

Faith Lutheran Church - Worship and Communion

December 1, 2024 at 9:30 AM

The First Day of Advent

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(www.faithlutheranreno.org) or find us on youtube:
<https://www.youtube.com/@faithlutheran-reno>



Welcome! We are a family of faith and so glad you are here! Our worship this month turns to Setting 12 in "All Creation Sings." It is all printed here in the bulletin.

Children's Bulletins are available in the narthex (entrance area), providing activities on today's scripture readings. Please enjoy.

God is present in **Holy Communion** and welcomes all who are hungry. You are welcome to the table. Non-communing children and adults may come forward for a blessing. Let an usher know if you would like communion at your seat.

Our **Candle Lighting station** (built by Louis Ling - Thank you!) is available during worship. If you are moved to light a candle to represent your prayer for someone or something or for thanksgiving or sorrows of your own heart, you may light a candle. All are especially welcome during communion as we sing and commune and pray.

In Worship today: Advent is about the "coming days." God's people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a "righteous Branch to spring up for David." The Thessalonians awaited "the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints." Jesus' contemporaries hoped for the time "to stand before the Son of Man." With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper. Today, Pastor Stan Pesis is our preacher/presider as Pastor Shaun is on vacation.



*Flowers today are given by Judy Carlin
in memory of her daughter, Cindy Burroughs.*

Serving Today: Greeter, Kathy W / Acolyte, Pesis Family / Reader, Pam S / Asst Minister, Judi H / Cantor, Todd M / Ushers, Zach W & Matthew R / Altar Guild, Trich D & Eileen W / Tech Support, The FLC Tech Team / Counters, Davyann S & Linda Z
Coffee after Worship, **COOKIE PALOOZA!**

-GATHERING-

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

moment of centering

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, alive in the world,
reviving creation, arriving soon.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy,

we confess that we have sinned.

We trust earthly powers and human authority alone.

We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.

God of might,

we confess that we have sinned.

We have turned away from our neighbors.

We have trusted false promises.

God in our midst,

we confess that we have sinned.

We plead: come to us.

Bring your mercy to birth in us.

A righteous branch springs forth: it is Christ the Lord, our Savior,
in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of God
through † Christ Jesus, whose day draws near. **Amen.**

ADVENT CANDLE-LIGHTING & HYMN

Behold These New Things

1. Our walk with you, our jour - ney's path, our life we share, our
 2. And yet, when threat or fear of change ap - pear on our ho -
 3. The time - less gifts of faith and call, com - pan - ions and com -
 4. When blessed with sight, with minds un - chained, with o - pen hands and



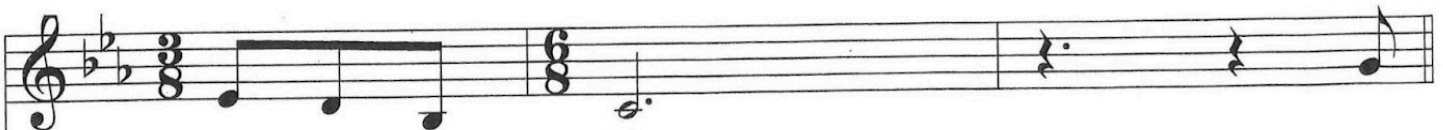
his - tor - y, re - veal your voice in wil - der - ness through
 ri - zon, we of - ten doubt, for - get our past: the
 mun - i - ty, e - volve with time, un - fold, ex - pand, trans -
 hearts un - bound, we step with trust, with Christ we walk, new



change and joy and my - ster - y. Re - deemed by your love, you've
 light - ed way, what God has done. The path that sprang forth, our
 form - ing op - por - tu - ni - ty. Be - hold, these new things we
 ven - tures in our jour - ney found. Cre - a - ted by God, we



called us by name, you've gath - ered us in, your
 guide in the sea, the star in the east, by
 pray to per - ceive, new ways we can serve, new
 see these new things, the hope that they hold, the



grace we pro - claim. 2. And
 grace we were freed. 3. The
 gifts we re - ceive. 4. When
 life that they bring.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

1st time through is Cantor, 2nd time through is Congregation

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY**-WORD-****FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16**

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 25:1-10

To | you, O LORD,

I lift | up my soul.

My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,

nor let my enemies triumph | over me.

Let none who look to you be | put to shame;

rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

Show me your | ways, O LORD,

and teach | me your paths.

Lead me in your | truth and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.

Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,

for they are from | everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;

remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your

good- | ness, O LORD.

You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD;

therefore you teach sinners | in your way.

You lead the low- | ly in justice

and teach the low- | ly your way.

All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast | love and faithfulness

to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 1st time through is Cantor, 2nd time through is Congregation



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-36

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

SERMON

Rev. Stan Pesis

HYMN OF THE DAY

*My Lord, What a Morning**

ELW #438

APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

- MEAL -

OFFERING

In all things, O God, you are our way, our truth, and our life.
Reveal through us your life-giving work.

PRESENTATION HYMN

Create in Me a Clean Heart

ELW #186

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

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING, PREFACE, and SANCTUS

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to our God.

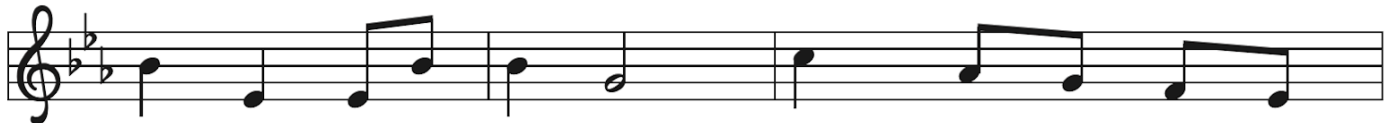
And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...

...and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and



God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the



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



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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE**COMMUNION AND HYMNS****AGNUS DEI****ELW pg. 154**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Come and Fill Our Hearts**ELW #528**

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

Alleluia!

We Come to the Hungry Feast**ELW #479**

- 1 We come to the hungry feast hungry for a word of peace.
To hungry hearts unsatisfied the love of God is not denied.
We come, we come to the hungry feast.
- 2 We come to the hungry feast hungry for a world released
from hungry folk of ev'ry kind, the poor in body, poor in mind.
We come, we come to the hungry feast.
- 3 We come to the hungry feast hungry that the hunger cease,
and knowing, though we eat our fill, the hunger will stay with us; still
we come, we come to the hungry feast.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

-SENDING-

BLESSING**SENDING HYMN***Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers****ELW #244****DISMISSAL****A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.**** denotes a favorite hymn of the congregation*

- Activities at Faith -

- **Thank You! - We raised our \$30,000 for kitchen updates** and we're so grateful for everyone's generosity. What a blessing heading into the new year!
- **Thank You for all the Pies!** - 22 pies donated to the Gospel Mission this week.
- **Pick up an Advent Devotional in the Narthex today.** They are there for the taking!
- **Last call - Visit the Angel Tree options in the Narthex** and participate in giving to families who are in need in our community from Elmcrest Elementary.
- **Sunday Adult Forum** - Join us today @ 11:00am to continue looking at Louis Ling's own book project on images of "Blood and Sacrifice in the Scriptures!"
- **Kids' Place** - Today @ 10:50am - 11:50am - Advent and Music!
- **COOKIE PALOOZA! Cookie Share today after worship!**
- **Poinsettia Orders for Christmas Eve** - Order forms in this week's bulletin, **\$12 each**, deadline to order is Tue, Dec 10th. Check or cash to the office or in the offering tray please. Add'l order forms located in the Narthex.

-Shared Harvest in December-

In December we need only **28 jars of Peanut Butter, 42 cans of Fruit, 42 cans of Chicken Noodle Soup, 42 pkts of Powdered Milk** and **Disposable Razors** in unlimited quantities. Thank you for your generous donations!
Packing is Sunday, Dec 22nd, 1pm @ Faith Lutheran.

Come to Worship. Go to Serve. Embrace the Community.

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WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

	Dec 2024					
Task	1	8	15	22	C'MAS EVE 24	29
Greeter	Betty T	Richard S	Kathy W	Linda Z		Richard S
Acolyte	Pesis'	O'Reillys	Welmerinks	Pesis'	Welmerinks	O'Reillys
Reader	Pam S	Davyann S	Judi H	Jean C	Cindy T	Wes G
Asst. Minister	Judi H	Todd M	Cindy T	Sharon S	Louis L	Erica W
Cantor	Todd M	Wes G	None	Sharon S	Louis L	None
Usher	Zach W & Matthew R	Lukas B & Dorothy B	Tom L & Annette W	Debbie H & Matthew R	Debbie H	Lukas B & Zach W
Altar Guild	Trish D & Eileen W	Betty T & Annette W	Kathy W & Sharon S	Trish D & Annette W		Betty T & Annette W
Tech Support	The FLC Tech Team!					
Piano/Organ	Heinz Denoyo					
Accomp. Musician	Olivia Knock, Cellist					
Counters	Davyann S & Linda Z	Davyann S & Linda Z	Davyann S & Linda Z	Davyann S & Linda Z		Sigrun C & Theresa W
Coffee after Worship	COOKIE PALOOZA!					

Thank you for your hearts of service!