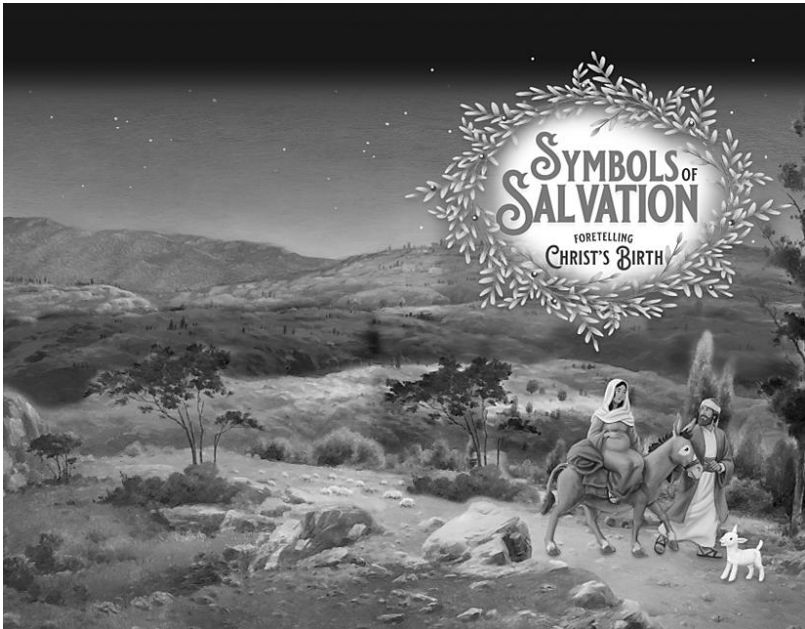




FAITH
LUTHERAN CHURCH

New beginnings. New life.



DECEMBER 14, 2025

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
WITH THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

Faith Lutheran Church builds up the body of Christ by making disciples, offering new beginnings and new life through the Gospel of Christ.

Welcome to Faith: We are glad that you are here! Please take a few moments to fill out the attendance card in the pew, listing each person in your family on a separate line. If you are a guest or if your information has changed, please include your contact information. We would also love to pray for you! If you have any prayer requests, please fill out the prayer card in the pew. Both cards may be placed in the offering plate or given to Pastor Daniel after the worship service.

Communion: *We believe that it is a great privilege to attend the Lord's Supper. We believe that in the Lord's Supper we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given for us Christians to eat and drink. In this Holy Supper we are given forgiveness of sins and assurance of God's love in Christ. Holy Communion also expresses our oneness in Biblical doctrine. Because this is true, we ask that only those who have the same understanding of the Lord's Supper partake of this Sacrament. Even if you are not partaking in this Sacrament, we invite you to come forward to receive a blessing. Please indicate your desire to receive a blessing by crossing your arms across your chest. Also, please note that grape juice is available in the center circle of the tray for those who cannot have wine. May God bless your worship with us here at Faith and may your faith in Christ be strengthened.*

To the Parents of Young Children: *Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me & do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" (Matthew 19:14). We know it can be exhausting as a parent, but you are doing an important thing by being here with your children, as the body of Christ is more fully present. You may think that your child's babbling and squirming is a distraction, but to be honest, it bothers you more than it does anybody else. In fact, the joyful noises of your child bring joy to the rest of the congregation. Your child is already learning about worship in addition to hearing the Word of God. If you feel the need to step out for a time with your child, feel free to hang out in the back or in the nursery. Both bathrooms have a changing table. There are also people at Faith who would love to help you with your child; just talk to the pastor, and he will connect you with one of them. We are glad you are here with your children!*

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CHILDREN PARTICIPATING TODAY:

Pemberley Blackburn
Lena Gregg
Hudson Blackburn
Ashton Leggans
Wrenly Yuenger
Anna Klein
Claire Klein

Elsie Gregg
Garrett Yuenger
Frederick Lange
Maisie Gregg
Hadley Wright
Penny Lange

Welcome & Greeting

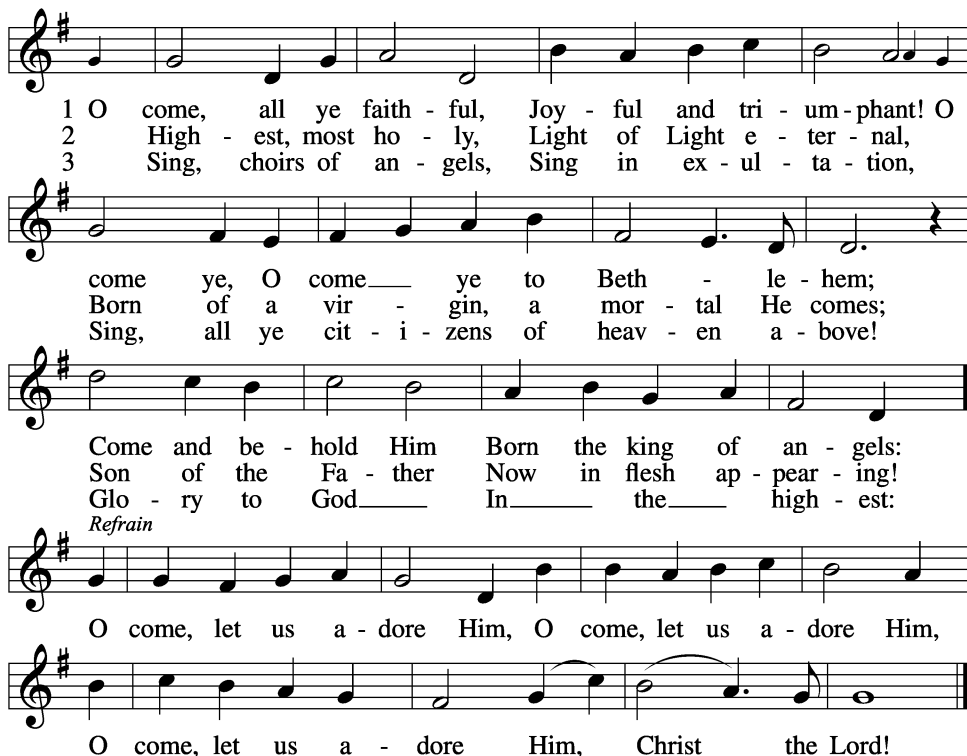
Announcements

Sharing the Peace

Congregational Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

LSB 379 v. 1-3



1 O come, all ye faith-ful, Joy-ful and tri-um-phante! O
2 High-est, most ho-ly, Light of Light e-ter-nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an-gels, Sing in ex-ul-ta-tion,
come ye, O come ye to Beth-le-hem;
Born of a vir-gin, a mor-tal He comes;
Sing, all ye cit-i-zens of heav-en a-bove!
Come and be-hold Him Born the king of an-gels:
Son of the Fa-ther Now in flesh ap-pear-ing!
Glo-ry to God In the high-est:
Refrain
O come, let us a-dore Him, O come, let us a-dore Him,
O come, let us a-dore Him, Christ the Lord!

Text: tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802-80, alt. Text and tune: John F. Wade, c. 1711-1786 Text and tune: Public domain

✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

Please Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

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

Responsive Reading

- P** A Christmas tree and Christmas lights,
C Beautiful symbols that point us to Jesus.
P The lowly manger in Bethlehem town,
C A humble symbol that points us to Jesus.
P The angels and the bright star shining,
C Powerful symbols that point us to Jesus.
P As we gather in Your name, O Lord, to worship You,
C Show us Jesus with Your symbols of salvation. Amen.

Please be Seated

The Homily

“Symbols of Salvation”

-Pastor Daniel

The Offering is Received

Please Stand



The Symbols of Salvation

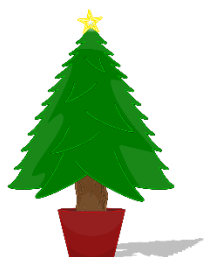
The Foretelling of Christ's Birth

Congregational Hymn *Of the Father's Love Begotten* *LSB 384 v. 1,3*

1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten Ere the worlds be -
 3 This is He whom seers in old time Chant - ed of with
 gan to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
 one ac - cord, Whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
 He the source, the end - ing He, Of the things that are, that
 Prom - ised in their faith - ful word. Now He shines, the long - ex -
 have been, And that fu - ture years shall see
 pect - ed; Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.

The Christmas Tree

Reader 1: Anna Klein
 Reader 2: Claire Klein
 Reader 3: Wrenly Yuenger
 Reader 4: Elsie Gregg



Congregational Recitation

Left Side: Through one tree came sin and death;
 Now the world was broken!

Right Side: Through one tree came life and breath:
 God Himself has spoken!

All: Thank You, Jesus, for Your grace.
 I will see You face-to-face!

Children's Hymn

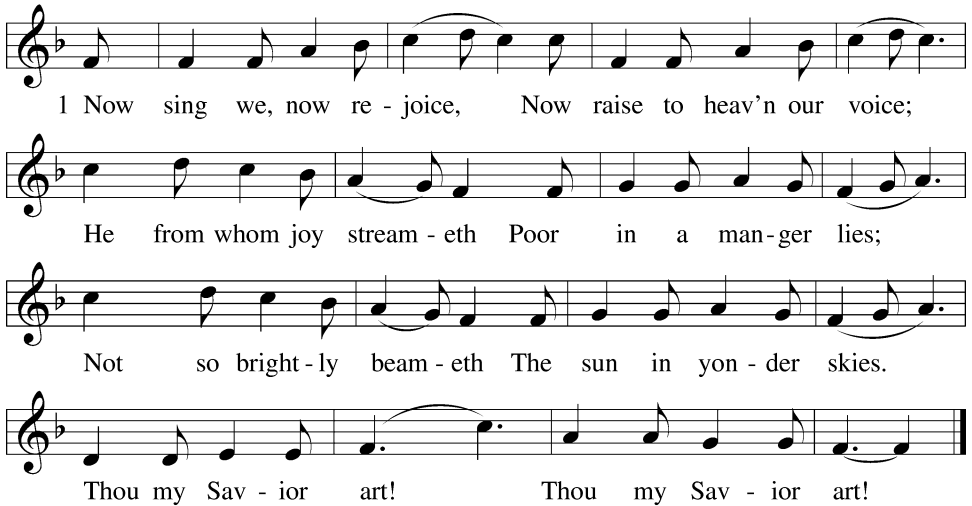
God Loves Me Dearly

LSB 392, v. 1,3

Congregational Hymn

Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

LSB 386 v. 1



Text: Latin and German, 14th cent.; tr. Arthur T. Russell, 1806-74, alt. Tune: German, 14th cent. Text and tune: Public domain

The Lights

Reader 1: Ashton Leggans

Reader 2: Garrett Yuenger



Congregational Recitation

Left Side: Sometimes, sin is like the night:
Dark and even lonely.

Right Side: But our Savior is the light:
We can trust Him only.

All: Thank You, Jesus; light the way;
You take all our fear away!

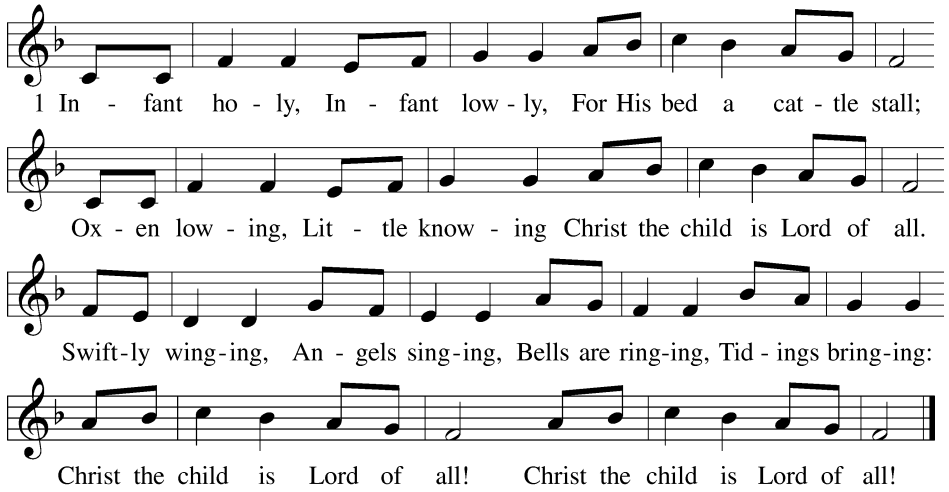
Children's Hymn

O Little Town of Bethlehem

LSB 361 v. 1

Congregational Hymn*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

LSB 393



Text: tr. Edith M. G. Reed, 1885–1933, alt. Text and tune: Polish Text and tune: Public domain

The Manger

Reader 1: Pemberley Blackburn

Reader 2: Lena Gregg

Reader 3: Hudson Blackburn

**Congregational Recitation**

Left Side: In a manger, Jesus lay,
Born to be a blessing!

Right Side: What did all those shepherds say,
Joyfully confessing?

All: Thank You, Jesus, Lamb of God,
Sleeping where the cattle nod.

Children's Hymn*Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*

LSB 374 v. 1



1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?



And the moun - tains in re - ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav' - n - ly song?



Glo - - - - - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - -



- - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Text: tr. The Crown of Jesus, 1862, Part 2, London, alt. Text and tune: French Text and tune: Public domain

The Angels

Reader 1: Lena Gregg

Reader 2: Pemberley Blackburn



Congregational Recitation

Left Side: Gloria! The angels sang,
Shining with God's glory.

Right Side: All the skies with music rang
As they told their story.

All: Thank You, Jesus, God on high,
Sent for us to live and die.

Congregational Hymn*As with Gladness Men of Old**LSB 397**v. 1,4*

1 As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold;
4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-ry day Keep us in the nar-row way;



As with joy they hailed its light, Lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
And when earth-ly things are past, Bring our ran-somed souls at last



So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev-er-more be led by Thee.
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo-ry hide.

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–98, alt. Tune: Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872 Text and tune: Public domain

The Star**Reader 1:** Hudson Blackburn**Reader 2:** Ashton Leggans**Congregational Recitation**

Left Side: In the skies, a Christmas star
Shone for all creation.

Right Side All could see it from afar:
Christ came for each nation!

All: Thank You, Jesus, for Your love;
Bring us all to You above.

Children's Hymn*Gentle Mary Laid Her Child**LSB 374 v. 3*

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And 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.

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.

Responsive Reading

P Let us now go in peace, Lord,
C Your promise has been fulfilled.
P Our eyes have seen Your salvation,
C Which You have prepared for all people.
P A light to reveal You to the nations,
C And the glory of Your people.

Prayer

P Let us pray, Father in heaven, thank You for sending Your Son for
our salvation. Give us eyes to see the symbols of Christmas that
point us to the Savior. Fill us with Your Spirit, so that we may
joyfully proclaim the Good News of Jesus' birth to all those around
us. In His name, we pray.
C Amen.

Benediction

P Joy to the world, the Savior has come! May the peace of God, the
Father, the ✝ Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you today and every
day.
C Amen.

Congregational Hymn

Joy to the World

LSB 387



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him
 play; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 ground; He comes to make His bless - ings
 prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -



room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
 plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
 flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
 ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748 Tune: George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759, adapt. Text and tune: Public domain



**Thank you Sunday School Staff, Roberta, & Children
 for your hard work!**

Dates to Remember

Wed. Dec 17 Mid-Week Advent Service &
Dinner 5:50 PM, 6:30 Service
Sun. Dec 21 Adult Sunday School 9:00 AM
Worship Service 10:00 AM
Wed. Dec 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight
Service 4:00 PM



Birthdays

Mon. Dec 15 Paul Nielson & Kellie Hanselman

Faith Servant Schedule

Date	December 14, 2025	December 21, 2025	December 28, 2025
Acolyte	Pemberley Blackburn	Lena Gregg	Ryder Clark
Screens	Peter Klein	Mike Moffett	Peter Klein
Reader	---	Phil Blankenburg	Brian Sowinski
Ushers	Brian Sowinski Phil Blankenburg	Steve Sparenberg Richard Wright	Phil Blankenburg Mike Wright
Music	Roberta Sparenberg	---	Roberta Sparenberg
Elder	Justin Lange	Justin Lange	Justin Lange
Altar Guild	Brianna Gregg Angie Corum	Brianna Gregg Angie Corum	Brianna Gregg Angie Corum

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Advent Mid-Week Worship Services are almost over!
Mark your calendars for December 17. Dinner starts at 5:30
with Worship at 6:30 PM. Please join us.