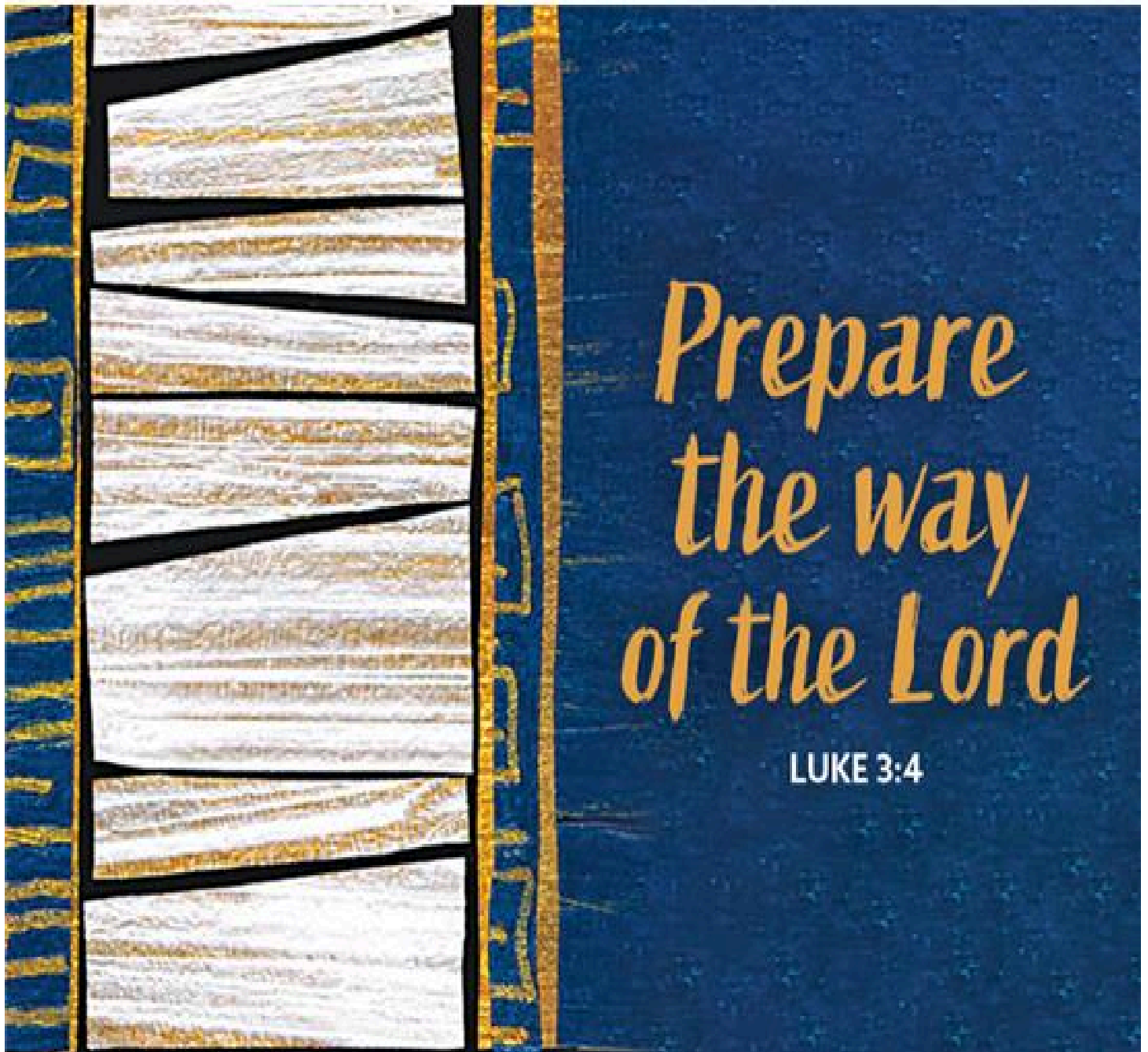


Faith Lutheran Church - Worship and Communion

December 8, 2024 at 9:30 AM

Second Sunday of Advent

To join with video, go to our website and follow the video link
(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: Forerunners and messengers advance the advent of our God. While John the baptizer's voice in the wilderness may be the principal focus of the day, Malachi's prophecy could as easily herald the coming Christ as forerunner of the Lord of hosts. Finally all the baptized are called to participate in the sharing of the gospel. In so doing we prepare the way for the coming of Jesus and assist all people in capturing a vision of the "salvation of God."



*Flowers today are given by Alice McDuffie
in memory of Carl and Pat McDuffie.
An additional bouquet, in patriotic colors,
is in memory of Pat McDuffie and
her family's survival during the attack of Pearl Harbor.*

Serving Today: Greeter, Kathy W / Acolyte, Pesis Family / Reader, Pam S / Asst Minister, Judi H / Cantor, Wes G / Ushers, Zach W & Matthew R / Altar Guild, Trich D & Eileen W / Tech Support, The FLC Tech Team / Counters, Davyann S & Linda Z

-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



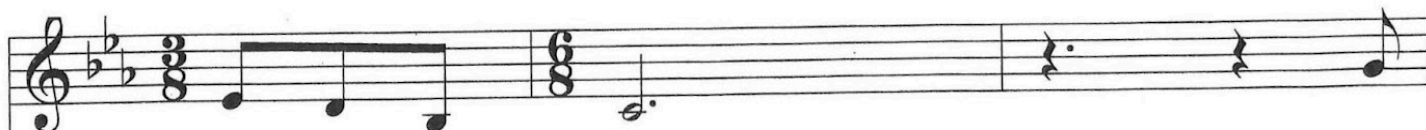
his - tor - y, re - veal your voice in wil - der - ness through
 ri - zon, we of - ten doubt, for - get our past: the
 mun - i - ty, e - volve with time, un - fold, ex - pand, trans -
 hearts un - bound, we step with trust, with Christ we walk, new



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: Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. 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; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

PSALM: Luke 1:68-79

Refrain

In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our God the
dawn from on high shall break up - on us.

Blessed are you, Lord, the | God of Israel,
you have come to your people and | set them free.

**You have raised up for us a | mighty Savior,
born of the house of your | servant David.**

Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us | from our enemies,
from the hands of | all who hate us,

**to show mercy | to our forebears,
and to remember your | holy covenant. R**

This was the oath you swore to our | father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our | enemies,

**free to worship you | without fear,
holy and righteous before you, all the days | of our life.**

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of | the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to pre- | pare the way,

**to give God's people knowledge | of salvation
by the forgiveness | of their sins. R**

In the tender compassion | of our God
the dawn from on high shall | break upon us,

**to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shad- | ow of death,
and to guide our feet into the | way of peace. R**

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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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 3:1-6

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the third chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

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

SERMON

Dawn Breaks Anyway

Pr Shaun O'Reilly

HYMN OF THE DAY

All Earth Is Hopeful

ELW #266

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

Refrain

In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our God the
dawn from on high shall break up - on us.

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.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to our God.

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.

As the Grains of Wheat

ELW #465

1 As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,
 may we share the presence of your love. **Refrain**

2 Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come
 when all creation shares this feast with you. **Refrain**

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
 were gathered into one to become our bread;
 so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.

Surely God

by Ruth Svendsen

*Surely God is in this place, holy ground.
Surely God is in this place, holy ground.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**-SENDING-****BLESSING****SENDING HYMN***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling****ELW #631****DISMISSAL****A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

** denotes a favorite hymn of the congregation*

- Activities at Faith -

- **Advent Soup Supper, 5:30pm & Evening Prayer, 6pm - Wednesdays, Dec 4th, 11th and 18th. Join us!** A sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex if you would like to bring soup or bread.
- **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!
- **Pick up an Advent Devotional in the Narthex today.**
- **Sunday Adult Forum and Kids' Place meet today.**
- **Poinsettia Orders for Christmas Eve** - Order forms in this week's bulletin, **\$12 each**, deadline to order is **Sun, Dec 8th**. 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 **14 jars of Peanut Butter, 30 cans of Fruit** 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 & Dorothy B	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!