

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 10, 2023 A.D.
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✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

OPENING HYMN

"Hark the Glad Sound"

(LSB 349)

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

EXHORTATION

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

† WORD †

INTROIT

Ps. 80:1, 8a, 9b, 7; (antiphon: Ps. 80:3)

P Restore us, O God;

Let your face shine, that we may be saved!

C Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

P You brought a vine out of Egypt;

It took deep root and filled the land.

C Restore us, O God of hosts;

Let your face shine that we may be saved!

P For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;

he adorns the humble with salvation.

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.

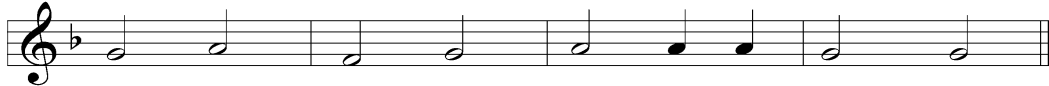
P Restore us, O God;

Let your face shine, that we may be saved!

KYRIE



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

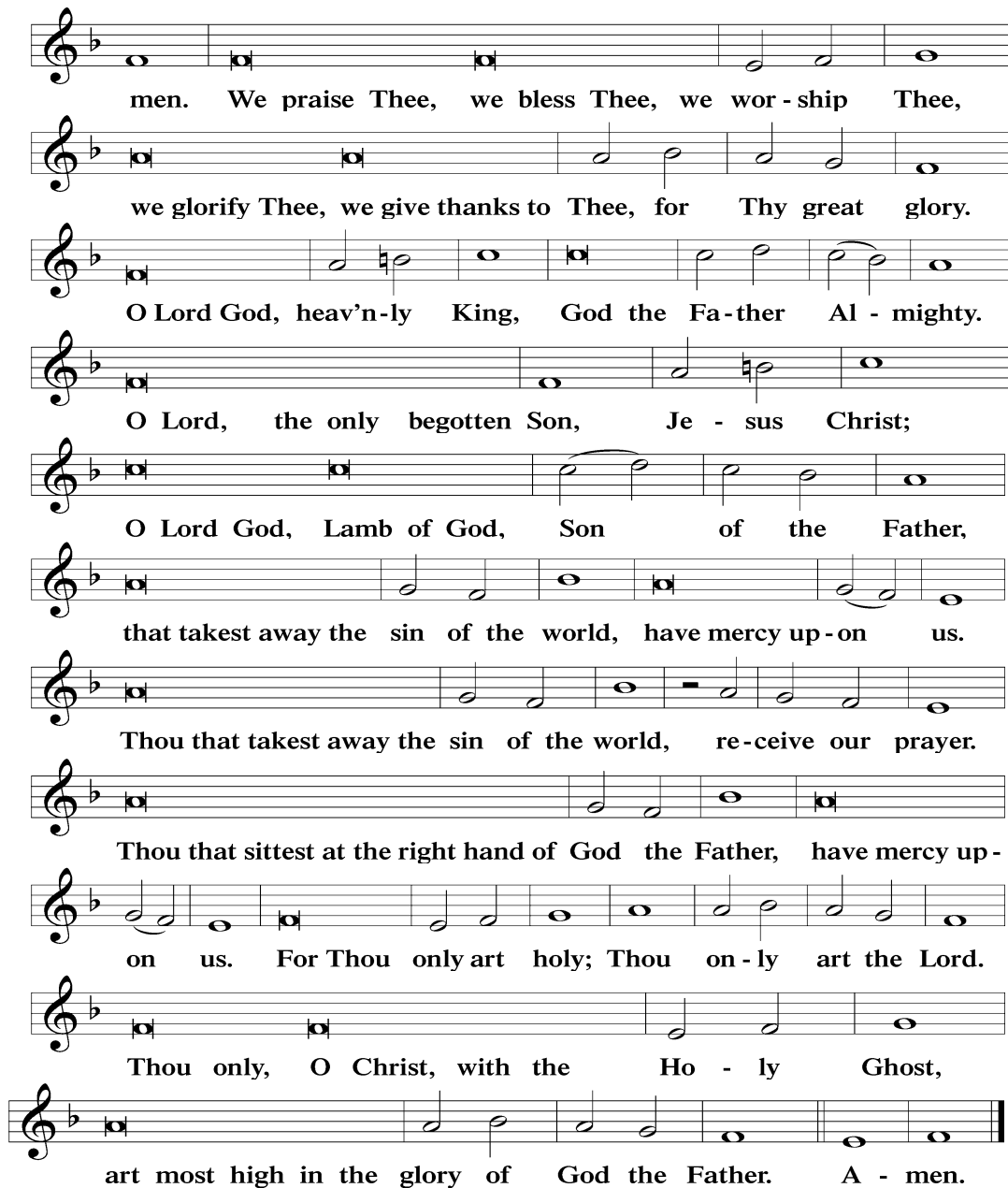


on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION *and* COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT *Psalm 85* (Revive Us Again) To the choirmaster. A Psalm of the Sons of Korah.

85 LORD, you were favorable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

²You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you covered all their sin. *Selah*

³You withdrew all your wrath;
you turned from your hot anger.

⁴Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away your indignation toward us!

⁵Will you be angry with us forever?
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

⁶Will you not revive us again,
that your people may rejoice in you?

⁷Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
and grant us your salvation.

⁸Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
but let them not turn back to folly.

⁹Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

¹¹Faithfulness springs up from the ground,
and righteousness looks down from the sky.

¹²Yes, the LORD will give what is good,

and our land will yield its increase.
13 Righteousness will go before him
and make his footsteps a way.

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE ANTHEM

"Gaelic Alleluia" (*PUER NOBIS, arr. Craig Courtney*)
Men of Faith Choir

EPISTLE

2 Peter 3:8–14

(The Lord is patient toward you.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

ALLELUIA



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:1–8

(The messenger prepares the way of the Lord.)

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

BIBLE LESSON

SERMON HYMN

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

(LSB 344)

SERMON

"Revived"

(Psalm 85)

Pastor Sam Handschke

CREED	8:30	<i>Apostles'</i>	<i>Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book</i>
	11:00	<i>Nicene</i>	<i>Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book</i>

OFFERTORY

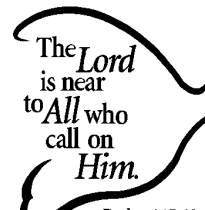
C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Please stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P** O Lord, faithful God, we commend ourselves, our bodies and souls, and all things into Your keeping. Deliver us in Your righteousness from all that would harm the body or assault the soul. Lord, in Your mercy,



C hear our prayer.

P Almighty God, send Your Spirit to the ministers of the Church who bring the Good News of Christ's death and resurrection, that they may work through the preaching of this Gospel to gather the lost, kindle faith in those who do not yet believe and sustain us all to the day of Christ's coming. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Gentle Lord, visit the homes of Your people, that they may be places where faith is nurtured and where we learn to live our new lives in holiness and righteousness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Blessed are You, O God, and blessed are the persecuted, who suffer for Your sake and whose witness calls all to faithfulness. Bring peace to the nations; make our leaders wise, just and honorable; and deliver us from terror, violence and oppression. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, comfort us by Your abiding presence and satisfy all who call on You in need [*especially* _____]. Grant them patience in the midst of suffering and, according to Your will, release them from their afflictions. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord, be with Your Church and all her members who belong to You by Baptism and faith. At the bidding of the Lamb, our Shepherd, give us ears to hear Your Word and faith to receive Him in His blessed Sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, grant that we may be brought to everlasting life with the faithful who have gone before us who now rest from their labors. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Almighty Father, we give You thanks that You have washed us in the blood of the Lamb, written our names in the Book of Life, and made us a royal priesthood and heirs of an eternal inheritance. Though we are unworthy of Your saving grace, we pray You to hear us in the name of Jesus Christ, in whom, with whom and through whom all honor and glory is Yours, heavenly Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, 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.

The 8:30 am service continues on page 12 with the Benediction.

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 ✠

11:00 am

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

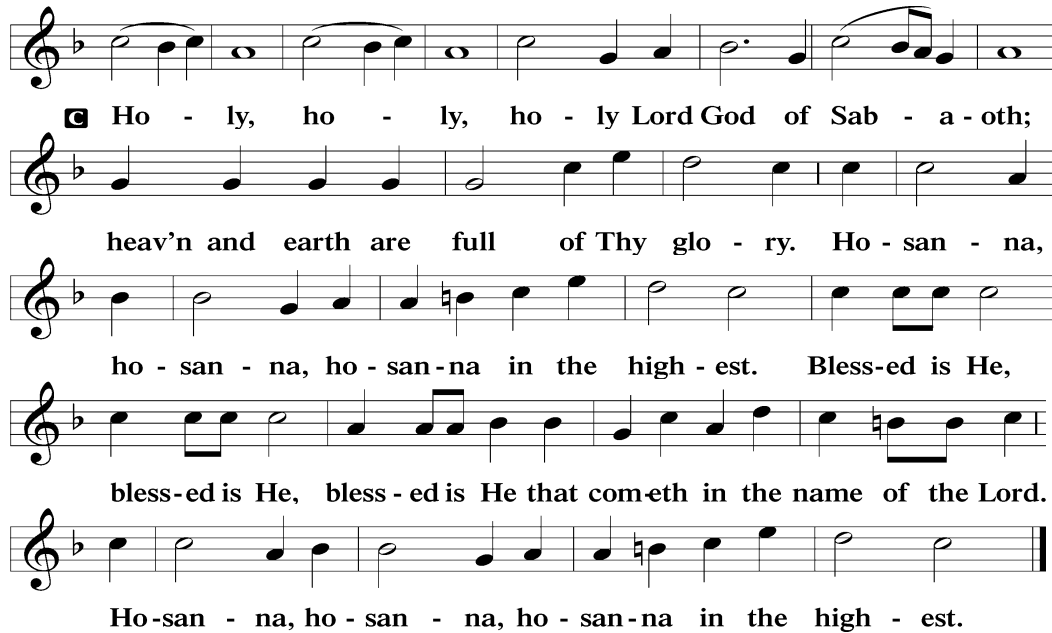
C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, 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 accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. 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



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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



C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the

world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
 tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" (LSB 621)

"Children of the Heavenly Father" (LSB 725)



(Please stand)

NUNC DIMITTIS

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
 cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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.

SALUTATION

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And with thy spirit.

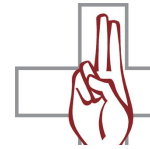
BENEDICAMUS

- P** Bless we the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

- 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 ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.



CLOSING HYMN

“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

(LSB 515)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT



AS WE GATHER Advent is the season of waiting! As we await Christ’s coming again in power and glory, we know that the time we are given before that great Day is due to the Lord’s patience. “The Lord . . . is patient toward you,” says Peter (2 Peter 3:9). Why? More time before Christ’s return as King and Judge means more opportunities for us to share the life-giving Gospel with all the world. As people hear the message of Christ, repenting of their sin and turning to Him in faith, more souls will be brought into God’s eternal kingdom. And because

He is working His wonders of salvation, we rejoice in Him and receive from Him all He seeks to give!

And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. *Isaiah 40:5*

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 Second 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 11:00 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. 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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Wed. Nov. 29, Att. 88; Offering \$680.00; **Sun., Dec. 3, Att. 246;** General Fund \$23,671.28; Sunday School Offering \$2.00; Building Fund \$430.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Mexico Mission \$0.00; Preschool \$50.00; Flowers \$60.00; Utecht Ministry \$1,000.00; Endowment Fund (Blessings) \$125.00, (Generations) \$125.00, (Foundations) \$125.00, (Future) \$125.00.

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.

Mexico Mission As members of the body of Christ, we all have gifts according to the grace given us. On the Mexico Mission trip, we all have a purpose and contribute according to our own gifts. The mission trip is life changing, both for you and for those on the border whom we will serve. Will you or you and your family join us this year on the Mission trip to Mexico? If so, we would like to hear from you soon. The trip is scheduled for the end of May 2024. Soon we will be coordinating many fall projects to help with raising the funds needed. Please contact the Church office, 605-224-2216, and we will relay the request to Dennis and Carolyn Ryckman.



The 2 white poinsettias and the 5 red poinsettias on the Altar and in the Chancel area are given by Pat Huisman in memory of Veryl Huisman's birthday on December 12th and in remembrance of Veryl this Christmas season.

Christmas Cards If you are looking for quality Christmas Cards with Bible verses and message, stop by our Berea Circle area in the living room. You will find many other types of cards, some napkins, small gifts, Bibles & Bible covers, and even cookbooks that are reasonably priced. Support our Berea Circle.

Faith Women's Christmas Party This afternoon, December 10th, at 2:00 pm Faith Lutheran will hold its women's Christmas party. **All** women of the congregation are invited to attend. We will meet in the Christian Family Life Center for a time of sharing faith, fun, and fellowship. Please bring a food item and/or cash offering for PARS.



Christmas Caroling Please join the Board of Parish Fellowship **this evening** to bring joy to others by sharing the songs of Christmas. We will meet at the church at 4:45 pm and the vans will leave the church at 5 pm. Refreshments will be served upon our return to the church.

Blood Drive Faith will host a blood drive on December 13th from 11:00am – 4:00 pm. Those who are able to give (16+ years) are encouraged to sign-up to donate blood. This is a Vitalent Blood Drive.



Forever Young Christmas Potluck December 21st at noon is our Christmas Potluck meal. Big Tom's will cook the Roast Beef and mashed potatoes & gravy for us. Please bring a favorite side to share. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex on the information table you will need to sign if you are intending to come as we need an **accurate count** for Big Tom's. **We have until December 13th to sign up.** Please sign-up soon! Hope to see you then.

Annual Giving Statements Your annual giving statement will be coming to you in the first few weeks of January. Any donations you want for the year 2023 **must be given by December 31st**. Any donations coming in the first week of January but dated for 2023 will be credited for the year 2024.



Last Call for Portraits and Digital Images by The Dakota Gallery We are thankful for you all and immensely enjoyed working with your congregation this year on your new pictorial directory. Thank you for your hospitality and kindness! We will be deleting all 2023 images on

December 20 and are offering a final opportunity to order portraits and digital images for Christmas cards until December 6. Contact Ann Cooper by email or text if you would like to order/reorder from your 2023 portrait sitting. We wish all of you the Joy and Peace of this Blessed Christmas Season. Merry Christmas! Anne Cooper 605-545-1933 anne@thedakotagallery.com

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Dec. 10 Advent 2

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School/*Luke* Study
11:00 am Communion
2:00 pm Women's Christmas Party
5:00 pm BoPF Christmas Caroling
6:30 pm *1, 2, 3 John* Bible Study

Mon: Dec. 11

5:30-6:45 pm Soccer
7:00 pm LWML

Tues: Dec. 12

8:00 am Staff Devotions
9:30 am *Truth Project*
10:30 am *Unshakable Study*
5:30-6:45 pm Soccer
6:15 pm Board of Prop. Management

Wed: Dec. 13

11:00 am-4:00 pm Blood Drive
4:00 pm Preschool/Daycare Christmas
6:00 pm Midweek/Catechism
6:00 pm *Luke* Bible Study

6:00 pm *Engagement Project*

6:30 pm *John* (in homes)

7:00 pm Advent Worship

8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: Dec. 14

8:00 am Staff Devotions

11:30 am Ministerium

5:30-7:30 pm MOPS

6:00 pm *Reading the Psalms*

7:00 pm Faith Circle

Sat: Dec. 16

9-11 am S.S. Christmas Program
Practice

10 am-4:00 pm Am. Legion Train Show

Sun: Dec. 17

8:30 am Communion

9:45 am *Luke* Bible Study

9:45 am Sunday School Christmas Prgm.

11:00 am Worship

1:00 pm Board of Stewardship/Endow

6:30 pm *1, 2, 3 John* Bible Study

Main Street Living Did you know the Main Street Living program is broadcast throughout South Dakota and into bordering states on two TV stations: KDLT in Sioux Falls at 10:00 AM central and KEVN at 8:00 AM mountain in Rapid City? **Did you know** you can see the Worship Service and Kid's Crossing on our website at anytime? All programs are streamed on www.mainstreetliving.com, and are available the day before they are broadcast.

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KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

10:00 AM - “Red Boots for Christmas” A shoemaker learns the true meaning of Christmas.

10:30 AM - Rev. David Lindenberg, pastor at Peace Lutheran Church in Rapid City, presents a message titled “Lead Us to Repentance.” This sermon is based on Isaiah 40:1-11. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes “You might not be impressive by the world’s standards. You might be a third-shift worker, a nameless neighbor, or a sinner who messed up in very public ways. But the angel declared good news for all people, which logically must include you. So, rejoice today! A Savior was born to you!” *Pastor Mike Novotny, Time of Grace – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Faith Lutheran Youth

Bible Bowl 2024 We received word from the South Dakota LCMS district on the 2024 Bible Bowl. The books of the Bible are Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon. Students from sixth grade to seniors are eligible to participate. The statewide competition is before Palm Sunday. **The Bible Bowl is set for March 23, 2024.** For more information or to register please see Bible Bowl coach LeRoy Kropuenske. He is around on Sunday for Sunday School and Wednesday for confirmation.

Children’s Christmas Program The Children’s Christmas program will be from 9:45-10:45 (between services) on December 17. We will have **Saturday morning practices from 9 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on December 2, 9 & 16.** The children will be sharing the good news of our Savior’s birth. Parents this is a fantastic opportunity to get the last-minute Christmas shopping, baking, or wrapping done while the children are at church!

