



# Faith Lutheran Church

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**December 7, 2025 + 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.

**Notes on Communion** – If you need gluten-free wafers, they are located on a stand in front of the baptismal font to be picked up on your way to the communion rail. If you need a non-alcoholic option, white grape juice is in the center of the communion tray.

**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.

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**WORSHIP MUSIC**

**LONG LIVE THE KING**

Paul Elliott, Kip Fox

**There is a king who rides on the heavens.**

**His coming lifts the eyes of the poor.**

**For all the power of their oppressor can hurt them no more.**

**He is a King like no one before Him.**

**His justice falls like rain on the hills.**

**And all who live their lives with that hunger will have their fill.**

Chorus

**Long live the King! Forever He shall reign.**

**Let the heavens ring with His praise.**

**Long live the King! The sun and moon will fade,**

**His kingdom never passing away.**

**Long live the King! Long live the King!**

**There is a righteous fire in His footsteps.**

**An everlasting peace in His wake.**

**He is the King from ocean to ocean, and age to age.**

**Age to age! *Chorus***

Bridge

**Humbled low in a manger, lifted high on a tree,**

**Rose, victorious Savior, Jesus Christ our King! *Repeat***

**(Chorus twice)**

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**WELCOME**

**GREETING ONE ANOTHER**

It came upon the midnight clear,  
That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth  
To touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to all,  
From heav'n's all gracious king."  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come  
With peaceful wings unfurled,  
And still their heav'nly music floats  
O'er all the weary world.  
Above its sad and lowly plains  
They bend on hov'ring wing,  
And ever o'er its babel sounds  
The blessed angels sing.

All you, beneath your heavy load,  
By care and guilt bent low,  
Who toil along a dreary way  
With painful steps and slow:  
Look up, for golden is the hour,  
Come swiftly on the wing,  
The Prince was born to bring you peace;  
Of Him the angels sing.

For lo, the days have come to pass  
By prophets seen of old,  
When down into the circling years  
Came Christ as was foretold.  
His word of peace shall to the earth  
God's ancient promise bring,  
And all who take this gift will hear  
The song the angels sing.

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**\*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.**

## **\*A TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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.**

## **\*SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM\***

Caroline Jesslyn Couture

Pastor: I now ask Caroline's family, sponsors, and congregation:  
do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of  
heaven and earth?

**Congregation: Yes, I believe.**

P: Do you believe 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?

**C: Yes, I believe.**

P: Do you 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?

**C: Yes, I believe.**

P: Caroline Jesslyn Couture, I baptize you in the name of the  
Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Through Baptism, God has added Caroline to His own people,  
to declare the wonderful deeds of our Savior, who has called us  
out darkness into His marvelous light!

**C: Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.**

**BAPTISM SONG**      HERE IN THE WATER      Bartels, Lamb, Lange

This is the beginning of a life made new.  
This is where forever begins with You.  
I remember the day when You gave me Your name,  
This is the beginning of a life made new.

**This is the beginning of a life made new.**  
**This is where forever begins with You.**  
**You put the old in the grave with the sin and the shame.**

**This is the beginning of a life made new.**

Chorus

**The Jordan Song goes on and on,  
My morning dawns here in the water.  
Evil depart from my new heart.  
New mercies start here in the water.**

**This is the beginning of a life made new.  
This is where forever begins with You.  
Baptized into death, I share Your breath.  
This is the beginning of a life made new. *Chorus***

**I have received, I still believe  
Your word to me here in the water.  
Delivered me, and set me free  
Your word to me here in the water. *Chorus***

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**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**      Isaiah 11:1-10

11 There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

<sup>2</sup>And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him,  
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and might,  
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

<sup>3</sup>And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,

<sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

<sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

<sup>6</sup>The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,  
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,  
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;  
and a little child shall lead them.

<sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze;  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

<sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,  
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

<sup>9</sup>They shall not hurt or destroy  
in all my holy mountain;  
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord  
as the waters cover the sea.

<sup>10</sup>In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the  
peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place  
shall be glorious.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **EPISTLE LESSON**

Romans 15:8-13

<sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to  
show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to  
the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup>and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for  
his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles,  
and sing to your name."

<sup>10</sup>And again it is said,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."

<sup>11</sup>And again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
and let all the peoples extol him."

<sup>12</sup>And again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse will come,  
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him will the Gentiles hope."

<sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*ALLELUIA**

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## **\*HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 3:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the third chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

3 In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, <sup>2</sup>“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” <sup>3</sup>For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord;  
make his paths straight.’”

<sup>4</sup>Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup>But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup>And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. <sup>10</sup>Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup>“I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

### **MESSAGE**

Pastor Peter

## GATHERING OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

### MUSICAL OFFERING

*Arise*

Gruen, Taylor, Key

Let ev'ry valley be raised up, and ev'ry lowly heart be filled.  
Arise and wipe away your years, for your eyes shall see the Lord  
revealed.

Let ev'ry mountain be made low, cast down your trust in might and gold.  
And crown yourself with humble faith, that your God provides a truer  
hope.

Chorus:

Arise, arise, awake your soul in the glory of the coming Lord.  
Rejoice, rejoice, prepare the way for the One who comes in pow'r to  
save.

Make straight the road to Bethlehem, that marches on to Calvary.  
The King is on His way to save, He the rescue in our deepest need.

*Chorus*

All those who wander without home, striving in the wilderness.  
He is not far, He is not far, you will soon behold God's very face. *Chorus*

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### \*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

#### Sick/Hospitalized:

- **Tiffany Collins**, cousins of Sylvia Pape, treatment for leukemia
- **Mike Hanley**, friend of Julia Cummings, knee replacement recovery
- **Tom Dirxx**, son-in-law of Chita McKinney, having surgery for a brain tumor on December 9<sup>th</sup> at Strong
- **Ray Hammond**, brother of Tom Hammond, in rehab recovering from hospitalization with AFib diagnosis

#### Thanksgiving:

- **For the 12/7/25 Baptism of Caroline Jesslyn Couture**, daughter of Nik & Veronica Couture, granddaughter of Larry & Robin Arnone
- **Jeff Roen**, cousin of Cheryl Speisman, giving thanks and praise for no recurrence of kidney cancer after removal of one kidney

### **Other:**

- **Mary**, friend of Lisa Hutchings, grieving loss of mother during the holiday season

### **Called to Glory:**

- **Patricia Berardi** (11/23/25), acquaintance of Jane Sandgren and friend to many in Fairport
- **James Backus** (11/24/25), unexpected loss of 14-year-old son, brother, grandson; dear friends of Jim & Janise Pilosi
- **Michael Wangemann** (11/26/25), husband of Anna-Carin, father of Lorraine, good friend of Diane VanAuken

### **\*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.**

### **+HOLY COMMUNION+**

### **\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

### **FAITH COMMUNION STATEMENT**

Holy Communion is a gift from God and an expression of our unity in the Christian faith. We invite and welcome to the Lord's Table those who joyfully affirm the following:

+ I believe that I am a sinner and I repent of my sins.

+ I believe that in eating this bread and drinking this wine, I am receiving the Lord's true body and blood.

+ I believe that my sins are forgiven in this sacrament and I will strive to amend my life by the power of the Holy Spirit.

+ I have been baptized.

+ I have been prepared for Holy Communion through instruction.

(For those with dietary restrictions, please see "Notes" on page 1.)

### **\*RECEPTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

## **DISTRIBUTION MUSIC**

COME, JUST AS YOU ARE

Joseph Sabolick

**Come just as you are, hear the Spirit call.  
Come just as you are.  
Come and see Come, receive,  
Come and live forever.**

**Life everlasting, and strength for today;  
Taste the Living Water, and never thirst again.**

**Come just as you are, hear the Spirit call.  
Come just as you are.  
Come receive Christ, the King.  
Come and live forevermore.**

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EMMANUEL

Bob McGee

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel.  
God with us, Revealed in us,  
His name is called Emmanuel. Repeat**

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HERE IS BREAD, HERE IS WINE

Graham Kendrick

Verse 1

**Here is bread, here is wine,  
Christ is with us, He is with us.  
Break the bread, drink the wine,  
Christ is with us here.**

Verse 2

**Here is grace, here is peace,  
Christ is with us, He is with us.  
Know His grace, find His peace,  
Feast on Jesus here.**

Chorus

**In this bread there is healing,  
In this cup there's life forever.  
In this moment, by the Spirit,  
Christ is with us here.**

Verse 3

**Here we are, joined in One,  
Christ is with us, He is with us.  
We'll proclaim, 'til He comes,  
Jesus crucified. (Chorus)**

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

May the God who comes to you in hope,  
who surrounds you with His peace,  
who fills your heart with joy,  
and who loves you with an everlasting love,  
bless you and keep you in the light of His salvation.  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

**\*SENDING SONG**

LONG LIVE THE KING

Paul Elliott, Kip Fox

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His coming lifts the eyes of the poor.  
For all the power of their oppressor can hurt them no more.**

**He is a King like no one before Him.  
His justice falls like rain on the hills.  
And all who live their lives with that hunger will have their fill.**

Chorus

**Long live the King! Forever He shall reign.  
Let the heavens ring with His praise.  
Long live the King! The sun and moon will fade,  
His kingdom never passing away.  
Long live the King! Long live the King!**

**There is a righteous fire in His footsteps.  
An everlasting peace in His wake.  
He is the King from ocean to ocean, and age to age.  
Age to age! *Chorus***

**Bridge  
Humbled low in a manger, lifted high on a tree,  
Rose, victorious Savior, Jesus Christ our King! *Repeat*  
(Chorus twice)**

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**\*DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTSERVICE MUSIC**      *Praise Adonai*

**THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!**

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