



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2024 -- 9:30 AM

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Church Office Hours:
Tuesday – Friday: 10 am to 4 pm

Pastors: Matt & Janine Goodrich
Ministers: All the people of God

This is Christ's church.

There is a place for you here.

We are a church that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace. Liberated by our faith, we embrace everyone as a whole person, with questions, doubts, complexities and all. We are moved by God's grace to welcome all who have ever felt marginalized, no matter your gender identity, sexual orientation, age, race, ethnicity, marital status, or faith background.

We welcome you as we worship, learn, and share Christ's love together.

Listening Devices for hearing enhancement are available in the back of the sanctuary. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Large print bulletins are available in the back of the sanctuary. Please see an usher for your copy. Feel free to take this copy home for reference during the week.

GATHERING

In Jesus' Name

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Presider: When the people were looking for deliverance, the prophet Micah declared, "But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah...from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient day." (Micah 5:2). But what if Micah is also talking to us, proclaiming, "But you, O Faith Lutheran Church, from you shall come forth for me..." What? What might God be calling forth from us?

All: God invites us to receive the promise of God's salvation and the sustenance of God's mercy and grace, enabling us to live the promise as God-bearers to the world. As Christ was born in Bethlehem, so too we answer God's invitation to have Christ born among us today and every day.

Presider: We light this candle of love as a sign of our commitment to live as people of God's promise, a promise of salvation and flourishing for all people that springs forth from God's love for all creation.

We light the fourth candle of the Advent wreath.

CALL TO WORSHIP

" Come to Us O Emmanuel "

Crossroads

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Presider: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon.

All: Amen

Presider: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Presider: God of mercy

All: we confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone. We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.

Presider: God of might,

All: we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have trusted false promises.

Presider: God in our midst,

All: we confess that we have sinned. We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in us.

Presider: A righteous branch springs forth: it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of God through + Christ Jesus, whose day draws near.

All: Amen,

GATHERING SONG

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

ELW #254
Red hymnal

GREETING

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All: And also with you.

KYRIE (*Kyrie Eleison means "Lord, have mercy"*)

Presider: You were sent to heal the contrite of heart. Kyrie Eleison.

All: Kyrie Eleison.

Presider: You came to call sinners. Christe Eleison.

All: Christe Eleison.

Presider: You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us.
Kyrie Eleison

All: Kyrie Eleison.



GLORY TO GOD – All Sing

Refrain: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.
And on earth peace, on earth peace to people of goodwill.

1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. *Refrain:*
2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. *Refrain:*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Assisting Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: and also with you.

A.M.: Let us pray. . . . Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.

All: With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us,
that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and
reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

You may be seated

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

Micah 5:2-5a

Reader: ² But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. ³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴ And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; ^{5a} and he shall be the one of peace.

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – All Sing**All: Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia****GOSPEL***Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]*

Presider: The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the first-first chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Presider: ³⁹ In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰ where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴² and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³ And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴ For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." [

⁴⁶ And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord,

⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸ for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

⁵⁰ His mercy is for those who fear him

from generation to generation.

⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

⁵² He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;

⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,

⁵⁵ according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Presider: This is the gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.*You may be seated*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Janine Goodrich

Please stand as you are able

GOSPEL HYMN OF THE DAY *"My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness"*

ELW #251
Red Hymnal

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Presider: May the Lord of Advent be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: People of God, lift up your waiting hearts.

All: We lift them to the One whose heart longs for us.

Presider: People of God, give thanks to the One who draws near to us.

All: As we gather at God's Table, we offer our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Presider: Holy God, the Beginning and the End, our Salvation and our hope,
We praise you for creating a world of order and beauty.

When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair,
You sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy.

At the end of the ages your Son Jesus came to bring us your love
And to heal the suffering world.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave
thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat, this is my body
which is given for you;

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper he took the cup;
gave thanks, and gave it to all to drink saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood
poured out for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection,

We await his coming again righteousness and peace.
 Send your Spirit on us and on this bread and wine we share:
 Strengthen our faith, increase our hope, and bring to birth the justice and
 joy of your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty
 Father, with the Holy Spirit, In your holy Church, both now and
 forever. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Presider: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray.

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
 your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from
 the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

You may be seated.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

AGNUS DEI (*Agnus Dei means "Lamb of God"*) – **All sing**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

*Today we celebrate Christ's presence among us as he comes to us with grace and
 forgiveness in the ordinary bread and wine of the Holy Eucharist. The cups contain
 red wine and white grape juice. We have Gluten-Free bread available.*

After you receive the Sacrament, you may take time to pray at the altar rail if you wish.

At Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, ALL are welcome to receive communion.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A.M.: Generous God, we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation.

All: We thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace. We thank you for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world. Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in your

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

A.M.: After each petition of “*Lord, in your mercy,*” the congregation will respond, “**receive our prayer.**”

A.M.: As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God’s presence.

A brief silence.

A.M.: God our uniter, increase communication and cooperation in our relationships with those of other traditions and religions. Root your church in the radical message of your incarnation, and enable us to pursue your justice in the world. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

A.M.: God our creator, we praise you for the beauty that surrounds us. Awaken in us a renewed sense of care for the wildlife in our communities. Form us into faithful stewards of what you have made. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

A.M.: God our sovereign, Mary proclaims a new way of life that lifts up the lowly and fills the hungry with good things. Nurture in local governments and municipalities a desire to care for all who are overlooked and ignored. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

A.M.: God our beacon, as the northern hemisphere begins its slow turn toward more daylight, remind us that even in the deepest nights, you are there. Comfort the lonely and bereaved. Hold closely the frightened, anxious, depressed, and ill *especially* Pastor Matt, Dwayne, Linda, Ian, Melinda, John, Becky, Erin, Cheryl, Marcie, Nancy, Linda, Patrica, Beverly, Teresa, Jon, Lynn, John, Dwayne, Ian, Kathy, Joyce, Torr, Kimberly, David, Klaus, Paige, Tim, Louise, Mel, Gary, Mark, Lori, Jessi, Pat, Dona, Cindy, Karen, Sonia, Lynn, Aaron, Platt, Dennis, and those we name in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

A.M.: God our guide, shepherd the leadership of this congregation. Bless the council and staff in discerning future ministry and open their hearts to the voices of the community. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

A.M.: God our life, you remember the promises you have made to your people. In gratitude for those who have died, we praise you for your faithfulness throughout history. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

A.M.: Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

OFFERING

Offering plates are in the back of the Sanctuary for your gift, or you may mail to
Faith Lutheran Church - PO Box 2349 Roseburg OR 97470
or you may give an offering online on our website www.faihtroseburg.org
or through the Tithl.ey app, download instructions are in the welcome center.

GREETING OF PEACE

A.M.: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And also with you.**

A.M.: Let us greet one another with a sign of God's peace.

Please stand as you are able

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

A.M.: Go in peace —love and care for one another in the name of Christ; and may the power of the Holy Spirit make the rough places in your life smooth, may the dark valleys of your hearts be filled and the rugged mountains leveled and the way of the Lord be made ready in you, and may He come unto you and bless you and shine forth from you both now and forevermore. **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

SENDING SONG

"Joy to the World"

ELW #267
Red Hymnal

DISMISSAL

A.M.: Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Music to send us on our way into the world.



Serving Christ in the Heart of the Umpqua

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Pray for those in need of healing and for those with on-going cares and concerns:

Pastor Matt, Dwayne, Clarissa, Linda, Melinda and John, Jan, Becky, Erin, Cheryl & Marcie, Wendy, Nancy, Linda, Beverly, Teresa, Jon, John, Lynn & Dwayne, Ian, Kathy, Joyce, Torr and Platt, Kimberly, David, Klaus, Paige, Tim, Louise, Mel, Gary, Mark, Lori, Jessi, Pat, Cindy, Karen, Sonia, Lynn, Aaron, Dennis

December 22nd through December 29th, 2024

Sunday – December 22, 2024

- 8:15am Crossroads rehearsal - SA
- 9:30am Worship – SA
- 10:30am Chicken Sunday – FH
- 7:00pm Mt Nebo AA Group – AT
- 7:00pm Alanon Meeting – SSR

Monday – December 23, 2024

-Pastors' Day off
- 1:00pm..... Watercolor Fellowship - AT

Tuesday – December 24, 2024 ~ Christmas Eve

- 4:30pm..... Crossroads Rehearsal
- 7:00pm..... **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

Wednesday – December 25, 2024 ~ Christmas Day

- 10:30am Bible Study at St. George's ~ *is on hold until January 8, 2025*
- 6:00pm Twisted Sisters AA (Women only) – SSR
- 7:00pm Learning to Live Again NA Group – AT

Thursday – December 26, 2024

- 1:00pm..... Lydia's Ladies ~ *on hold until January 2, 2025*
- 7:00pm..... Mt Nebo AA Group – AT

Friday – December 27, 2024

Saturday – December 28, 2024

Sunday – December 29, 2024

- 8:15am Crossroads rehearsal - SA
- 9:30am Worship – SA
- 10:30am Coffee and refreshments - FH
- 7:00pm Mt Nebo AA Group – AT
- 7:00pm Alanon Meeting – SSR



KEY

- FH = Fellowship Hall
- FLY = Youth Room
- CR = Conference Room
- SA = Sanctuary
- AT = Atrium
- SSR = Sunday School Rooms
- ABS = Adult Bible Study (behind sanctuary)
- PO = Pastors office