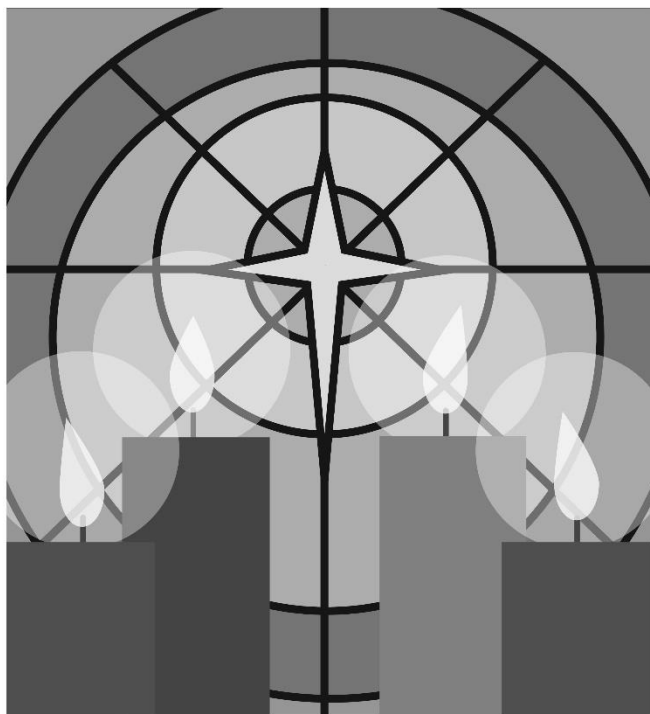




# Faith Lutheran Church

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**FOURTH SUNDAY**  
OF  
*Advent*

**December 22, 2024 + 8:30 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 + 8:30am

**PRELUDE**                    *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*    arr. Chip Davis

(See LSB 357 for the text. This hymn will be the focus of today's adult Bible Study.)

## WELCOME

**\*ENTRANCE HYMN**        PREPARE THE ROYAL HIGHWAY    LSB 343

## \*INVOCATION

We begin 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**                    LORD, HAVE MERCY                    LSB 204

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

*Sung*

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord have mercy.**

*Spoken Confession*

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.

*Sung*

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord have mercy.

**\*ABSOLUTION**

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.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray together.

**Almighty God, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, into the world to be our Prince of Peace, calming our fears and reconciling us to You. As we remember Your promises, fill our hearts with Your peace that surpasses all understanding. Strengthen us to trust in Your Word and to live as reflections of Christ's peace in this world. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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**

*LSB 205*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**These things are written that you may believe  
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**\*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**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** COMFORT, COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE

*LSB 347*

**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** *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* arr. Hayes  
(Elizabeth Balentine, piano)

## **\*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.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

HARK, THE GLAD SOUND

LSB 349

**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

*I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day/Ding Dong! Merrily on High*

Arr. Alex-Zsolt

**Thank you to our volunteers!**

Altar Guild: Betty Porter, Nancy Alvut

Acolyte/Crucifer: Maxwell Poromon

Lay Reader: Paula Reitz

Live Stream: Russ Hignett

Sound: Bob Helm

Ushers: Beth D'Ambrosio, TJ & Kathy McEwen, Michael Hanss,  
Steve VanDerMallie

**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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