



**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH – HAMBURG  
December 1, 2024  
8:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.**

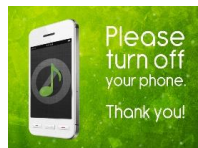
**Luke 19:31 – “If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’”** Consider the faithfulness of that man who owned the donkey and colt. All he needed to hear was, “The Lord has need of it,” and he willingly gave. The Lord has given each of us various callings in life (in our homes, in the church and in the communities we live in). In each calling we have good work to do, which comes from the Lord’s hand. The Lord has need of us in each calling. How is He calling you to generous giving in each of your vocations?



**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 COMMUNION.** 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**  
**Divine Service IV LSB page 203**

## OPENING HYMN

“The Advent of Our King”

LSB #331

## 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

## CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

- P** Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### PSALM 25:1-10

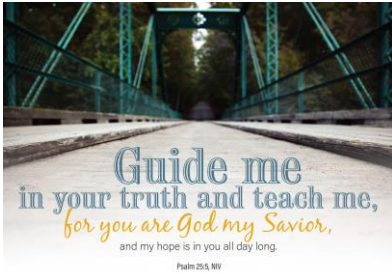
**P** <sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD,  
I lift up my soul.

**C** <sup>2</sup>**O my God, in you I trust;  
let me not be put to shame;  
let not my enemies exult over me.**

**P** <sup>3</sup>Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;  
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

**C** <sup>4</sup>**Make me to know your ways, O LORD;  
teach me your paths.**

**P** <sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all the day long.



**C** <sup>6</sup>**Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.**

**P** <sup>7</sup>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!

**C** <sup>8</sup>**Good and upright is the LORD;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

**P** <sup>9</sup>He leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble his way.

**C** <sup>10</sup>**All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

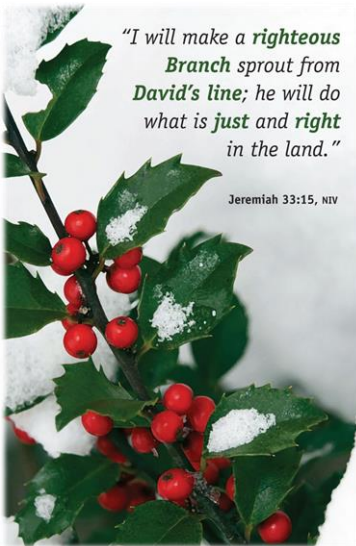
**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**



## OLD TESTAMENT READING

### **Jeremiah 33:14–16**

<sup>14</sup>"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. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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.'"

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

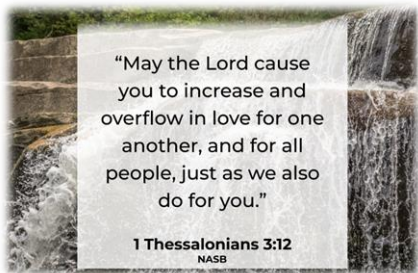
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

### **1 Thessalonians 3:9–13**

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

<sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, <sup>12</sup>and may the Lord make you



increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, <sup>13</sup>so 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.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 205

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 21:25–36*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

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

<sup>25</sup>[Jesus said:] “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, <sup>26</sup>people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

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

<sup>34</sup>“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. <sup>35</sup>For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>But 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."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**NICENE CREED**

*LSB 206*

**SERMON HYMN**

*"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

**LSB #357**

**SERMON**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

*"We Give Thee But Thine Own"*

**LSB #781 vs. 1-2**

## **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

**PREFACE**

*LSB 208*

**SANCTUS**

*LSB 208*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**P**

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your

only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your boundless mercy You sent Your servant, John the Baptist, to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of heaven draws near.

With thankful hearts we pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," confident that in His body and blood, given us to eat and drink, we receive the forgiveness of sins and so proclaim His death until He comes again in glory.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## LORD'S PRAYER

*LSB 209*

**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.

## 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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## PAX DOMINI

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.



AGNUS DEI

LSB 210

## DISTRIBUTION

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*“Now Sing We, Now Rejoice”* LSB #386  
*“Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come”* LSB #350  
*“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”* LSB #641

NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 211

### POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

LSB 212

### BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

### CLOSING HYMN

*“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”* LSB #516

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**Sunday:** Isaiah 7:10 – 8:8;

1 Peter 3:1-22

**Monday:** Isaiah 8:9 – 9:7;

1 Peter 4:1-19

**Tuesday:** Isaiah 9:8 – 10:11; 1 Peter 5:1-14

**Wednesday:** Isaiah 10:12-27a, 33-34; 2 Peter 1:1-21

**Thursday:** Isaiah 11:1 – 12:6; 2 Peter 2:1-22

**Friday:** Isaiah 14:1-23; 2 Peter 3:1-18

**Saturday:** Isaiah 24:1-13; 1 John 1:1 – 2:14



## **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

## **CHRISTMAS GIFTS for PINE CREST RESIDENTS**



Pine Crest is asking for  
donation of Christmas  
presents and/or money

which allows Pine

Crest to give a gift to

each resident. Items

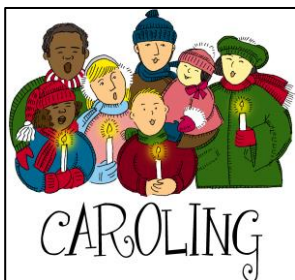
should be dropped off

by Sunday, December

8 at Faith. A list of

items can be found on

the Scrip table in the back of church.



## CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Lunch will be served right after worship service at Faith followed by caroling to shut-ins on **Sunday, December 15.**

*Come along and help share the Christmas spirit.  
Bring a friend!*

### *Gifts for Children*

Tags will be available on Sunday, December 1 at Faith. Gifts need to be returned by Sunday, December 15. For information, contact Bonnie Grueneberg



### *2024 Advent Series*

## His Name Shall Be Called

### MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES

**Begin on Wednesday, December 1 at 6:30 p.m. at Faith**

Our first midweek Advent sermon is “Wonderful Counselor”—a title given to Jesus in Isaiah 9:6. We will learn how God rescues us from the cunning counsel of the devil and blesses us with the wonderful counsel of His Son whose Word of truth sets us free from sin and its damning deception.





## **CHURCH CALENDAR ST. JOHN'S and FAITH**

### **Sunday, December 1**

**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

### **Wednesday, December 4**

5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith

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

### **Sunday, December 8**

**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

### **Monday, December 9**

6:30 p.m. Church Council at Faith

### **Wednesday, December 11**

10:00 a.m. AbleLight Volunteers

5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

**6:30 p.m. Midweek Advent Worship at Faith**



## **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.



**ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CARE** is looking for a **part time assistant teacher**. Must have Infant/Toddler and Early Childhood experience. If the right person fits, we will be willing to train if person is willing to take cases. For more information or to apply, contact Patti Beilke at St.

John's Christian Care at 715-539-8120.

**CHRISTMAS IS JUST A FEW WEEKS**

**AWAY!** 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!*



**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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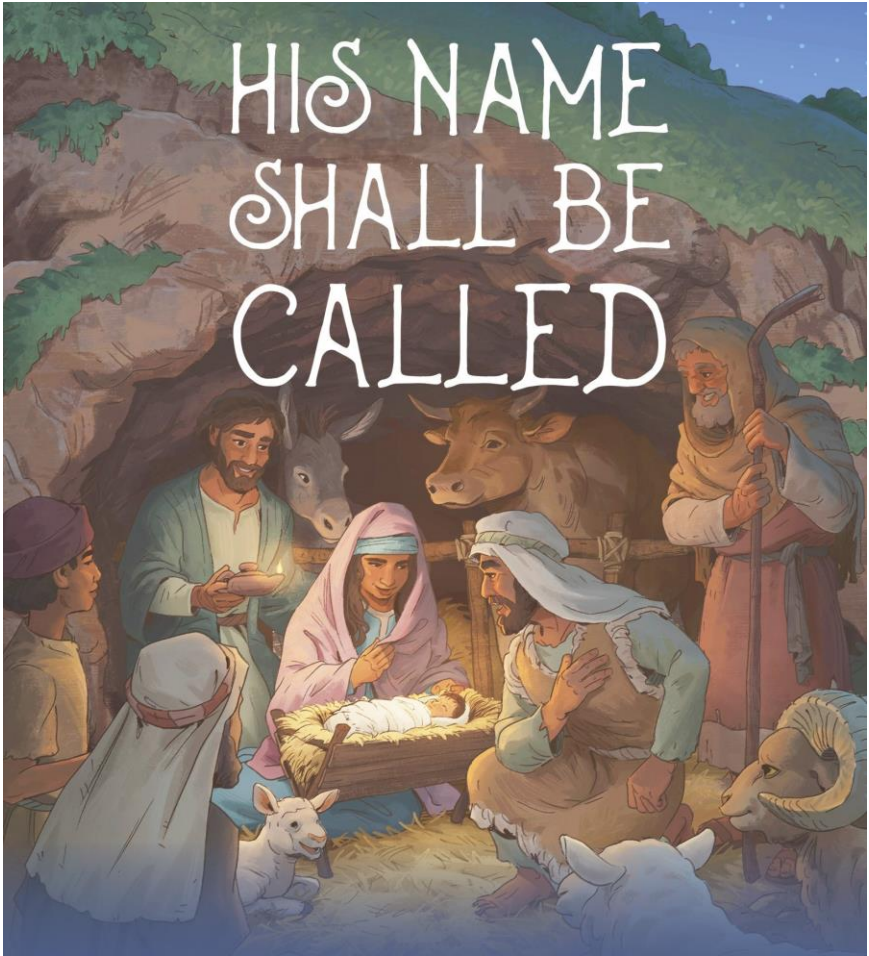
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**[www.faithlutheranmerrill.com](http://www.faithlutheranmerrill.com)**



**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS  
PROGRAM**

**Sunday morning, December 15**

**DURING WORSHIP  
SERVICES**



# Advent Tea

## AT ST. JOHN

DECEMBER

7

1-3PM

Tickets are \$15, available until December 1

• FOOD FELLOWSHIP MUSIC GOD'S WORD



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