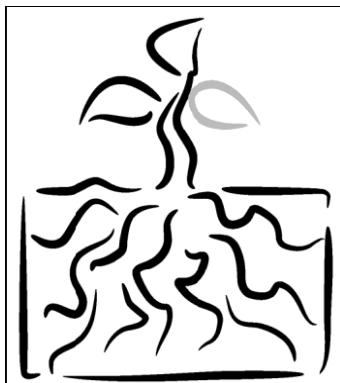


THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 27, 2011 A.D.
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*A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament,
Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in World Wide Missions*



As We Gather– This is the First Sunday in Advent and the beginning of a new Church Year of grace. Our Church Year counts time differently than the secular calendar. We are tied to the fullness of time in which God sent His one and only Son into the womb of the virgin, born to save us. The First Sunday in Advent is the Sunday on or closest to November 30 (St. Andrew's Day). Today, we begin a journey not simply to the manger but the familiar journey that takes us to the manger, the cross, and the empty tomb. It is not merely a remembrance of what took place so long ago but also preparation for what is to come---our Lord's return in glory to lay claim to His Church for all eternity.

Encouraged by the Spirit, we devote ourselves to faithfully keeping what God has made known to us and showing forth our living faith in words and acts of repentance and holy living. But each Advent is a reminder that we are one step further from Bethlehem and one year closer to our Lord's coming again.

THE WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the blue information card. Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.

"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:16b

THE RINGING BELL CALLS US INTO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST OUR ADVENT KING!

DIVINE SERVICE - SETTING FOUR

THE OPENING HYMN

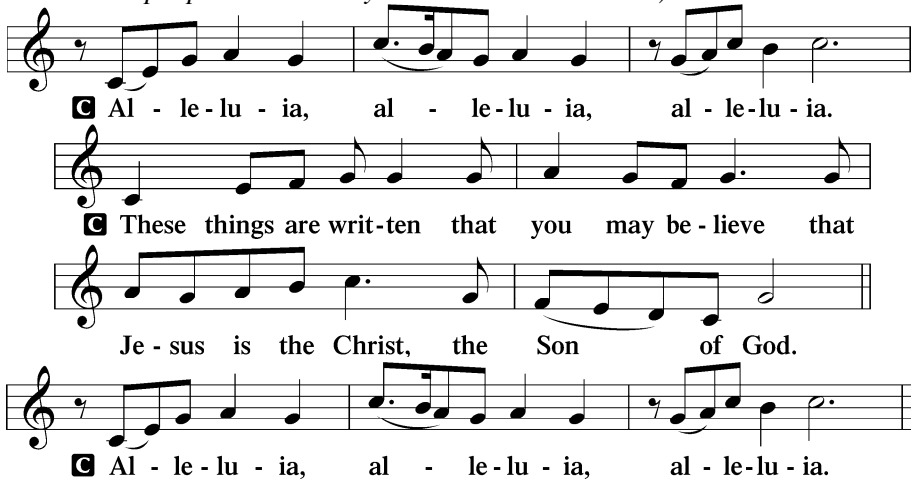
*"The Advent of our King" LSB 331
(We cheerfully rise and sing)*

C And also with you.

THE COLLECT

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *LSB Amen.*

THE EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 1:3-9 (St. Paul comforts God's people with the Lord's promise to sustain His people until the day when our Lord returns.)*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that
Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL *St. Mark 11:1-10 (As He enters Jerusalem, Jesus is welcomed with palms and hosannas.)*

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE SERMON HYMN *"Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" LSB 347*

THE SERMON *"Comfort..."
Isaiah 40:1-2
Pastor Brad Urbach*

THE CREED 8:20 *Apostles' Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*
11:00 *Nicene Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING OF ONE ANOTHER



THE OFFERING *We gather our tithes, gifts of love, and our “Faith Promise” cards. We will dedicate our Faith Promise Cards on January 8, the First Sunday of Epiphany.*

THE OFFERTORY *“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart” LSB 806*

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One.

Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One.

Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son.

And now let the weak say “I am strong,” Let the poor say “I am rich,”

Because of what the Lord has done for us.

And now let the weak say “I am strong,” Let the poor say “I am rich,”

Because of what the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks, give thanks.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs; that we may not be distracted or grow complacent but be ready and waiting for the Lord when He returns in His glory, let us pray:

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come, Lord Jesus, restore Your people and lead us home to You.

That the Lord would guide and watch over His Church and all who serve her---pastors, missionaries, and all church workers, let us pray:

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come, Lord Jesus, restore Your people and lead us home to You.

That the Lord would bless our every effort to share the good news of Jesus that all the elect may hear and heed His voice calling and gathering His people, let us pray:

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3

come, Lord Jesus, restore Your people and lead us home to You.

That the Lord would bless our nation and leaders, and that they may guide us with wisdom in paths of peace and justice, let us pray:

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come, Lord Jesus, restore Your people and lead us home to You.

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We pray for our Faith family and its friends in the midst of life's joys and struggles...let us pray:

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come, Lord Jesus, restore Your people and lead us home to You.

That we may be wise and faithful in our use of all the resources God has entrusted to us and that we may use them for His glory and in support of the work of His kingdom, let us pray:

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come, Lord Jesus, restore Your people and lead us home to You.

That God may give us all things we need and all that will benefit us and that He may keep from us all things that might prove harmful to us, let us pray:

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come, Lord Jesus, restore Your people and lead us home to You. Amen.

THE 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.

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

11:00

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

THE PAX DOMINI

John 20:19

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The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

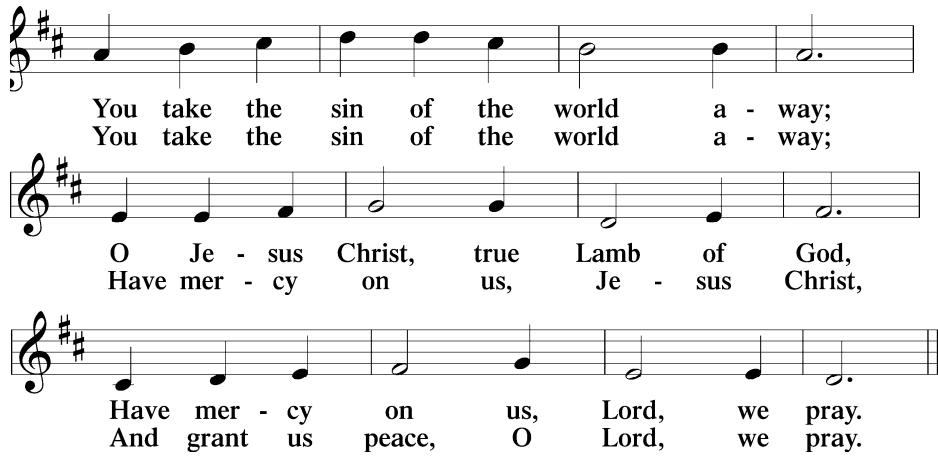
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And also with you.

AGNUS DEI



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
 You take the sin of the world a - way;

O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,

Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

THE COMMUNION HYMNS

“O Worship the King” LSB 804

“Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared” LSB 622

“Savior of the Nations, Come” LSB 332

THE BENEDICAMUS

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Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

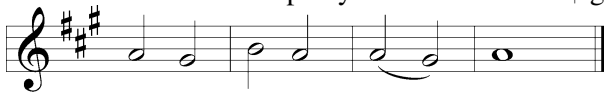
THE BENEDICTION *(With Sung Amens)*

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The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

THE CLOSING HYMN *“The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns” LSB 348*

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this First Sunday of Advent! We are delighted to have you in worship with us. If you are visiting from out of town, we bid you welcome and God-speed on your journey. Should you be from our community, and have no church home, we invite

you to make Faith your church home. Greeting you this morning:

Before Early Service

James & Phyllis Douglas

Tim & Teresa Flannery

After Early Service

Jim & Lisa Hull

Tyler & Lynn Spomer



Before Late Service

Dan & Jolynn Haberling

Chris & Janet Ott

After Late Service

Lana Lambert

Vern & Veronica Lenz

Preaching this morning is our Pastor, Reverend Brad Urbach. Pastor Urbach will be preaching at Trinity in Blunt between our two services.

Holy Communion is celebrated at our 11:00 service today. In this Sacrament, our Lord brings us strength and forgiveness to be about His vision and mission. Those confirmed Lutherans who come to the Sacrament of the Altar today are asked to read the communion side of our information card found in the pew rack and to sign the bottom of the reverse side so that our communion records might be complete.

Holy Baptism Following our 11:00 service today, Jaydon Brady Lunstra will be Baptized. Jaydon is the son of Brooke Goff and Tanner Lunstra. Sponsors for Jaydon are Jamie Goff, Brady Goff, Austin Lunstra and Mateya Lunstra.

Holy Baptism Last Sunday by God's extraordinary Word and ordinary water, Carter Jackson Dokken was Baptized. Carter is the second born son of Jack and Beth Dokken and joins older brother Maddox. Sponsors for Carter were Brandon & Melanie Cruse. May God bless Jayden and Carter and keep them in His loving care.

Voter's Assembly Next Sunday at 9:45 a.m. our congregation will have its December Voter's Assembly. Items of business are the approval of the 2012 Work Program; the approval of a recommendation to call a Candidate from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis; the approval of a recommendation from the Boards of Education and Elders to call a Spring DCE Graduate.

Morning Fellowship Join us in the Christian Family Life Center after our 8:20 service for a fresh cup of coffee and fellowship.



Our Adult Class Continues this morning with our study entitled "Bearing Fruit For Jesus." We encourage all adults to join us for this class.

Nursery Nursery is available during the 11:00 service. This is located in the Preschool Room. It is for children ages infant through 5 year olds.

Nursing Moms can find a comfortable rocker in the Daycare. This is NOT a Nursery for young children, just a quiet, private place for nursing moms.

God Be With You!

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Our Broadcasts Our Sunrise and Cable Broadcasts are made possible this morning by Terry & Jody Leibel in loving memory of their fathers, Howard Horton and Dave Leibel. Thanks Terry & Jody, may God bless your memories of your fathers.

Our Cable Broadcast is also on our Website which Dennis and Carolyn Ryckman keep very current for us. Take a look at www.faithluth.com. **COST:** You may sponsor the radio broadcast of Sunrise for \$30.00. This radio broadcast is on 1240 AM KCCR at 6:40 a.m. on Sunday morning. The cost of sponsoring the cable broadcast of our worship service is \$35.00. This cable access broadcast is televised on Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. on Channel 8. If you choose to sponsor both, the cost is \$60.00.

Nov. 20, Att. 316; General Fund \$7,657.18; Building Fund \$1,205.00 (Building \$300.00, Elevator \$255.00, Debt Retirement \$650.00); Sunday School \$18.75; Thanksgiving \$75.00; Love Fund \$175.00; Thrivent Automatic Withdrawal \$2,346.00 (General \$1,201.00; Building Fund \$55.00; Love Fund \$10.00); Hong Kong Trip \$150.00; Utecht Ministry \$100.00; Special Missions \$470.00; Forever Young \$86.00; Broadcasts \$60.00; Bible Study \$9.00.

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Nov. 27 First Sunday of Advent

8:20 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study
11:00 am Communion
1:30-4:00 pm Crèche Festival

Mon: Nov. 28

10:00 am Ladies Pickleball
1:30 pm “Coffee with the Savior” Women’s Study in the Living Room
7:00 pm Teacher Appreciation Evening with Goodies
7:55 pm Advent Worship

Thurs: Dec. 1

8:25 am Staff Devotions
11:30 am Ministerium
1:30-3:00 pm Pickleball
7:00 pm Adult Inquirer’s

Fri: Dec. 2

10:00 am Ladies Pickleball

7:30 pm Priscilla Circle

Tues: Nov. 29

8:25 am Staff Devotions
6:30 pm Choir
7:30-9:00 pm Pickleball in the Gym

Wed: Nov. 30

6:45 am “Game Plan For Life” Men’s Study
10:00 am Ladies Pickleball
6:30 pm Midweek
6:30 pm “Life of David” Study in Preschool
7:55 pm LYF

Sat: Dec. 3

10:00 am Betty’s Place – Bd. of Trustees

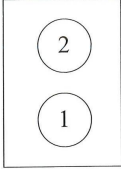
Sun: Dec. 4

8:20 am Communion
9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study
11:00 am Worship
6:00 pm Faith Circle at Judy Coyle’s home
309 Country Drive, Pierre

Building News

Thank you - yes indeed a big thank you for your gifts to the Building Fund this week. The gifts were designated as follows:

The Building Account: \$355.00
The Debt Retirement Account: \$650.00
The Elevator Account: \$255.00



Matching Gift – Because of the \$12,000 matching challenge gift and because of generous gifts on November 13 we have –

Reached our Goal!

That's correct, all the funds are now arranged for to pay the Otis Elevator Company and Sioux Falls Construction in full.

Thank You!

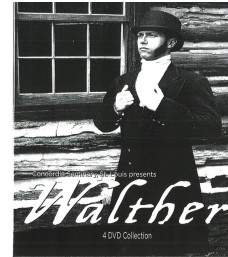
Debt Retirement Now what – now we continue to stay after Debt Retirement, keeping in mind that every dollar given, because of the interest saved, is like nearly \$5.00. On December 1 we will make our regular payment and 2 additional payments saving another \$8,462.16 in interest. We have now saved \$221,340.57.

Building Account Once the elevator is in we desire after the first of the year, to start to make some significant progress upstairs. We hope this winter to:

- Finish the St. Paul room entirely.
- Tape, texture, and paint Sts. Luke & John and put cabinets in those rooms.

When you consider two years ago that the entire upstairs was an empty shell, well, you have provided remarkable labor and resources to make great progress, more is coming. Again – to all of you, from all of us – THANK YOU!

Movie Day On Sunday, January 15 we will share the new movie release from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis entitled “Walther”. It will help you have a new appreciation for the early days of our church body that dates back to 1847. That's January 15 at 3:00 p.m. Our theme for the day is “Where have we been and where are we going” as we remember our early history as a church body and have our Pancake Feed to help our Hong Kong missionary team with expenses for their February 2012 trip. Thus our theme “Where have we been and where are we going?”





Faith Lutheran will have a Blood Drive on Tuesday, December 6 from 11:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Call Char Russell at 224-1160 for an appointment or go to www.bloodhero.com and then enter code: pierrefaith.

LYF & JYM YOUTH NEWS

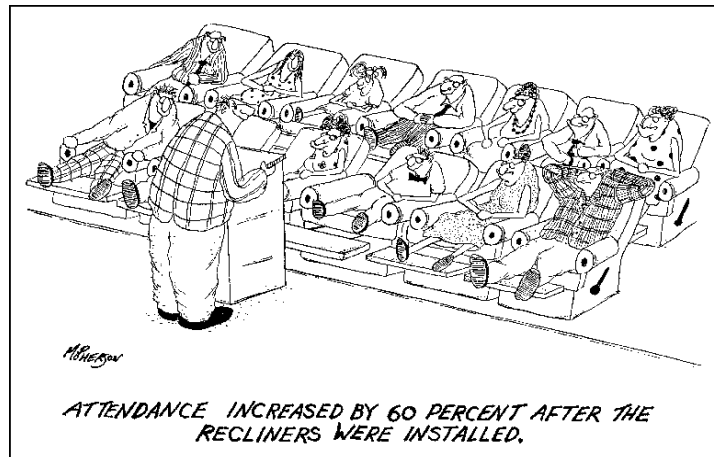
LYF will meet at 7:55 this week and attend the short Advent service together. Then we will go to our regular meeting. December 21 will be our LYF Christmas Party. It will be at 7:30. Pizza provided. Wear your favorite Santa hat.

JYM Our next JYM meeting is December 11 at 1:00 p.m. We will be skating and will meet at the Paysa Ring. The cost is \$5.00 and skates are provided. We will return to the church for goodies. The high games for boys at our November 20 Bowling Event was Taylor Zimmerman with 119 and for girls was Kenzie Trujillo and Burkeley Kenefick-Aschoff with 77.



Puns for Youthful Educated Minds:

A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.



Capitol Area United Way The local Capitol Area United Way organization is designed to be an efficient means of delivering services to local folks who need it most. The campaign runs September through December. Early in the year the local non-profit charitable agencies request funds to serve their clients in Hughes and Stanley Counties. United Way volunteers select *programs* worthy of funding. If you would like to consider giving to United Way, call 224-9229 or send a check to **Capitol Area United Way**, PO Box 1111, Pierre, SD 57501-1111.

Fund Raiser There will be a fundraiser at Pizza Ranch Wednesday, December 14 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. to help with medical and transportation costs for Carissa Brandt. Carissa is the daughter of Kelly and Lisa Brandt.

Main Street Living may be seen each Sunday morning at 10 AM on KDLT-NBC Sioux Falls or at 9 AM on KEVN-FOX Rapid City. Mailing address is Main Street Living, 1400 S. Duluth Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57105. The program may be viewed on the web at www.mainstreetliving.com.

November 27, 2011 – Kid’s Crossing prepares for Christmas with the story “The City That Forgot Christmas.”

The featured speaker is Rev. Greg Lehr from Zion Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, SD. The sermon theme is “Be on Guard, Awake, and Watchful.” The hymns are The Advent of our King; Now Thank We all our God; and Come Thou Almighty God. The Main Street Living choir will provide the hymns. The program is interpreted for the hearing impaired.

Life Quotes “One simple way you can open up opportunities to share your faith and talk about the life issues is by being friendly with those you meet in your daily life. You never know what doors the Lord will open and how He will use you!” *Kay L. Meyer, director of development for Lutherans For Life* – A “**Life Quote**” from **Lutherans For Life** – www.lutheransforlife.org



8th Annual
“Festival of the Crèche”

(Crèche: a three dimensional representation of the Nativity)

Sunday, November 28, 2010

1:30 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Faith Ev. Lutheran Church

1:30-4:00 – View the Crèches in the church Fellowship Hall during a come-and-go reception. Holiday cookies and breads along with tea and coffee will be served.

3:00- Live Crèche and reading of the Christmas Story. After the reading, come in the Fellowship Hall for some more homemade cookies and breads.

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Pierre, South Dakota



Stir-fry Here is yet another Oriental Dining Opportunity!

*Stir-fry Dinner
December 11, 2011
Start serving at 11:30 a.m.*

Ken & "Martha" Brull are cooking up a storm along with our Hong Kong Missions team. We thank the Brulls for donating the food and coordinating this event!

Free Will Offering

Come, enjoy a very fine meal on Sunday, December 11

