



**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - HAMBURG**

**Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, November 17 and
Monday, November 18, 2024**

Hebrews 10:14 – “For by a single offering He has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.” Our Lord Jesus has provided the one offering for sin. What we offer to the Lord is not a sacrifice for sin; we cannot buy our way into heaven with our money, works or effort. Rather, what we give to the Lord's work in the church is a thank offering, a sign of our dependency on God and all He has given us.

...WELCOME TO... church

WELCOME VISITORS:

We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors today. We pray

that your worship with us is rewarding. Please be sure to sign your name and address in our guest register, located in the narthex. If you are looking for a church home we would like to invite you to be a part of our Bible Based Church family.

Please **TURN OFF ALL CELLPHONES** before service begins. Phones that are on may interfere with transmission of the service to social media and shutting down your phone can help solve network connectivity problems.



RECEIVING THE HOLY SACRAMENT Because we deeply long to celebrate the Love of God and the true unity of teachings of God's Holy Scriptures we ask those who are not members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) to please make an appointment to meet with Pastor Love before communing with us. We respectfully do this not at all because we think that we are the only saved Christians, but because it is our Sacred Belief that those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion gives a witness of unity in the major teachings and faith confessed by the congregation and Synod (1 Corinthians 10:16-18; 11:23-29; Romans 16:17). This Biblical and historical practice is called close(d) communion. Thank you for respecting our sacred beliefs and practices. Please pray with us for honest unity around God's High and Holy Scriptures. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Love.

NOTE: Gluten free wafers are now available. (See 1 Corinthians 5 & 6; 11:17-34)



ORDER OF SERVICE

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OPENING HYMN

“Today Your Mercy Calls Us”

LSB #915

INVOCATION

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

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

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

*Silence for reflection on God’s Word
and for self-examination.*

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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 Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I

therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

PSALM 16

P ¹Preserve me, O God,
for in you I take refuge.

C ²**I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you.”**

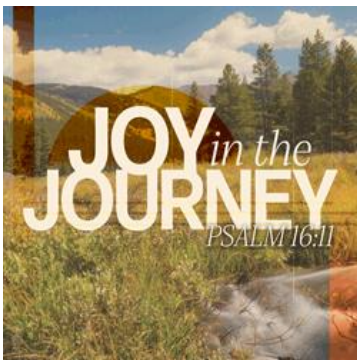
P ³As for the saints in the land,
they are the excellent ones,
in whom is all my delight.

C ⁴**The sorrows of those who run after another
god shall multiply;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names on my lips.**

P ⁵The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

C ⁶**The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**

P ⁷I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.



C ⁸**I have set the LORD always
before me;
because he is at my right hand, I
shall not be shaken.**

P ⁹Therefore my heart is glad,
and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.

C ¹⁰**For you will not abandon
my soul to Sheol,**

or let your holy one see corruption.

P 11You make known to me the path of life;
 in your presence there is fullness of joy;
 at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

KYRIE

LSB 152

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 154

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O Lord, by Your bountiful goodness release us from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our weakness we have brought upon ourselves, that we may stand firm until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

CATECHISM REVIEW

Confession

P *What is Confession?*

C Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

P *What sins should we confess?*

C Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

P *Which are these?*

C Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-

tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

P *What is the Office of the Keys?*

C The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His Church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.

P *Where is this written?*

C This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." (John 20:22–23)

P *What do you believe according to these words?*

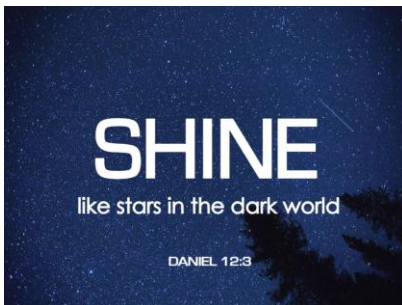
C I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Daniel 12:1–3

¹"At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. ²And

many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to



righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5

P These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

EPISTLE

Hebrews 10:11–25

¹¹Every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

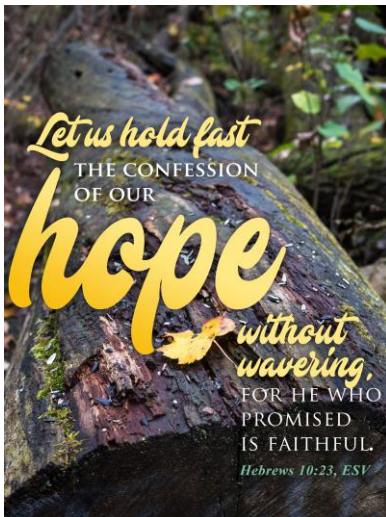
¹⁵And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

¹⁶“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord:
I will put my laws on their hearts,
and write them on their minds,”

¹⁷then he adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any



offering for sin.

¹⁹Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

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HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 13:1–13

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!” ²And Jesus said to him, “Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.”

³And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴“Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?” ⁵And Jesus began to say to them, “See that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. ⁷And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in

various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains.

⁹“But be on your guard. For they will deliver you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them. ¹⁰And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations. ¹¹And when they bring you to trial and deliver you

over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. ¹²And brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death. ¹³And you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON HYMN

“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”

LSB #563

SERMON

NICENE CREED

C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,

begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

"We Give Thee But Thine Own"

LSB #781

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

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SANCTUS

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He

broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**

PAX DOMINI

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AGNUS DEI

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DISTRIBUTION



DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” LSB #821

“The Day Is Surely Drawing Near”

LSB #508

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” LSB

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THANK THE LORD

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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BENEDICTION

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CLOSING HYMN

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

LSB #575

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Hunters' Service
at St. John's
Wednesday, November 20
Meal at 6:00 p.m.
Worship at 6:30 p.m.



Thanksgiving Service at
Faith
**Wednesday,
November 27**
Worship at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday: Jeremiah 33:1-22;

Jeremiah 34:1 – 36:32;

Matthew 27:57-66

Monday: Jeremiah 37:1-21;

Revelation 17:1-18; Matthew 27:33-56

Tuesday: Jeremiah 38:1-28; Jeremiah 39:1 – 44:39;

Matthew 27:57-66

Wednesday: Daniel 1:1-21; Matthew 28:1-20

Thursday: Daniel 2:1-23; Revelation 18:1-24

Friday: Daniel 2:24-49; Revelation 19:1-21

Saturday: Daniel 3:1-30; Revelation 20:1-15

FAITH and ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCHES



*Please remember the following in
your prayers:*

Gary Baumann Bob Burish
Alice Fromm Wallace Emmerich
Sally Hannemann Angie
Harkner Emma Hein

Dale Janisch Cecelia & Lucille Klade Rob Koebe
Bruce Krenz Ron Lang Karen Love Debbie Olson
Mark Pester Edgar Pfaff Marge Radenz Karen Rajek
Jo Schedler Audrey Steckling Lorraine Steckling
Carl Uttech Philip Vogel Deb Wiederhoeft
Susie and Ellie Zastrow



ST. JOHN'S

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

Looking for updated pictures and
contact information for all St.

John' members and their
families. Please check your
church mailboxes for more
information.



CHURCH CALENDAR ST. JOHN'S and FAITH

Sunday, November 17

8:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion at St. John's

Sunday School during Sermon at St. John's

9:15 a.m. Sunday School at Faith

10:15 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion at Faith

11:15 a.m. Bible Class at Faith

Monday, November 18

5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal at Faith

6:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion at Faith

Tuesday, November 19

6:00 p.m. Trustees' at Faith

Wednesday, November 20

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith

6:00 p.m. Hunters' Meal at St. John's

6:30 p.m. Hunter's Worship Service at St. John's

Thursday, November 21

6:30 p.m. Adult Information Classes at St. John's

Sunday, November 24

8:30 a.m. Worship at St. John's

Sunday School during Sermon at St. John's

9:15 a.m. Sunday School at Faith

10:15 a.m. Worship at Faith

11:15 a.m. Bible Study at Faith

7:30 p.m. Elders' Meeting at Faith

Wednesday, November 27

10:00 a.m. AbleLight Volunteers

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith

6:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service at Faith



Annual Fruit Sale 2024

All orders must be turned in by Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 27. The fruit will be available for pick up at church on

Friday, December 13 from 4-6 p.m., Saturday, December 14 from 8-10 a.m. and on Sunday morning, December 15. Please pay for fruit when it is picked up.

Order forms are available in the narthex of church at the Scrip table.

You may also order by contacting any of the youth group members. If you have any questions, please contact Terry Seidler at 715-203-5733. Members, family and friends of both congregations are welcome to order.



ADULT INFORMATION CLASS

Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.
at St. John's.

For more information talk with Pastor Love.
All are welcome to join the class

If anyone has EYE GLASSES AND/OR CASES that are no longer used, there is a Lion's Eye Glass Bucket in the coat room, All glasses and cases can be put in the bucket. Any questions, contact Beth (715-574-0190) or Leon Bartelt (715-574-1261) of the Maine Lion's Club.



HOLIDAYS ARE COMING SOON! Be sure to pick up scrip cards for your holiday feasts and those special gifts for your 'naughty and nice' list. Pick up scrip for all your household needs. Help support the ministry of our church through the Scrip program. ... *All without it costing you an extra penny!*





FALL EVENT
LUTHER MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
N5302 Townhall Road and Highway 17,
Gleason

Harvest Dinner on November 17

11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Buffet of Turkey, Ham, Mashed Potatoes,
Stuffing, Squash, salads and desserts

Dine In, Carryout, Drive Through

Adults \$13 Child 6-12 \$7

5 and under Free



FELLOWSHIP FUNDRAISERS

St. John's will be hosting Fellowship several times a month.
Funds raised will go to Hurricane Relief.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You for your generous sacrificial offerings to the Lord, to help us keep our ministry going. You can also mail your offerings to Our Churches at

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15425 County Road K South

Merrill, WI 54452 or

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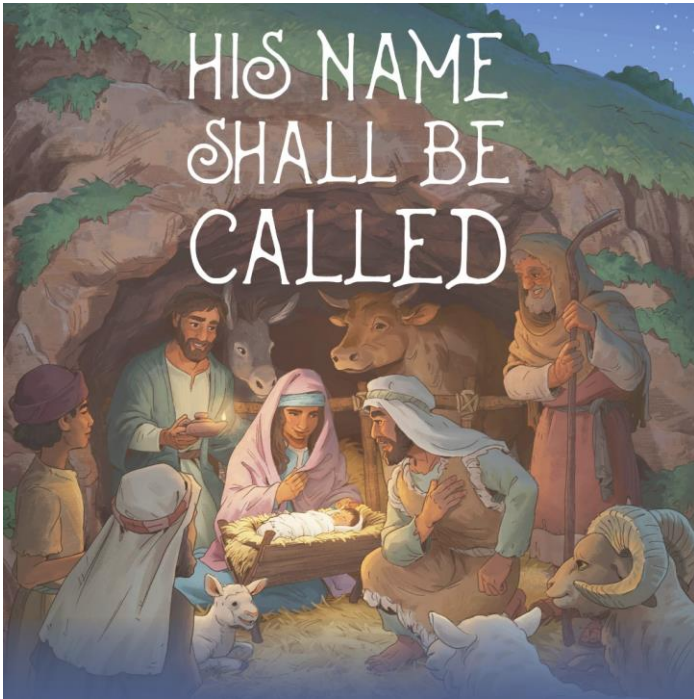
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2024 Advent Series

His Name Shall Be Called



During the season of Advent, we prepare to celebrate the birth of God's Son, who was given the name Jesus—a Hebrew name that means "God saves." In addition to His earthly name, Holy Scripture calls Jesus by various titles which describe something about His person or work. In this year's Advent series, we are going to examine four titles given to Jesus in Isaiah 9:6. Those titles are "Wonderful Counselor," "Mighty God," "Everlasting Father," and "Prince of Peace." We will learn how each of these titles describes something about who Jesus is and what He did for our salvation. **Wednesday Advent services begin on Wednesday, December 4 at 6:30 p.m. at Faith.**



Advent Tea

AT ST. JOHN

1104 E. Third Street – Merrill, WI

DECEMBER

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1-3PM

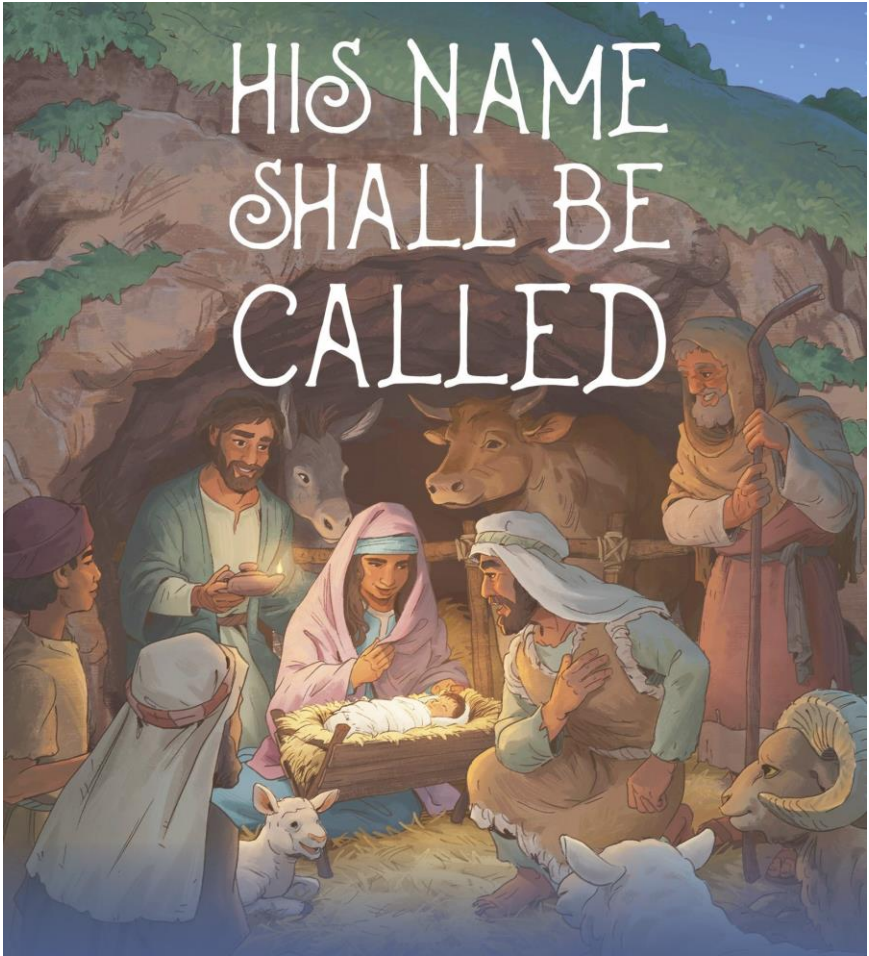
Tickets are \$15, available until December 1

• FOOD FELLOWSHIP MUSIC GOD'S WORD



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**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS
PROGRAM**

Sunday morning, December 15

**DURING WORSHIP
SERVICES**