

# FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 18, 2022 A.D.  
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## T DIVINE SERVICE T

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

(LSB 341)

### INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C Amen.

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH—JOY CANDLE

P As we light the candle of love, we reflect upon the love of God in Jesus, our Savior, and pray for those who have never felt love and for those who struggle to love others.  
C **Love is patient and kind;** *(1 Corinthians 13:4-8)*  
P love does not envy or boast;  
C **it is not arrogant or rude.**  
P It does not insist on its own way;  
C **it is not irritable or resentful;**  
P it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.  
C **Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.**  
P Love never ends.  
C **God is love.** *(1 John 4:16)*  
P In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. *(1 John 4:10)*  
C **This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us.** *(1 John 3:16)*  
P See what great love the Father has lavished on us that we should be called children of God; and so we are. *(1 John 3:1)*  
C **Jesus said, "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you."** *(John 15:12)*  
P Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. *(1 John 4:11)*  
C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!** *(Revelation 22:20)*

## EXHORTATION

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

## CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

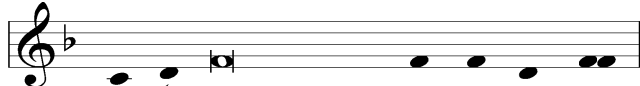
## T WORD T

## INTROIT

*1 Sam. 2:1b, 2, 5b-7; (antiphon: Luke 1:46b-47)*

- P My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
- C **My mouth derides my enemies,  
because I rejoice in your salvation.**
- P There is none holy like the Lord;  
there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.
- C **The barren has borne seven,  
but she who has many children is forlorn.**
- P The Lord kills and brings to life;  
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.
- C **The Lord makes poor and makes rich;  
he brings low and he exalts.**
- C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

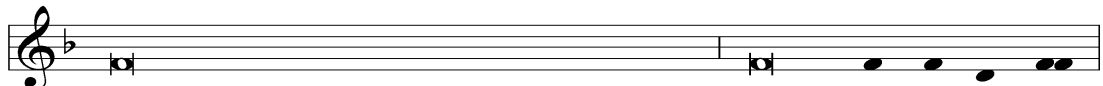
# KYRIE




**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



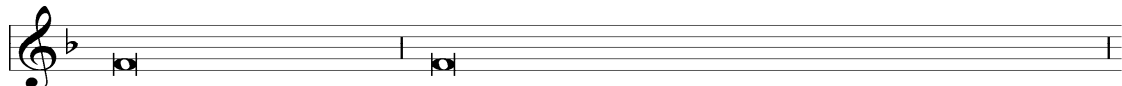
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,




and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

**C** A - men.

**THIS IS THE FEAST**

*Refrain*

**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your night, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

**OLD TESTAMENT**      *Isaiah 7:10–17*      (The birth of Immanuel is prophesied.)

*After the reading:*

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

"All Is Well"      (*Kirkpatrick/Smith, arr. Larson*)

*Randy Hartmann, vocal soloist*

**EPISTLE**      *Romans 1:1–7*      (Paul greets the saints in Rome with words of blessing.)

*After the reading:*

L This is the Word of the Lord.


C **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand)*

**ALLELUIA and VERSE**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?      You have the



words of e - ter - nal life.      Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*Luke 2:8-14*

(The Shepherds and the Angels)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the first chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>8</sup> And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. <sup>10</sup> And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"<sup>[a]</sup>

*After the reading:*

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

**BIBLE LESSON**

**SERMON HYMN** "Angels We Have Heard on High" (LSB 368)

**SERMON** "Peace that Renews Hope" (Luke 2:8-14)  
Pastor Sam Handschke

**CREED** 8:30 am Nicene Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book

**OFFERING** We gather our tithes and gifts of love

**OFFERTORY** "What Shall I Render to the Lord" (LSB 159)

**SHARING GOD'S PEACE**

(Please stand)

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH



- P Lord God, You promised the virgin-born Son to reluctant King Ahaz, and in the fullness of time the Word became flesh. Open our hearts and strengthen our faith gladly to receive Your Son in the signs where He is present: not in signs of our own choosing, but in the Holy Word and Sacraments. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Lord God, preserve Your apostolic Gospel and its ministers. Cause the name and the resurrection of Christ Jesus to be proclaimed among all the nations, including among us who are called to belong to Him, that the obedience of faith may be brought about in every place. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Lord God, it is Your will that we live chaste and decent lives in all that we say and do. Preserve all couples who are engaged to be married in faithfulness and honor, that they may come to their wedding day without fear, shame or disgrace. Since Christ is Immanuel, who saves His people from their sins, clothe all brides and grooms in the forgiveness of Jesus, in which all can stand before You cleansed and confident of Your blessing. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Lord God, You do not bear with the tiresome flattery and unbelief of kings and rulers forever. Have mercy on us, Lord, and spare our nation. Clear away all empty shows of piety and renew genuine faith in the virgin's Son, that His coming at the last may not be a sign against us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Lord God, You named Your Son "Jesus" because He was born to save us from our sins. Give us repentant hearts. Do not let us bow to temptation or abuse His name by seeking our own way, but lead us to confess our sins and rejoice in His salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Lord God, look with kindness on the sick and those in any need [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Lord God, heavenly Father, we give You thanks for Your Son, Jesus Christ, who is

truly Lord and ruler of the house of Israel. With the Holy Spirit, You spoke to Moses out of the burning bush and gave the law in terror to test Your ancient people, that the fear of You would be before them. As Moses stretched out his arm at Your Word to bring Israel out of bondage, and as he stood in the breach against Your wrath, so You have given Christ to redeem us with His arms outstretched on the wood of the cross. Grant that, as we recall with thanksgiving His advent in the flesh, we may always confess Him and remain watchful for His advent in glory at the Last Day; for You live and reign, ever one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

C **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.**

**IN REGARD TO HOLY COMMUNION:** According to Scripture, Holy Communion should be celebrated by those who are: **United in a common faith** (1 Cor. 10:16-17, 21-22; Rom. 16:17); **Repentant of sins** (1 Cor. 5:11, Matt. 18:17-18); **Able to examine their lives** (1 Cor. 11:27-29); and believe that in this precious meal they **receive the true body and blood of Jesus** given and shed for the forgiveness of their sins (Luke 22:19-22).

Since Scripture teaches that those people who do not fully understand the meaning of this meal eat and drink to their own harm (1Cor. 11:27-29), and because the Lord's Supper is the supreme act of stating our unity in faith and doctrine, we would ask those people who are visiting with us to **please speak with our pastor**, before communing, in order that we might fulfill our responsibility of properly instructing people in the right use of the precious Sacrament.

#### **† SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT †**

**8:30 am service**

#### **PREFACE**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

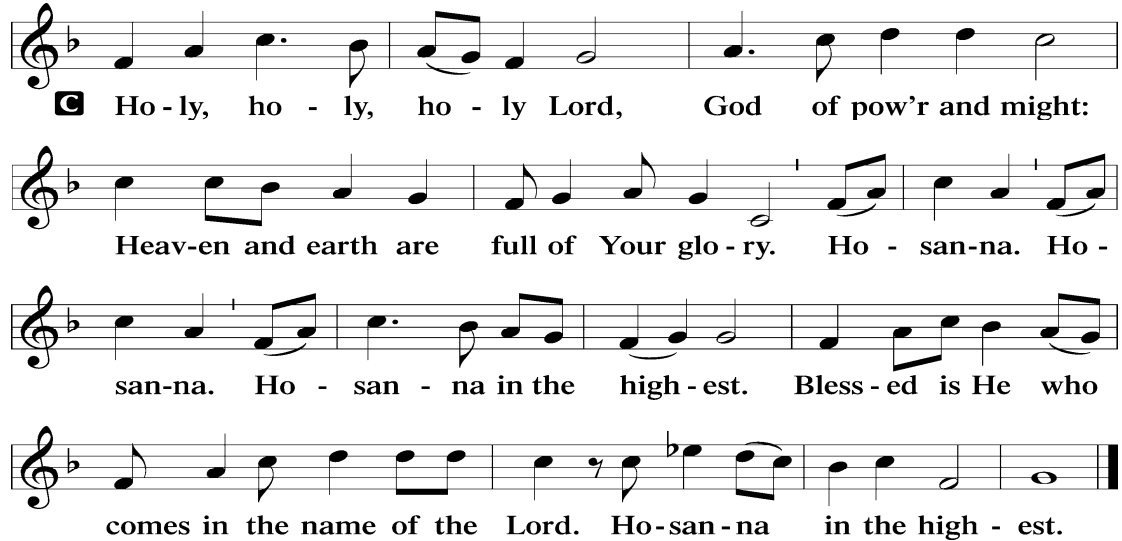
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

### WORDS OF OUR LORD

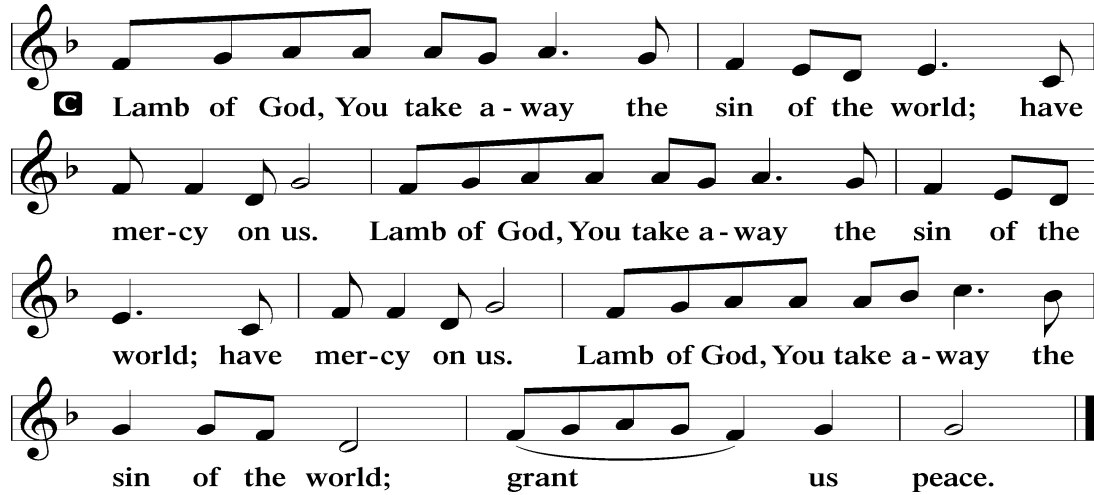
*Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25*

## PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

## AGNUS DEI



☐ Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*(Please be seated)*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

(LSB 357)

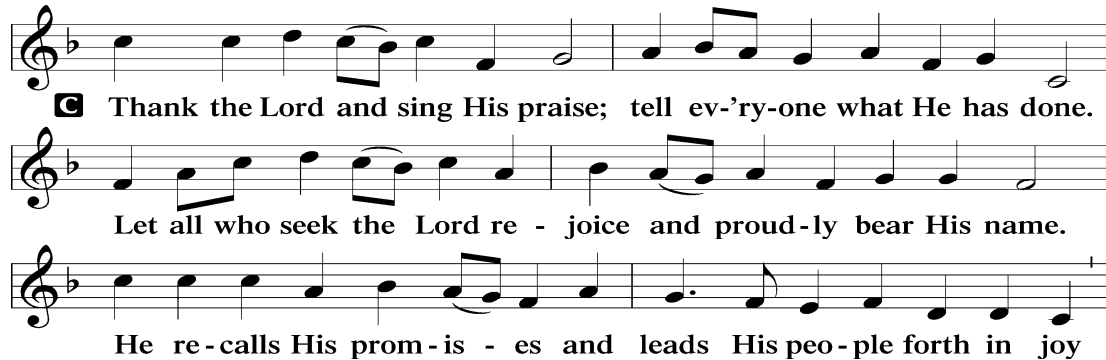
"O God of God, O Light of Light"

(LSB 595)



*(Please stand)*

## THANK THE LORD



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.  
He re-calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

- P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

- P 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 T give you peace.
- C **Amen.**

Numbers 6:24-26



**CLOSING HYMN**

“Prepare the Royal Highway”

(LSB 343)

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**



**AS WE GATHER** One of the pleasures of walking through medieval towns and cities in Europe is seeing the signs that hang above the doorways of various stores and craftwork locations. Without a word of written language, you can tell where the town’s cobbler, blacksmith, baker, and glove maker have set up their shops. The signs indicate that the masters are at work in their various locations. For Christians, Advent is a time for looking to the signs of the presence of God as found in Word and Sacrament. There are signs around us right now! The cross over the altar or in front of church wordlessly attests to the fulfilling of the work by the Master of all creation through the coming of Jesus as the babe of Bethlehem, who would be our crucified and resurrected Lord. The candles on the Advent wreath burn brightly today! The signs of the season are all around us.

*As Advent hope-filled people, We resolutely pray,  
“Amen, O longed-for Savior! Come, Lord, with us to stay!”*

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the yellow prayer request 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*

**Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Fourth Sunday in 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.

**Preaching today** is Reverend Sam Handschke.

**Holy Communion** is celebrated at our 8:30 service this Sunday. In this Sacrament, our Lord gives His true body and blood for our forgiveness. Those who confess the faith declared at this altar and who desire to receive communion today are asked to read our communion statement found in the bulletin. Thank you.



**Want to listen to our worship service via livestream?** Go to: [www.faithluth.com](http://www.faithluth.com). Click on livestream and it will take you to the service or if you have missed the service it will take you to the archived services. We livestream our 8:30 service each Sunday.

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### **STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

**Wed. Dec. 7, Att. 104;** Offering \$910.00; **Sun., Dec. 11, Att. 271;** General Fund \$15,473.67; Sunday School \$0.00; Building Fund \$300.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Facility Use Donation \$50.00; Mexico Mission \$1,200.00; Sanctuary HVAC 2000.00; Utecht Ministry \$600.00; Endowment Fund (Generations) \$112.75; Endowment Fund in memory of Dale Hartmann (Generations) \$10.00; Endowment Fund in memory of Lon Jungemann (Generations) \$25.00

**Endowment Fund** When giving to the Endowment Fund **PLEASE** make it a **SEPARATE CHECK**. Must be a **CHECK** as the account doesn't accept cash for the deposit. It is not always easy to find a check for the correct amount to substitute for cash or for a check made out for multiple purposes that includes an Endowment donation. The counters would greatly appreciate your help in this matter. Thank you.

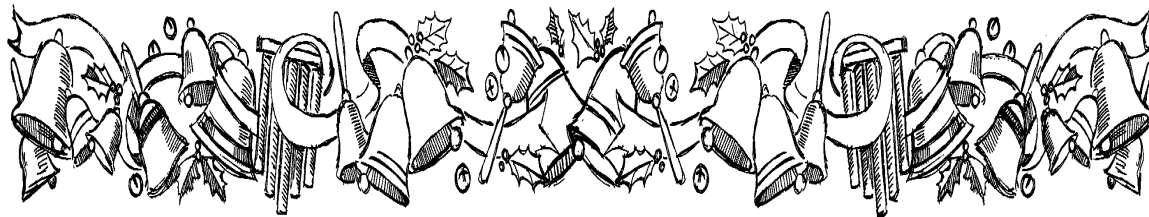


**Children's Christmas Program** The Board of Education is pleased to announce that the children in our Sunday School and Catechism programs will lead the **11 o'clock worship service TODAY**, December 18.

**Mission to Mexico Christmas Trees Available** Our annual Christmas tree fundraiser is underway with the proceeds going to the Faith Lutheran mission trip to Mexico fund. Contact Dennis or stop by his office location at Factor 360 at 120 N. Euclid Ave for the tree sales. The trees look great. We have Balsam firs and Canaan firs, which are a deeper color and fragrance with good needle retention because it's a hybrid of the Fraser fir. Sales hours are (generally) from noon to 6pm daily until sold out. Or you can make an appointment by calling him at 605-222-7713. He will also make in town deliveries if needed.



We have received a number of 8 x 10 photos in the church office. **If you have had your photo taken for the Church Directory (and did not order extras) your 8 x 10 is in the church office.** Stop by the office and Helen will be glad to give you your photo.





**Parent Reminder:** Catechism classes begin at 6:00 p.m. and end at 7:00 p.m. If you are going to Chapel service with your children, or if you are picking your children up and taking them home, please be on time so that the children do not wander around the parking lot or the church. Thank you so much.

### **On The Lighter Side...**

A boy asks his father, "Dad, are bugs good to eat?"

"That's disgusting — Son, don't talk about things like that at the dinner table," the dad replies.

After dinner the father asks, "Now, son, tell me, what did you want to ask me?"

"Oh, nothing," the boy says. "There was a bug in your soup, but now it's gone."

### ***This Week at Faith Lutheran***

#### **Today: Dec. 18 ADVENT 4**

8:30 am Communion

9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study

11:00 am SS/Catechism Christmas Worship

1:00-3:00 pm JYM

#### **Mon: Dec. 19**

6:30 pm Prayer Care

#### **Tues: Dec. 20**

8:00 am Staff Devotions

10:30 am Women's Bible Study

5:30 pm Board of Early Education

#### **Wed: Dec. 21**

6:00 pm Catechism

6:00 pm Jeremiah/Lamentations Study

6:00 pm Romans Bible Study

7:00 pm Advent Chapel/Communion

8:00 pm LYF

#### **Thurs: Dec. 22**

8:00 am Staff Devotions

1:00-3:00 pm Adventure Club

#### **Sat: Dec. 24 Christmas Eve**

2:00 pm Christmas Worship

5:00 pm Christmas Worship

7:30 pm Christmas Worship

#### **Sun: Dec. 25 Christmas Day**

8:30 am Christmas Worship

11:00 am Christmas Worship