



Sunday, November 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent

Serving us in worship today: Pastors: David Mayer, Rusty Bailey;

Lay Reader: Tim Bogisch; Music: Annette Stout;

Children's Church: Kim Kautzsch;

Ushers: Jud Alexander, Mark Herbold

AV: Matt Fransen, Diane Gwyther

Welcome to Worship!

Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church, a people who love and follow Jesus Christ, our Lord! We are blessed and honored that you chose to be with us today!

As we worship today, we encourage you to fellowship with other believers in a manner in which you are comfortable. Children will come forward for a special blessing before meeting for Children's Church. (Ages Pre-K through 3rd grade)

Visitor / Prayer Cards

We invite guests to fill out a visitor card found in the back of the pew in front of you. The back of the visitor card also has a place for prayer requests for anyone needing special prayer. Please place cards in the box located on the Welcome Table in the Narthex. First time visitors, be sure to pick up a red welcome bag in the narthex.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND OPENING PRAYER

Please Stand

OPENING HYMN: *"Come, You Thankful People, Come"* LBW 407 Vs. 1 & 4

- 1) Come, you thankful people, come;
raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in
ere the winter storms begin.
God, our maker, does provide
for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.

4) Even so, lord, quickly come
to your final harvest home.
Gather all your people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified,
in your garner to abide.
Come, with all your angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest home!

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

The sign of the cross may be made in remembrance of your Baptism.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: *If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1: 8-9, ESV)*

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most Merciful God,

C: We confess that 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. 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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all of our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

You may be seated.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: HOPE – “The Prophecy Candle”
“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah” Verse 1 WOV 630

- 1) Light one candle to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He shall bring salvation to Israel,
God fulfills the promise.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16 (ESV)

¹⁴ “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵ In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’ ”

PSALM 25:1-10 To be read responsively (ESV)

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

² O my God, in you I trust;

let me not be put to shame;

let not my enemies exult over me.

³ Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;

they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

⁴ Make me to know your ways, O LORD;

teach me your paths.

⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation;

for you I wait all the day long.

⁶ Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,

for they have been from of old.

⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

according to your steadfast love remember me,

for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

⁸ Good and upright is the LORD;

therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

⁹ He leads the humble in what is right,

and teaches the humble his way.

¹⁰All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

(ESV)

⁹For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹²and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Please stand for the words of Christ.

GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-36

(ESV)

²⁵“And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴“But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

A: The gospel of our Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

You may be seated.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

MESSAGE

Pastor Mayer

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"All Earth is Hopeful"* WOV 629

- 1) All earth is hopeful, the Savior comes at last!
Furrows lie open for God's creative task:
this, the labor of people who struggle to see
how God's truth and justice set ev'rybody free.

- 2) People of Israel, you heard the prophet tell:
"A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel";
she conceived him, "God with us," our brother, whose birth
restores hope and courage to children of this earth.

- 3) Mountains and valleys will have to be prepared;
new highways opened, new protocols declared.
Almost here! God is nearing, in beauty and grace!
All clear ev'ry gateway, in haste, come out in haste!

- 4) We first saw Jesus a baby in a crib.
This same Lord Jesus today has come to live
in our world; he is present, in neighbors we see
our Jesus is with us, and ever sets us free.

OFFERING

P: Blessed be the Lord our God of all faithfulness. By your grace we receive all that we need, and in this abundance may we faithfully share with all in good stewardship, this that you have first given us. Receive this offering to the glory of your Holiness and the work of Jesus Christ in the world. Amen.

Please stand.

OFFERTORY: *"Create in Me a Clean Heart..."* pg. 96 LBW

C: ♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, And uphold me with your free Spirit. ♪

P: Let us pray. Most merciful God,

C: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us: ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Please stand.

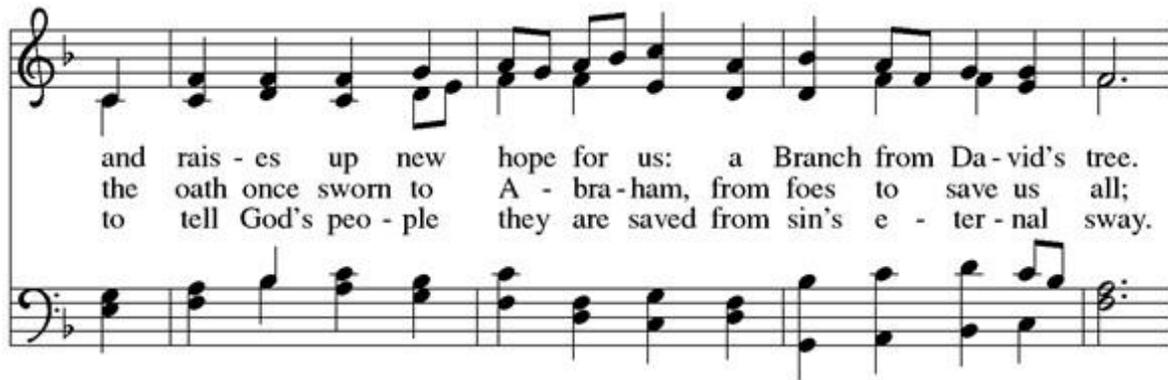
CLOSING HYMN: *"Blessed Be the God of Israel"* WOV 725 Vs. 1 & 3

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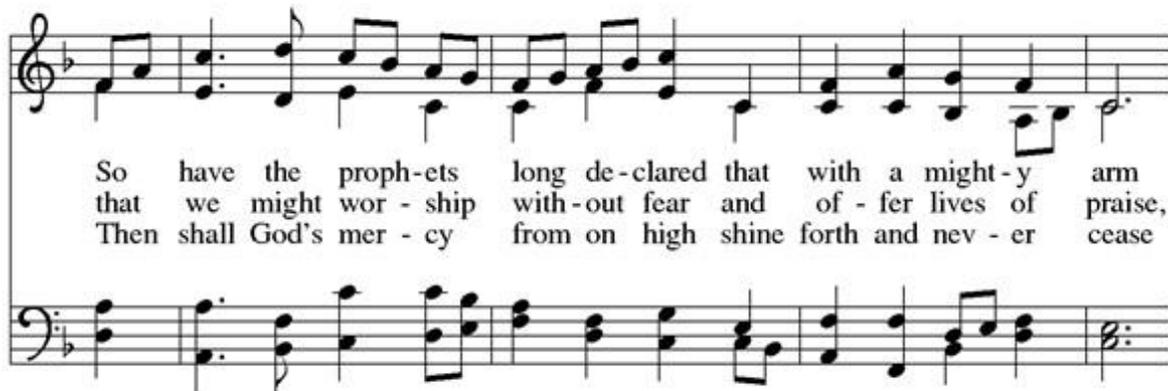
Blessed Be the God of Israel Vs. 1& 3



1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free
2 With prom-ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,
3 My child, as proph-et of the Lord you will pre-pare the way,



and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree.
the oath once sworn to A - bra - ham, from foes to save us all;
to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.



So have the proph-ets long de - clared that with a might - y arm
that we might wor - ship with - out fear and of - fer lives of praise,
Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease



God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.
in ho - li - ness and righ - teous-ness to serve God all our days.
to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

BENEDICTION DISMISSAL

A: Go In Peace To Love And Serve The Lord! C: Thanks be to God!

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT FAITH

Worship Service – 9:00 AM

Fellowship on Patio following worship

Sunday School – 10:15-11:15 AM

- Pre K-5th Grade in Educational Wing
- Adult Sunday School in Activity Center
- Lifebridge (Young Adult) meets in the Life Enrichment Center.

Confirmation Class – 10:15 -11:15 AM in the small kitchen (No class 11/28)

“WORDS OF FAITH” BROADCAST SUNDAYS AT 8 AM ON KWED 1580 AM RADIO

Has been sponsored the glory of God by Avis Herrick in memory of her husband Lee and in thankfulness of her many blessings.

FLOWERS ON THE ORGAN

Have been given to the glory of God by Avis Herrick in memory of her husband Lee and in thankfulness of her many blessings.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Have been given the glory of God by Birdie Kuempel in anticipation of the Christ child and in thankfulness for her many blessings.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Attendance on November 21 was 139; Month to Date (November): **\$26,377.00** YTD
Offerings and Misc. **\$422,859.41** (2021 budgeted offerings is **\$470,000**)

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Julie Sagebiel	Judy Saunders	Nora Lavelett
Carolyn Sagebiel	Walt Fruehling	Ronnie Glenewinkel
Kelton Lange	Gladys Fruehling	Dot Day
Sandy Wille	Coreen Dube	Laurie (Bogisch) Perryman
Teresa Kiel	Donald Jackson	Harold Bogisch
Carolyn Westerholm	Fred Blumberg	Leia Hill
Brad Flippin	Jo Ann Lange	

CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE

The Social Concerns Team is sponsoring an Angel Tree to help support the Santa Sheriff program. This program takes gifts to every resident in each of the Seguin nursing homes. Please choose an angel tag from the tree that has the amount that you wish to give or choose a “state your own amount” angel. Write a check to Faith Lutheran Church, memo “angel tree” and attach it to the angel. Place the angel and your attached check into the basket by the tree. The tree will be on display November 28 through December 5. All donations need to be at church by December 7. Thank you for participating and showing your care for others.

COMMUNION and ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild and Worship committee are in need of more volunteers to assist with communion preparation, clean up and during worship. Please contact Susan Foerster at 830-305-2035 if you are able help.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Monday, Nov. 29	Prayer Group	10:15 AM
Tuesday, Nov. 30	Men's Bible Study	7:30 AM (AC)
Tuesday, Nov 30	Staff Mtg.	9:00 AM
Wednesday, Dec. 1	Quilters	9:00 AM
Wednesday, Dec. 1	FLY (Blue Santa Wrapping)	6-8:00 PM
Wednesday, Dec. 1	Joyful Noise	6:00-6:30 PM
Wednesday, Dec. 1	Hand Bells	6:15 PM
Wednesday, Dec. 1	Choir	7:00 PM

SAVE THE DATES

Mark your calendars for some exciting Christmas season events happening at Faith!

- **Sunday, November 28th** – Everyone is invited to help in the decorating of the church for the Christmas season after worship! Young and old can work together to set up our tree(s) and spread the joy throughout the church!
- **Friday-Saturday, December 10th and 11th**- Faith is hosting a Living Nativity both nights. Church youth groups from the community are joining our FLY group and a "Drive-Thru" Living Christmas will be on display.
- **Saturday, December 18th** – Christmas program rehearsal for ALL Sunday school children (including HS youth) 9:00 – 10:00 AM
- **Sunday, December 19th** – Our "Faith Family Christmas Celebration" will be held during our 9:00 AM worship time! What a glorious morning it will be!
- **Friday, December 24th** – We will be holding two Candle Light Christmas Eve services. Join us at 4:00 or 7:00 PM to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

AV HELP

The worship committee is looking for interested people to volunteer during worship and special services running the AV equipment. Don't worry, you will be trained... and it's not that hard! **WE NEED YOU!** See Roxanne or Andrew Kuehne if interested!

ONLINE GIVING

Faith has teamed up with a service to give you the ability to send your offering online in the same way that many of you already pay bills and purchase products. We offer this service as a convenience to you - you can stop writing checks or having to remember to bring cash every Sunday. Simply log in to our service and set up your offering. We have had this in place for some time now. A link is available right on our website:

<https://faithsequin.org/online-giving/> Or you may click here



https://members.myeoffering.com/#/landing?church_id=5083 to go directly to myEoffering site to sign up. Even better – scan this QR code with your camera!

CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD

Thank you to those of you who have been dropping off items for the Christian Cupboard. The November item is **pasta**, any variety or brand. Total number of items collected as of November 22, 2021 is 75. Keep up the great work!

POINSETTIAS TO BRIGHTEN SANCTUARY



The chancel area will be decorated with poinsettias for the Christmas season. If you would be willing to share your plants, please bring them to church by **5:00 PM on Wednesday, Dec. 22nd**. If you would like your poinsettia to be in memory or in honor of someone, please call or email the church office (communications@faithsequin.org) with this information by **noon Friday, Dec. 17th**, so that a complete list of names can be published in the bulletins. Poinsettias will need to be cleared from the sanctuary by **Dec. 30th**. Before leaving your plants at church, please label with your name to make identification easier.

ENDOWMENT FUND APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

The Endowment Fund Committee is now accepting applications for the distribution of the 2021 Endowment Fund earnings. Applications can be picked up in the church office or can be found at www.faithsequin.org. These applications must be completed and returned to the office in a sealed envelope by December 6, 2021. If delivered or mailed, please indicate the contents of the envelope on the outside.

USHER TEAMS

Our worship usher teams are looking for new members! If you would be willing to volunteer your time once a month, please contact Bill Ermel. Thank you in advance!

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& Android



Our church directory is a great resource tool that allows you to get to know our church family better!

Simply go to the App Store, search for *Instant Church Directory*  and download the FREE app to begin.

You will use your email address listed in the directory to CREATE A LOGIN the first time you use the directory app.

If you're not listed in the directory, OR if you have trouble logging into the app, please contact the church office.

