

Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church!

December 13, 2023 | 2nd Wednesday of Advent

Welcome & Prayer

*Opening Song – “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”

*Invocation

We meet in the strong name of our God;

We praise You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Advent Litany

The King of kings is drawing near.

The Savior of the world is here.

Swing wide your doors, remove their bars.

Give room to Him who rules the stars.

That Christ alone our King may be,

Our Savior through eternity!

Marvel now, all heaven and earth,

That our God chose such a birth.

Dear Lord, our hearts awaken,

In faith to stand unshaken.

Good Christian friends, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice!

He has opened heaven’s door, and we are blessed forevermore!

Advent Wreath Lighting & Prayer – Joy

Advent Video

*Scripture – Mark 12:28-34

Message – Dennis Larson

*Prayer of the Evening

Dear Jesus, thank You for coming to us in Bethlehem! As we prepare to celebrate Your birth, refocus us on love over hurt feelings and on people over things. Change our hearts and minds so that we can welcome You with joy at Your Second Coming. Amen.

*Lord’s Prayer & Blessing

*Closing Song – “Advent Song”

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand if you are able.

Scripture – Mark 12:28-34

²⁸ One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked Him, “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?”

²⁹ “The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ ³¹ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”

³² “Well said, teacher,” the man replied. “You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but Him. ³³ To love Him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.” ³⁴ When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, He said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” And from then on no one dared ask Him any more questions.

Thank you to tonight’s ...

Altar Prep: Altar Prep Team | Advent Potluck: Greg & Ann Lear, LaVonne Clark

Advent Wreath & Prayer: Noah Spieker, Kolton Yungbluth | Message: Dennis Larson

Counters: Larry Wigen, Jolynne Eilts | Greeters: Isaiah Rustad & mentor, Brett Eilts

Instrumentalist: Gloria McKenney | Scripture Reader: Emerie Cooke

Camera: Brittany Spieker | Computer: Cindy Tigges | Sound: Cheryl Stueven

Lead Tech: Jacob Weeks | Worship Leader: Pastor Ben Unseth

Advent & Christmas Schedule

Sunday, Dec. 17 ~ 3rd Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Worship with Josh Smith

Wednesday, Dec. 20

5:30 p.m. Advent Potluck ~ Please bring a dish to share.

6:30 p.m. Midweek Service with Alice Nielsen

Sunday, Dec. 24 ~ 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve

9:00 a.m. Regular Worship Service

5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service

Sunday, Dec. 31 ~ New Year’s Eve

9:00 a.m. Regular Worship Service