

# **Welcome to Faith**



**Faith Lutheran Church**

November 30, 2025



# ~First Sunday In Advent~

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## INVOCATION

## OPENING HYMN      The Advent Of Our King 331 V 1-3, 5 & 6

1 The advent of our King  
Our prayers must now employ,  
And we must hymns of welcome sing  
In strains of holy joy.

2 The everlasting Son  
Incarnate deigns to be,  
Himself a servant's form puts on  
To set His servants free.

3 O Zion's daughter, rise  
To meet your lowly King,  
Nor let your faithless heart despise  
The peace He comes to bring.

5 Before the dawning day  
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,  
The sinful self be put away,  
The new self now put on.

6 All glory to the Son,  
Who comes to set us free,  
With Father, Spirit, ever one  
Through all eternity.

## OUR CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit.: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**People: But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**People: We confess our sins to You, O Lord. We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that by faith, our future is secure in You, and by faith we can show the world Your love.**

Pastor: The Grace of God is upon you for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom! As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I announce to you the Grace of God: Your sins are forgiven! In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen!**

## **KYRIE**

*Mark 10:47 LSB 168*

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: 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.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## **THIS *is the* FEAST**

*Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9 LSB 171*

Pastor: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**People: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**Power and riches and wisdom and strength and  
honor and blessing and glory are His.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God,  
and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing and honor and glory and  
might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

## **SALUTATION *of the* DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray...

**People: Amen**

### ***The* FIRST LESSON**

#### **1 John 5:13-20**

<sup>13</sup>I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life. <sup>14</sup>And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. <sup>15</sup>And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

<sup>16</sup>If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask, and God will give him life—to those who commit sins that do not lead to death. There is sin that leads to death; I do not say that one should pray for that. <sup>17</sup>All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin that does not lead to death.

<sup>18</sup>We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him. <sup>19</sup>We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

<sup>20</sup>And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### ***The* SECOND LESSON**

#### **Romans 13:11-14**

<sup>11</sup>Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup>The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup>Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

<sup>25</sup>“I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. <sup>26</sup>In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; <sup>27</sup>for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. <sup>28</sup>I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”

<sup>29</sup>His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! <sup>30</sup>Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.” <sup>31</sup>Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? <sup>32</sup>Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. <sup>33</sup>I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **AFFIRMATION of FAITH**

### **The Apostles' Creed**

**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.**

### **CHILDREN'S CHAT**

### **SERMON HYMN**

### **Great is Thy Faithfulness 809**

1 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.  
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. [Refrain]

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

### ***The MESSAGE***

### ***Fearless Confidence***

### **CHOIR ANTHEM**

### **An Advent Prayer**

*words and music by Allen Pote*

Come holy Jesus,  
come to free us from our sin.  
Come holy Jesus,  
and make us pure within.

Inspire each heart with illumined surprise,  
enkindle a flame anew.  
Increase our faith and strengthen our lives,  
show us the joy of living life in you.

Come holy Jesus,  
come to free us from our sin.  
Come holy Jesus,  
and make us pure within.

Inspire each heart with illumined surprise,  
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Come holy Jesus,  
come to free us from our sin.  
Come holy Jesus,  
and make us pure within.

Amen, Amen.

## **PRAYERS *of the* CHURCH**

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs: We pray for the Church as it awaits the final advent of our Lord, that through it the message of salvation may be proclaimed and the gifts of God may be shared. Lord, in Your mercy,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We pray for those with special needs and concerns this day, especially the hospitalized, the grieving, the unemployed, and all on our hearts at this time for whom our petitions are desired, [including . . .]. Lord, in Your mercy,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

### ***The* LORD’S PRAYER**

**All: 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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### ***The* OFFERING**

### ***The* HOLY COMMUNION LITURGY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### **SANCTUS**

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9 LSB 178*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, Lord God of pow’r and might:**

**Heav’n and earth are full of Your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## **PRAYER *of* THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Blessed are You, almighty Lord, King of all Creation. You have blessed our lives with Your presence and protection and with peace. Now gathering at Your Table may we be strengthened in faith toward You and in active love for one another as we await Your final coming in glory. Send Your Holy Spirit upon us to sanctify and renew us in body and soul for the sake of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, in whose name we offer our thanksgiving.

**People: Amen.**

## **WORDS *of* INSTITUTION PROCLAMATION *of* CHRIST**

Pastor: ....As often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

## **HYMN *for* DISTRIBUTION The Infant Priest Was Holy Born 624**

1 the infant Priest was holy born  
For us unholy and for lorn;  
From fleshly temple forth came He,  
Anointed from eternity.

2 This great High Priest in human flesh  
Was icon of God's righteousness.  
His hallowed touch brought sanctity;  
His hand removed impurity.

3 The holy Lamb undaunted came  
To God's own altar lit with flame;  
While weeping angels hid their eyes,  
This Priest became a sacrifice.

4 But death would not the victor be  
Of Him who hung upon the tree.  
He leads us to the Holy Place  
Within the veil, before God's face.

5 The veil is torn, our Priest we see,  
As at the rail on bended knee  
Our hungry mouths from Him receive  
The bread of immortality.

6 The body of God's Lamb we eat,  
A priestly food and priestly meat;  
On sin-parched lips the chalice pours  
His quenching blood that life restores.

7 With cherubim and seraphim  
Our voices join the endless hymn,  
And "Holy, holy, holy" sing  
To Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.

## **DISMISSAL**

### ***The CLOSING HYMN All Depends On Our Possessing 732 v 1 ,2 , 4 & 5***

1 All depends on our possessing  
God's abundant grace and blessing,  
Though all earthly wealth depart.  
They who trust with faith unshaken  
By their God are not forsaken  
And will keep a dauntless heart.

2 He who to this day has fed me  
And to many joys has led me  
Is and ever shall be mine.  
He who ever gently schools me,  
He who daily guides and rules me  
Will remain my help divine.

4 When with sorrow I am stricken,  
Hope anew my heart will quicken;  
All my longing shall be stilled.  
To His loving-kindness tender  
Soul and body I surrender,  
For on God alone I build.

5 Well He knows what best to grant me;  
All the longing hopes that haunt me,  
Joy and sorrow, have their day.  
I shall doubt His wisdom never;  
As God wills, so be it ever;  
I commit to Him my way.

## *The* **BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you His peace, His power, and His presence! Amen.

**ALL: Amen.**

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God. Amen**

## **POSTLUDE**

## Announcement

**Bernita Brewer's Memorial Service-** December 6th- Join us to honor the memory of Bernita Brewer with a delightful dessert bar to follow. Service begins at 2:00 pm. Sign-up sheet to bring a dessert dish to the luncheon after service is in the Narthex. Please contact Kathy Wright by phone (415) 216-5479 or by email: katwright122@att.net, if you are willing to help for this service.

**Stewards of God's Grace-** *"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace..." (1 Peter 4:10 NIV)* This verse reminds us that we are each given a gift. It is not in doubt, but a certainty, rooted in God's grace, so that every believer has something meaningful to offer in service to others. Jesus tells us not to hide these gifts but to let them shine for others to see (Matt. 5:15). We are caretakers of blessings that belong to God, meant to be shared for the good of others.

Consider the gifts God has entrusted to you:

**Time:** How is God calling you to invest your moments in prayer, worship, and service?

**Talent:** What abilities has God placed within you to build up others?

**Treasure:** How might God be inviting you to give generously from what He has provided?

As a CLG, we look forward to a new year of ministry, reaching outward into our community with the hope and love of Christ. Our simple invitation remains: "Need Hope? Come to Faith." We will be emailing and have available this Sunday a stewardship response card to help you reflect on how you will offer your gifts in the coming year to help us with our ministry planning. Please return the completed portion in worship by Sunday, December 7, or to the church office when you are able. May God guide your heart as you prayerfully consider how to be a faithful steward of His grace.

**Letters and commitment cards were mailed out this week, we also have extra commitment cards available in the Narthex, if needed.**

**Wednesday Advent Services-** We will be having 3 Wednesday Advent services this year. Starting Wednesday, December 3rd through December 17th, services will start at 7:00 pm in person and online on our YouTube channel.

**Footprints Wish Tree-** There is a wishing tree in the Narthex, starting today. Please help out by taking a wish and fulfilling it, so that the children at Footprints can enjoy these items in learning and play. If you have any questions contact Amber in the office. All gifts please drop them off in the office with Amber.

**Christmas Caroling!**- It's the most wonderful time of the year, and We need YOU!  
All are welcome to join the fun and festivities! Who should join us...ages ranging from 2 to 102!  
Who doesn't love singing carols??!! Now, if you're not into singing but love crafts or baking, we could use help with little gifts to leave so please contact Jessica if you'd like to help! Please bring your kids or grandkids too! Dress in holiday colors and hats. Bring jingle bells too if you have them or an oboe is nice. We will provide carol books to use. All locations will be in the area of Pleasant Hill and Concord (exact locations to be finalized)

**DATE:** Sunday, December 7th

**START TIME:** 1:00 pm: meet at Faith to pick up carol books, the list of addresses we will carol to and determine car pools and carol groups

**END TIME:** around 3:30 pm or so...

Please join us in spreading the joy of Christ's birth this wonderful Christmas season. God bless!  
Please RSVP! to Jessica Grant at jrgrant2005@hotmail.com. And if you need to be picked up/taken home, let me know that too!

**Epiphany Dinner- January 10, 2026 at 4:30 pm**- Sign up now to attend or host! Starts at Faith! Contact Marlane Huffaker, Jessica Grant or Irene Desmond for details. Rides will be made available for those who do not drive after dark. **There is a sign-up sheet.**

**Share the Light-** Don't forget to join us on Saturday, December 13th. Grab your flyer in the Narthex, that holds the information. And sign up to volunteer your time and/or items that are needed. Lets make this a grand big event for our community and for our congregation.



**Don't forget to donate!**

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# Upcoming Events at Faith

November 30- Sunday Worship @ 9:00 am  
November 30- Kidz K'nnnection @ 9:15 am  
November 30- Sunday Fellowship @ 10:15 am  
November 30- Bible Study @ 10:30 am  
November 30- Choir Practice @ 10:30 am  
December 1- Ladies Bible Study @ 1:00 pm  
December 1- Handbells Practice @ 5:30 pm  
December 3- Over The Hill Gang @ 9:00 am  
December 3- Footprints Chapel @ 10:30 am  
December 3- Wednesday Advent Service @ 7:00 pm  
December 6- Men's Breakfast @ 8:00 am  
December 6- Bernita Brewer's Memorial Service  
@ 2:00 pm  
December 7- Sunday Worship @ 9:00 am  
December 7- Kidz K'nnnection @ 9:15 am  
December 7- Sunday Fellowship @ 10:15 am  
December 7- Bible Study @ 10:30 am

December 7- Choir Practice @ 10:30 am  
December 7- Christmas Caroling @ 1:00 pm  
December 8- Ladies Bible Study @ 1:00 pm  
December 8- Handbells Practice @ 5:30 pm  
December 10- Over The Hill Gang @ 9:00 am  
December 10- Footprints Chapel @ 10:30 am  
December 10- Education Committee Meeting  
@ 4:00 pm  
December 10- Wednesday Advent Service @ 7:00 pm  
December 12- Bursey/Hanson House Group  
@ 7:30 pm  
December 13- Share the Light @ 6:30 pm  
December 14- Sunday Worship @ 9:00 am  
December 14- Kidz K'nnnection @ 9:15 am  
December 14- Sunday Fellowship @ 10:15 am  
December 14- Bible Study @ 10:30 am  
December 14- Choir Practice @ 10:30 am

## Servants of Faith

### **This Week: November 30**

**Altar Guild-** Mary Wolkenhauer  
**Tech Projections-** Russell Elkins & Kathy Wright  
**Acolyte-** Makaio Dilbeck  
**Reader-** Dan Sifferman  
**Welcomers-** Debbie Wilkins  
**Elders-** Phil Calahane & Lance O'Connor  
**Ushers-** Phil Calahane & Naty Sigurani  
**Youth Donuts-** Makaio Dilbeck

### **Next Week: December 7**

**Altar Guild-** Naty Sigurani  
**Tech Projections-** Amber Nelsen & Barry Milstead  
**Acolyte-** Ava Kriksciunas  
**Reader-** Sheryl Hanson  
**Welcomers-** Mary-Margaret Robbers & Chris Wilburn  
**Elders-** Mike Snow & Phil Calahane  
**Ushers-** Naty Sigurani & Mary-Margaret Robbers  
**Youth Donuts-** Ava Kriksciunas

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## A Word To Guests About Holy Communion

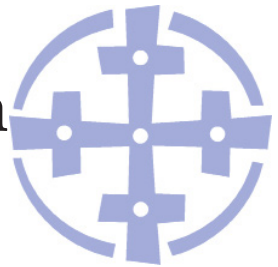
Lutherans believe and teach that the body and blood of Christ are truly present in and with the bread and wine when we receive the Lord's Supper. We do not believe that the bread and wine somehow mystically changes into Christ's body and blood, nor do we believe that the elements merely represent Christ's body and blood. Rather, we embrace the words of Jesus when He said, "Take, eat, this is my body," and "Take, drink, this is my blood." When we receive the bread and wine, we believe we are also receiving the body & blood of Christ because He said so.

We believe that Christ truly comes to us in this meal, offering His body and His blood in an outward sign of His love, His assurance of the forgiveness of our sins won for us by His death on the Cross, and the promise of His very real presence in our everyday lives.

If you are a Baptized believer in Jesus, repentant of your sins, and agree with our understanding of Holy Communion, we invite you to join us in this Sacrament. However, if you are in doubt, you may wish to consult with the Pastor or Elder beforehand. Children may receive Communion after receiving appropriate instruction from the pastor. *Gluten-free wafers are available upon request at the altar. If you have a dietary restriction to wine, grape juice is available in cups at the center of our communion trays.*

## Faith Lutheran Church

Grow Christ's Life In Every Heart.



### Serving at Faith

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Jeff MacDonald- Director of LivingFaith Praise Band

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