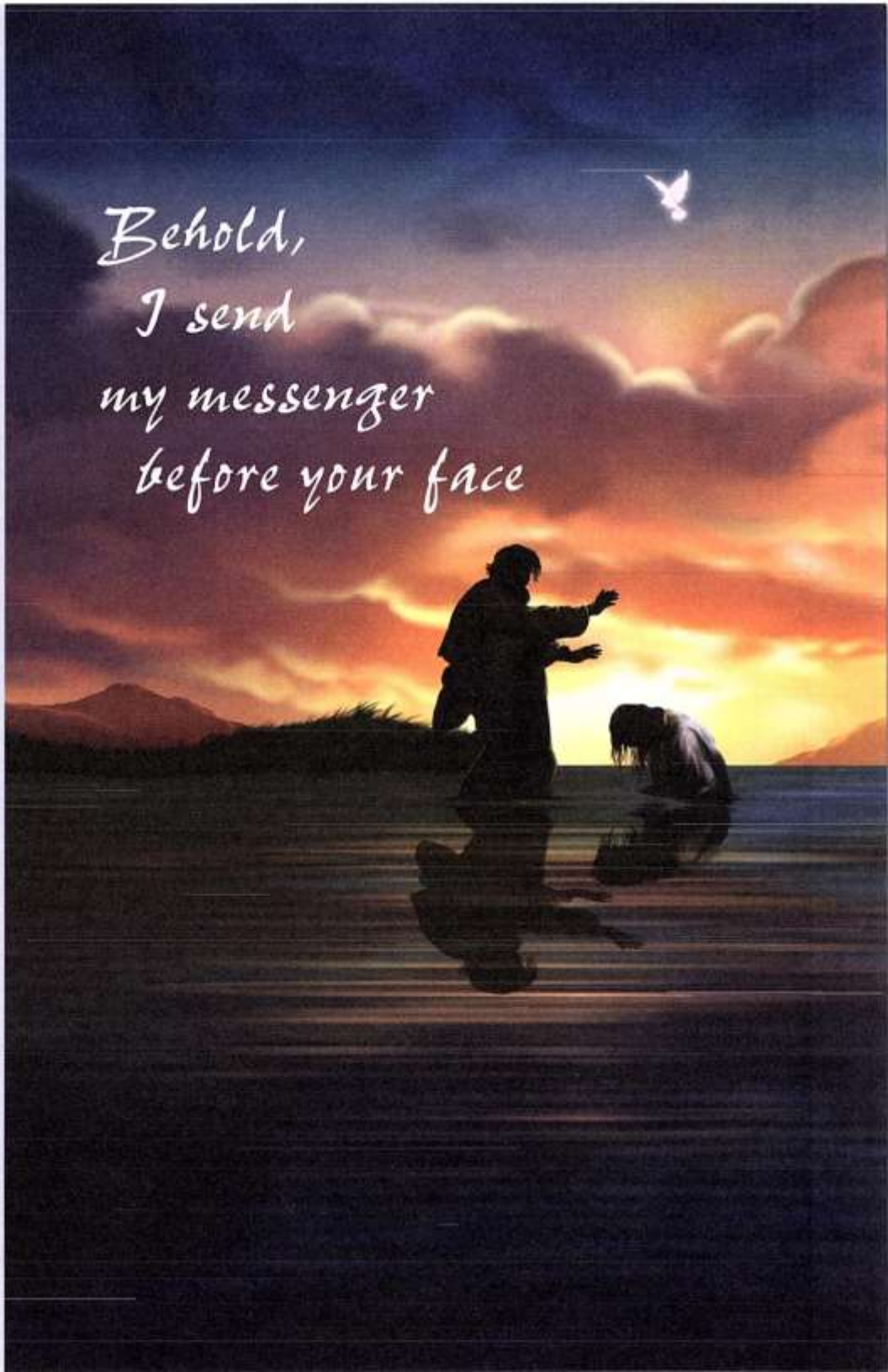
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*Behold,  
I send  
my messenger  
before your face*



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## ***THE PURPOSE OF FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH***

*In the power, guidance, and strength of the Holy Spirit, we seek God's presence in worship to open our hearts and minds that He may be glorified and we may be empowered to love and serve all people, that souls may be won for Jesus Christ.*

### *Second Sunday in Advent*

*December 10, 2017*

**Prayer upon Entering Church:** God of love, through Your Son You have commanded us to love one another. By the guidance of Your Word and Spirit, deliver us from impenitence and teach us the truth that we might confess our sins, receive Your forgiveness, and be reconciled to one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.* ✚

**Guests:** We welcome you in the name of our Savior and invite you to worship with us regularly. If you do not have a church home, why not make ours yours? If you have a spiritual concern, or would like to know more about our church, please consult with Pastor Winterstein.

**Holy Communion:** The practice of the Lutheran church is to receive Holy Communion with members of churches with whom we are in fellowship. If you are not a member of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, The Lutheran Church-Canada, or The American Association of Lutheran Churches, please speak to the pastor before communing. If you have not been baptized and instructed in what we teach and confess, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. You may indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest. The individual cups in the middle of the trays contain grape juice with a minimal amount of wine in them. If you have questions or concerns about receiving the Sacrament of the Altar here at Faith, please speak to Pr. Winterstein.

**Parish Nurse:** Carol Trunzo is available by appointment at 509 393-9938 or [cat121551@gmail.com](mailto:cat121551@gmail.com).

**Nursery:** We encourage all children to be in worship, but, at times, for you and those around you, you may consider using our nursery for your children age 3 and younger. We have helpers for our nursery so that you are able to stay and worship.

**Prayer Requests:** We encourage everyone to fill out the prayer cards located in the pew racks for any prayer request that you may have. Please hand the cards to the ushers at the time of the offering.

**The Rite of Friendship:** There is a red vinyl pad on the aisle side of the pew. During the offering please record your **first and last name** and, if you are a guest, please put your **mailing address**. This information helps us with ministering to the needs of guests and members. Members, please record address and phone number changes, as well as your current email address, if you would like to receive a weekly update from the church.

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# Second Sunday in Advent

Prelude

Children's Sermon

Opening Hymn

*"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"*

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1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es  
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the  
3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge  
4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the  
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,  
way for God with - in, And let us all our  
and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we  
fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry  
sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.  
waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.  
we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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At each ✠, one may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of their Baptism. At each ❖ one may bow in reverence.

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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

### Introit

*Psalm 80:1, 8a, 9b, 7; antiphon: Psalm 80:3*

Restore us, O God;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved!  
Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!  
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.  
You brought a vine out of Egypt;  
it took deep root and filled the land.  
Restore us, O God of hosts;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved!  
❖ *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.  
Restore us, O God;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved!

### Kyrie



The Kyrie section features two staves of musical notation. The first staff contains two measures of music. The first measure is marked with a square 'A' and the lyrics 'In peace let us pray to the Lord.' The second measure is marked with a square 'C' and the lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy.' The second staff also contains two measures of music. The first measure is marked with a square 'A' and the lyrics 'For the peace from above and for our salvation'. The second measure is marked with a square 'C' and the lyrics 'let us pray to the Lord.'

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation **C** let us pray to the Lord.



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



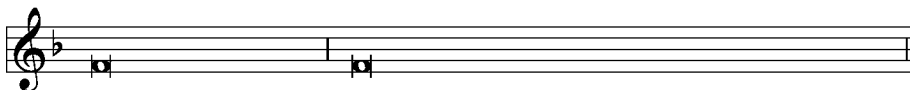
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



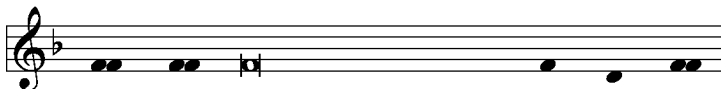
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



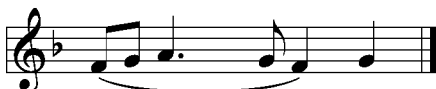
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



**C** A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 40:1-11*

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

## Gradual

*Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt.*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.  
**Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.**  
Behold, your king is coming to you;  
**righteous and having salvation.**  
Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
**From the house of the Lord we bless you.**

## Epistle

*2 Peter 3:8-14*

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

*Stand*

## Verse of the Day

*Luke 3:4b, 6*

Alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight; all flesh shall  
see the salvation of God. Alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

*Mark 1:1-8*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.
- C** Glory to You, O Lord.
- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise to You, O Christ.



1 When all the world was cursed By Mo-ses' con-dem-na - tion,  
 2 Be - fore he yet was born, He leaped in joy - ful meet - ing,  
 3 Be - hold the Lamb of God That bears the world's trans-gres - sion,  
 4 O grant, dear Lord of love, That we re-ceive, re - joice - ing,



Saint John the Bap - tist came With words of con - so - la - tion.  
 Con - fess-ing Him as Lord Whose moth - er he was greet - ing.  
 Whose sac - ri - fice re - moves The dev-il's dread op - pres - sion.  
 The word pro-claimed by John, Our true re - pen-tance voic - ing,



With true fore - run - ner's zeal The great - er One he named,  
 By Jor - dan's roll - ing stream, A new E - li - jah bold,  
 Be - hold the Lamb of God, Who takes a - way our sin,  
 That glad - ly we may walk Up - on our Sav - ior's way



And Him, as yet un - known, As Sav - ior he pro - claimed.  
 He tes - ti - fied of Him Of whom the proph - ets told:  
 Who for our peace and joy Will full a - tone - ment win.  
 Un - til we live with Him In His e - ter - nal day.

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## Sermon

## Stand

## 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.

*Sit*

**Offering**

*Stand*



## Offertory



**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

## Prayer of the Church

- P** ...Lord in Your mercy,  
**C** Hear our prayer.

## Service of the Sacrament

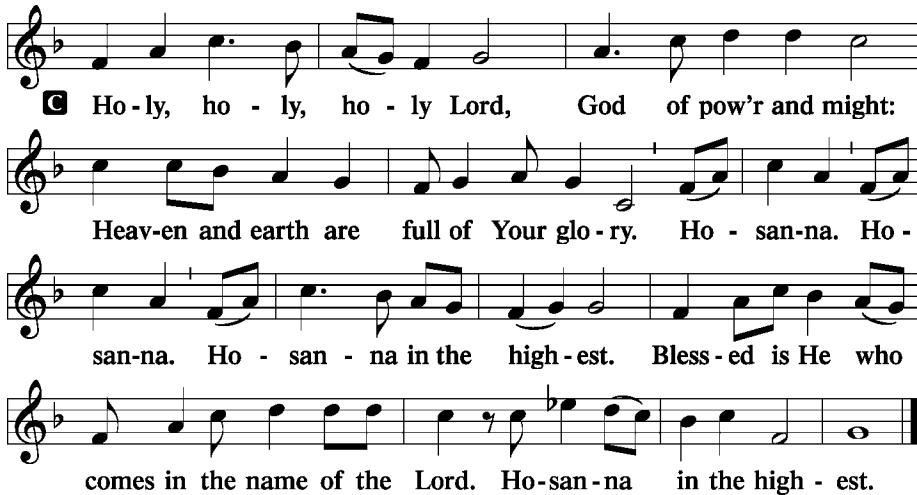
### Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them to the Lord.  
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## Proper Preface

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

**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.”

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## 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.

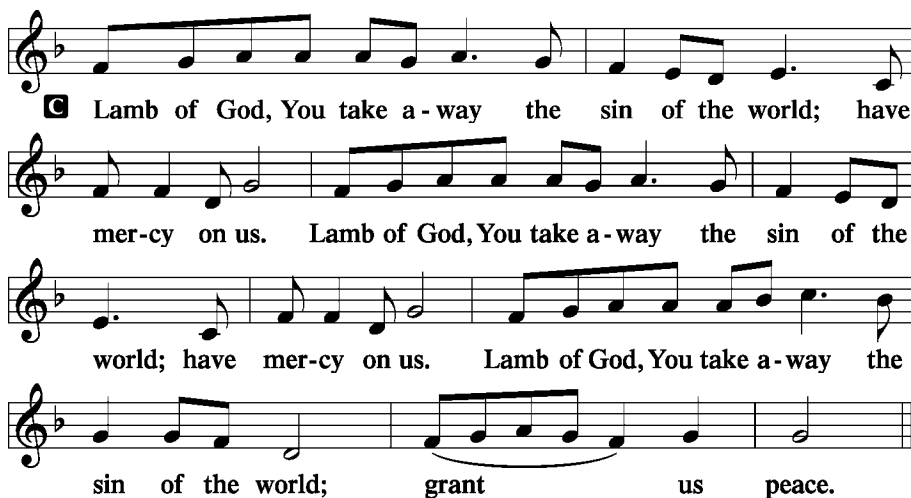
## Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

*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



**♩** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Sit*

## Distribution

**Prayer before receiving Christ's Body and Blood:** Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof, but speak the word and I shall be healed. [For further preparation, you may want to consider Luther's Christian Questions with their Answers on pp. 329-330 of Lutheran Service Book.]

**Prayer after receiving Christ's Body and Blood:** Almighty and everlasting God, we thank and praise You for feeding us the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send us Your Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths received the holy Sacrament, we may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.



1 The in - fant Priest was ho - ly born For us un -  
 2 This great High Priest in hu - man flesh Was i - con  
 3 The ho - ly Lamb un - daunt - ed came To God's own  
 4 But death would not the vic - tor be Of Him who  
 5 The veil is torn, our Priest we see, As at the



ho - ly and for - lorn; From flesh - ly tem - ple  
 of God's righ - teous - ness. His hal - lowed touch brought  
 al - tar lit with flame; While weep - ing an - gels  
 hung up - on the tree. He leads us to the  
 rail on bend - ed knee Our hun - gry mouths from



forth came He, A - noint - ed from e - ter - ni - ty.  
 sanc - ti - ty; His hand re - moved im - pu - ri - ty.  
 hid their eyes, This Priest be - came a sac - ri - fice.  
 Ho - ly Place With - in the veil, be - fore God's face.  
 Him re - ceive The bread of im - mor - tal - i - ty.

6 The body of God's Lamb we eat,  
 A priestly food and priestly meat;  
 On sin-parched lips the chalice pours  
 His quenching blood that life restores.

7 With cherubim and seraphim  
 Our voices join the endless hymn,  
 And "Holy, holy, holy" sing  
 To Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.



1 Thy bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior, Thy blood which Thou for  
 2 With Thee, Lord, I am now u - nit - ed; I live in Thee and  
 3 Who can con-demn me now? For sure - ly The Lord is nigh, who  
 4 Though death may threat-en with dis - as - ter, It can - not rob me  
 5 My heart has now be-come Thy dwell-ing, O bless - ed, ho - ly



me didst shed, These are my life and strength for -  
 Thou in me. No sor - row fills my soul, de -  
 jus - ti - fies. No hell I fear, and thus se -  
 of my cheer; For He who is of death the  
 Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Thy prais - es



ev - er, By them my hun - gry soul is fed.  
 light - ed It finds its on - ly joy in Thee.  
 cure - ly With Je - sus I to heav - en rise.  
 mas - ter With aid and com - fort e'er is near.  
 tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly.



*Refrain*

Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be



for my soul the high - est good!

## Distribution Hymn

## "O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee"

LSB 632



1 O Je - sus, bless - ed Lord, to Thee My heart - felt  
 2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is  
 thanks for - ev - er be, Who hast so lov - ing -  
 come to me this day! My Sav - ior dwells with -  
 ly be - stowed On me Thy bod - y and Thy blood,  
 in my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

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## Distribution Hymn

## "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns"

LSB 348



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phant breaks,  
 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,  
 3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose  
 4 Oh, bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall dawn up - on our race  
 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau - ty brings.  
 When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.  
 But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.  
 And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.  
 The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face.  
 Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

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## Post-Communion Canticle

## *“Nunc Dimittis”*



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -  
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have pre -  
pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -  
veal You to the na - tions and the glo - ry of Your peo - ple Is - ra - el.  
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.

## Post-Communion Collect

- A** 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 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.
- C** Amen.

## Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

Sit



*Stand*

## *“What Hope! An Eden Prophesied”*

LSB 342

1 What hope! An E - den proph-e - sied Where tame live with the wild;  
2 A shoot will sprout from Jes - se's stem, A branch from Da-vid's line,  
3 As ban - ner of God's love un-furled, Christ came to suf - fer loss,  
4 Come, Je - sus, come, Mes - si - ah Lord, Lost Par - a - dise re - store;

The lamb and li - on side by side, Led by a lit - tle child!  
A Prince of Peace in Beth-le - hem: The fruit of God's de - sign.  
That by His death a dy - ing world Would ral - ly to the cross.  
Lead past the an - gel's flam - ing sword— Come, o - pen heav - en's door.

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**P** Go in the peace of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

*Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service*

## Acknowledgments

## Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book

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## Prayers

**Missionaries:** Neil & Lindsey Broere and children, Sean & Caria Graham and children, Rev. John & Sue Mehl, Danelle Putman, Loraine Rathman, Mark & Becky Schoepp, Faith Lutheran Preschool staff

**Our Synod's Leaders:** Dr. Matthew Harrison, Rev. Paul Linneman

**Prayers for Our Nation:** Our President, our Congress, our Governor and Legislators

**Our Military:** Afghanistan: Jackson Nystrom; Germany: Jonathan Janos, Mike Pappal; Stateside: Dakoda Aldrich, Jonas Balloga, Kyle Barger, Levi Barger, James Beedie, Robert Haight, Thomas & Monica Heuer, Zach Manyrath, Elizabeth Martin, Tim McCamey, Dylan Mitchell, Nick Neely, Mark Pappal, Joseph Reese, Luke Sukow, Ethan Visser

**Prayers for Comfort:** The people in the Los Angeles area who are affected by wildfires, and for the service workers and firefighters who are helping them

**Prayers for Continued Healing:** Shad Bailey, Larry Barger, Keegan Beckman, Al Berg, Malakiah Blackwell, Daryle Booth, Walt Brunner, Jaaron Caudill (Stone), Ted Conrad, Jacob and Mellissa Crosby, Pam Dais, Joy Deich, Bob Donnell, Ray Ericksen, Doug Fischer, Gary Fischer, Ruth Flanigan, Pita Gonzalez, Dorothy Haight, Steve & Jenny Hancock, Chad Hoffman, Ashlee Johnson and children, Janie Kester, Bob Koenig, Nick Leishman, Emma Le Roy, Paul Lichtenberg, Genevieve Marrapodi, Jo Maydole, Marcia Murray, Perci Owens, Don Rosentrater, Leslie Simpson, Diana Snell, Joseph Tatusko, Stephanie Taylor, Karen Turnipseed, Ernie Vipond, Bonnie Williams, Dwayne Visser

**Prayers for Shut-Ins:** Elsie Dobrowolski, Emma LeRoy, Jean Nelson, Tom Oelke, Colleen Petesch, Wes & Judy Visser

**General Prayers:** For those seeking employment and/or experiencing hardship in these difficult times, and preschool children

**For those continuing their instruction in the Christian Faith:** Ava Langford, Jonas Winterstein, Salem Winterstein

**Prayers for Marriages and Families:**

**Prayers for Safe Travel and Spiritual Growth:**

**Expectant Mothers:**

## Announcements

**Advent Services:** Please join us Wednesday evenings at 7:00 for Advent Worship.

**Poinsettias:** Please consider donating a poinsettia plant to help decorate our church during the Christmas season. Leave donated plants in the old narthex. Thank you from the Altar Guild.

**Newsletter Deadline:** Because of the Christmas holiday this month, the newsletter deadline will be earlier. We're also hoping to put out a shorter version for January. Please have your *short* newsletter items to *the office* by Tuesday, December 12, this week. Thank you very much!

**Preschool Christmas Programs:** The Faith Lutheran Preschool Christmas Programs will be Thursday, December 14, for the Preschool classes, and Friday, December 15, for the Pre-K classes. Both are at 6:00 pm. All are invited!

**Save the Date!** Please join us, Sunday, December 17 at 4:00 pm for our annual Children's Christmas Service. The theme for our service this year revolves around the beloved Christmas hymn written by Martin Luther, "From Heaven Above." Reflecting the joy within his family, Martin Luther wrote this hymn for his children's Christmas Eve celebration either in 1534 or 1535. Please plan to join us for this special celebration of our Savior's birth. Christmas cookies and hot chocolate will be served following the service.

**Calling all children/youth - Pre K to 12th Grade!** Christmas is coming! Rehearsals will continue today after the worship service, during the Sunday School hour, and the final dress rehearsal will be held on Saturday, December 16 from 10:00 am-11:30 am. Lunch will be served for all children and helpers from 11:30 to 12:00 following the dress rehearsal. Please feel free to call Christine at 509 860-9388 if you have any questions.

**Church Keys:** For church security, the locks to the church office were changed this week. Please see Robert Brunner if you need a copy. Thank you!

**Christmas Gift Fair and Carnival:** Grace Lutheran Church is hosting a Christmas Gift Fair and Carnival on Saturday, December 16 from 10:00 am-4:00 pm. Come do a little Christmas shopping for those last minute gifts or the extra special people on your list. We will have many great vendors, the Youth will have their famous bake sale goodies, carnival games for the kiddos, and fabulous raffle items! This event is a fundraiser for the group attending the 2018 Youth Gathering in Houston; they will be sending about 35 people. You don't want to miss the fun! *Vendor spaces are still available!* ->Please contact Della at 360 471-1781. Options include a single or double space to rent, or you can donate items for sale or raffle.

**Thank You:** Thank you to everybody who helped with the salads and desserts for Judith Hersel's funeral. Diana Snell

**Thank You:** Thank you so much for all of the prayers and cards following my recent surgery. I'm healing very well, because of all of the prayers. Thank you from Karen Turnipseed

<b>Sunday 10 Second Sunday in Advent</b>	<b>Worship</b> Coffee Fellowship Christmas Rehearsal/Adult Study	<b>9:30 am</b> 10:45 am 11:00 am
<b>Preschool Schedule</b>	Pre-K, Monday, Wednesday, Friday  Preschool, Tuesday, Thursday	8:30 am-11:30 am 12:30 pm-3:30 pm 9:00 am-11:30 am 12:30 pm-3:30 pm
<b>Monday 11</b>	SAIL Exercise Class	11:30 am-12:30 pm
<b>Tuesday 12</b>	Matins Reconciliation Study <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	8:30 am 6:30 pm
<b>Wednesday 13</b>	Matins SAIL Exercise Class Adult Bible Study Confirmation <b>Advent Worship Service</b>	8:30 am 11:30 am-12:30 pm 2:00 pm 6:00 pm <b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>Thursday 14</b>	Matins Tabitha Circle Packing Friendship Choir Preschool Classes Christmas Program	8:30 am 9:30 am 12:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:00 pm
<b>Friday 15</b>	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study Lady's Bible Study SAIL Exercise Class Pre-K Classes Christmas Program	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:30 am-12:30 pm 6:00 pm
<b>Saturday 16</b>	Children's Program Dress Rehearsal	10:00 am
<b>Sunday 17 Third Sunday in Advent</b>	<b>Worship</b> Coffee Fellowship Adult Study Children's Christmas Program	<b>9:30 am</b> 10:45 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm

<i>Today</i>		<i>Next Sunday</i>
Elders		
Ushers	Lawrence Gyll Mark Maydole	Byron Lee Eric Loeb sack
Organist	Laura Cornwall	Susan Rumble
Altar Care	Marilyn Delzer & Maxine Melcher	
Chancel Flowers	Flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Melonee Kane in loving memory of her grandparents	
<i>Last Week Offerings:</i>	<i>\$6,751</i>	<i>Last Week Attendance:</i> 98
		<i>Last Month Average Attendance:</i> 67

**About the Cover**

God the Father speaks clearly to His people. Through the words of the prophet Isaiah, He tells His people what He is doing and why He is doing it. Therefore, He sent John the Baptist to prepare the way for Jesus, and He sends people of faith to prepare the way for people to come to faith through the Holy Spirit. As a Christian, you have also been made a messenger of God.

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT****Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 40:1–11**

- 1 Comfort, comfort my people,  
says your God.
- 2 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her  
that her warfare is ended,  
that her iniquity is pardoned,  
that she has received from the LORD's  
hand  
double for all her sins.
- 3 A voice cries:  
"In the wilderness prepare the way of  
the LORD;  
make straight in the desert a  
highway for our God.
- 4 Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be  
made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.
- 5 And the glory of the LORD shall be  
revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the LORD has  
spoken."
- 6 A voice says, "Cry!"  
And I said, "What shall I cry?"  
All flesh is grass,  
and all its beauty is like the flower  
of the field.
- 7 The grass withers, the flower fades  
when the breath of the LORD blows  
on it;  
surely the people are grass.
- 8 The grass withers, the flower fades,  
but the word of our God will stand  
forever.
- 9 Get you up to a high mountain,  
O Zion, herald of good news;  
lift up your voice with strength,  
O Jerusalem, herald of good news;  
lift it up, fear not;  
say to the cities of Judah,  
"Behold your God!"
- 10 Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might,  
and his arm rules for him;  
behold, his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him.
- 11 He will tend his flock like a shepherd;  
he will gather the lambs in his arms;  
he will carry them in his bosom,  
and gently lead those that are with  
young.

**Epistle: 2 Peter 3:8–14**

<sup>8</sup>But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. <sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. <sup>10</sup>But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

<sup>11</sup>Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup>waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! <sup>13</sup>But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

<sup>14</sup>Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

**Holy Gospel: Mark 1:1–8**

<sup>1</sup>The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

<sup>2</sup>As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

"Behold, I send my messenger before  
your face,

who will prepare your way,

<sup>3</sup> the voice of one crying in the wilderness:  
'Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight,'"

<sup>4</sup>John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."