



# Faith Lutheran Church

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**December 22, 2024 + 10:45 am**

# Notes To Assist Our Worship

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**Welcome** – We are glad you chose to worship here today! We hope you discover the presence of God here and that together we can grow as friends of Christ and one another.

**Standing and Sitting** – If standing, sitting, and kneeling is too much for you, please remain seated (or standing at the communion rail) during those parts of the service. God is coming to you with His Gospel gifts. Our standing, sitting, and kneeling are simply our responses to God based on our health and ability.

**Nursery** – Faith Lutheran Church has a staffed nursery available for you to use on Sundays for children age 3 and younger. Please ask an usher if you need assistance in finding the nursery.

**Hearing Impaired** – Do you have a hearing impairment that makes it difficult to enjoy worship as much as you would like? Faith has a “hearing loop” for those with hearing aids with that feature. We also offer hearing impaired FM receivers for those wishing to use one. Please see one of our sound technicians for assistance.

**Our Hymnals** – *LSB* refers to the *Lutheran Service Book*, which is the burgundy hard covered book in the pew rack. *WOV* refers to *With One Voice*, the smaller blue soft cover book.

# Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2024 + 10:45 am

**WORSHIP MUSIC**

LET THE PEACE OF GOD REIGN

Zschech

Father of life, draw me closer,  
Lord, my heart is set on You;  
Let me run the race of time,  
With Your life enfolding mine,  
And let the peace of God, let it reign.

Chorus

Oh Lord I hunger for more of You  
Rise up within me let me know Your truth  
Oh Holy Spirit saturate my soul  
And let the life of God fill me now  
Let Your healing power breathe life  
And make me whole  
And let the peace of God let it reign

Oh, Holy Spirit, You're my comfort,  
Strengthen me, hold my head up high;  
And I'll stand upon Your truth,  
Bringing glory unto You,  
And let the peace of God let it reign. *Chorus*

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**WELCOME**

**GREETING ONE ANOTHER**

Verse 1

**In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light,  
Till from Heaven You came running.**

**There was mercy in Your eyes.**

**To fulfil the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word  
From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt.**

Chorus

**Praise the Father, Praise the Son,**

**Praise the Spirit, three in one.**

**God of Glory, Majesty,**

**Praise forever to the King of kings.**

Verse 2

**To reveal the kingdom coming And to reconcile the lost,  
To redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross.**

**For even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side.**

**Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake You died.**

**(Chorus)**

Verse 3

**And the morning that You rose All of heaven held its breath**

**Till that stone was moved for good,**

**For the Lamb had conquered death.**

**And the dead rose from their tombs,**

**And the angels stood in awe,**

**For the souls of all who'd come To the Father are restored.**

Verse 4

**And the Church of Christ was born,**

**Then the Spirit lit the flame.**

**Now this Gospel truth of old Shall not kneel, shall not faint.**

**By His blood and in His Name, In His freedom I am free,**

**For the love of Jesus Christ Who has resurrected me.**

**(Chorus)**

## **\*INVOCATION**

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## **\*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

Jesus, the Prince of Peace, brings us peace.

**Peace is something many people want and desire.**

Peace doesn't come from the world around us, nor is it found merely in the end of war or strife.

**True peace comes because the Prince of Peace enters our lives and transforms us from the inside out.**

May the Prince of Peace rule in our hearts and fill us with His everlasting peace.

**Come, Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace, and fill our hearts with Your peace. Amen.**

## **\*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

As we await the coming of our Savior - our Prince of Peace, let us confess our sins and seek His peace.

**Almighty God, we confess that we have not lived as Your people of peace. We have allowed fear, anger, and division to take root in our hearts. We have sought peace in the things of this world rather than trusting in Your promises. We have failed to love You and our neighbors as You have called us to do. Forgive us, Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Prince of Peace. Restore us, that we may live as peacemakers, reflecting Your love and truth in this broken world.**

Jesus says, "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you" (John 14:27). Through His death and resurrection, Christ has reconciled us to God, and His peace rules in our hearts. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, 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.

**Amen.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Isaiah 9:6-7

<sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born,

to us a son is given;

and the government shall be upon his shoulder,

and his name shall be called

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and of peace  
there will be no end,  
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,  
to establish it and to uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time forth and forevermore.  
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE LESSON**                      Colossians 1:19-20

<sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**\*ALLELUIA VERSE**

AGNUS DEI

Michael W Smith

**Alleluia, Alleluia, For the Lord God almighty reigns.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, For the Lord God almighty reigns.  
Alleluia. Holy.  
Holy, are you Lord God Almighty.  
Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb, You are Holy!  
Holy, are you Lord God Almighty.  
Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb, Amen.**

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**\*HOLY GOSPEL**                      John 14:25-31

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>25</sup> "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to

you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup> You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup> And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. <sup>30</sup> I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, <sup>31</sup> but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **MESSAGE**

Pastor Peter

### **\*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.**

## **GATHERING OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**    *I Wonder as I Wander*    Appalachian Carol  
(Lois Ronnenberg, soloist)

I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,  
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die  
For poor ordinary people like you and like I.  
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus, all in a cow's stall,  
Came wise men and farmers and shepherds and all,  
And high from the heavens a star's light did fall;  
The promise of the ages it then did recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing,  
A star in the sky or a bird on the wing,  
Or all of God's angels in heav'n for to sing,  
He surely could have had it, 'Cause he was the king.

I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,  
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die  
For poor ordinary people like you and like I.  
I wonder as I wander, our under the sky.

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## **\*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

### **Sick/Hospitalized:**

- **Ron Bonggren**, father of Ryan Byrn's friend, nephew of Laurie Ebbecke, now in hospice
- **Kay Bonggren**, mother of Ryan Byrn's friend, nephew of Laurie Ebbecke, hospitalized with heart issues
- **Pat Robert**, sister of Bob Freitag, hospitalized in serious condition with Rhabdomyolysis Syndrome
- **David**, son of John & Laurie Perry, friends of Michael & Karoline Trojjan, undergoing treatment for stomach cancer
- **Bill Baker**, son of Jeanne Shiao, diagnosed with cancer and hospitalized at Strong
- **Tedd Pullano**, friend of Adam Schembri, in ICU after hitting his head
- **Sammy Marciano**, friend of Mason Schembri, recovering from brain surgery
- **Kate Dolan**, good friend of Holly Grub, upcoming surgery as a result of a broken elbow from slip and fall

### **Other:**

- **For all those traveling this week**
- For our congregation's search for the **DCE** or **DCE Intern** that God has in mind for us



### **Called to Glory:**

- **Rick Schonblom** (12/10/24), friend of Bill & Lisa Sykes
- **Nicki Carlisi**, resident of Baywinde, friend of Ed Lindskoog
- **Tim Shannon** (12/16/24), brother-in-law of Donna & John Pellnat
- **Roger Doty** (12/17/24), uncle of Rob Doty

### **\*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.**

### **\*WE ARE SENT WITH GOD'S BLESSING**

**\*SENDING SONG**      **BLESSED BE YOUR NAME**      Matt Redman

**Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful,  
Where your streams of abundance flow,  
Blessed be your name.**

**Blessed be your name when I'm found in the desert place,  
Though I walk through the wilderness,  
Blessed be your name.**

**Ev'ry blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, Still I will say,  
"Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be your glorious name."**

**Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me,  
When the world's "all as it should be."  
Blessed be your name.**

**Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering,  
Though there's pain in the offering,  
Blessed be your name.**

**Ev'ry blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, Still I will say,  
"Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be your glorious name."**

**You give and take away, You give and take away  
And forever I will say, Blessed be your name.  
You give and take away, You give and take away  
And forever I will say, Blessed be your name.**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be your glorious name.**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be your glorious name.**

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**\*DISMISSAL**

**Go in peace and serve the Lord  
Thanks be to God.**

**POSTSERVICE MUSIC**

**THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!**

**Altar Guild: Betty Porter, Nancy Alvut  
Acolyte/Crucifer: Madison Deutsch, Mason Deutsch  
Greeters: TBA  
Lay Reader: Matthew Bernhardt  
Live Stream: Russ Hignett  
Powerpoint: Donna Kaser  
Sound: Mark Wood  
Ushers: Dave Banning, Amanda Ebbecke, Madelyn Ebbecke,  
Vince Alello, Irene Alello**

### **Christmas Eve 3pm**

Altar Guild: Betty Porter, Cheryl Speisman

Acolyte/Crucifer: Madison Deutsch, Mason Deutsch

Greeters: Kurt & Sharon Finkbeiner

Lay Reader: Jeff Kurzrock

Live Stream: Jason Gerlach

Sound: Rich Hoffarth, Mark Wood

Ushers: Steve VanDerMallie, Braedan DuBois, Mari-Beth  
Schembri, Bill & Sara Love, Amanda Ebbecke

### **Christmas Eve 5:30pm**

Altar Guild: Betty Porter, Cheryl Speisman

Acolyte/Crucifer: Margo Natemeier

Greeter: Donna Bott

Lay Reader: Emory Ford

Live Stream: McKayla Nolan

Sound: Bob Helm

Ushers: Mark Saresky, Kristine Parmele, David & Patricia Lapresi

### **Christmas Eve 7:30pm**

Altar Guild: Betty Porter, Cheryl Speisman

Acolyte/Crucifer: Maxwell Poromon

Eucharist Assistants: Betty Porter, TBA

Pews: Christie Pichan

Greeters: Tom & Nancy Hammond

Instrumentalists: Piano: Terry Allen, Elizabeth Balentine;

Saxophone: Paul VanHorn; Flute: Elizabeth

Balentine; Percussion: Elizabeth Balentine

Lay Reader: Fred Mason

Sound: Bob Helm

Ushers: David Pape, Geoff Kaeuper, Fred Mason, Bill &  
Marguerite McKee

### **Christmas Day 10am**

Altar Guild: Nancy Alvut

Acolyte/Crucifer: TBA

Eucharist Assistants: Betty Porter, Mari-Beth Schembri

Pews: Mari-Beth Schembri

Lay Reader: Paula Reitz

Live Stream: McKayla Nolan

Sound: Bob Helm

Ushers: Kathy McCarthy, Karen Nitschke, Beth D'Ambrosio

Steve VanDerMallie, Geoff Kaeuper

### **December 29 9:30am**

Altar Guild: Cheryl Speisman, Charlene Fernaays

Acolyte/Crucifer: **TBA**

Eucharist Assistants: Hans Kurzik, Betty Porter

Pews: Jackie Welk/John Gerlach

Lay Reader: Jeff Kurzrock

Live Stream: Jason Gerlach

Sound: Rich Hoffarth

Ushers: Ed Freeman, Mark Saresky, Kristine Parmele, Margo

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