

Second Saturday in Advent

December 3rd, 2022



Faith Lutheran Church LCMS

935 S. Crystal Glen Drive Lecanto, Florida 34461

Worship: Sundays: 9:30 AM Saturdays: 6:00 PM

Sunday Bible Study/Sunday School 11:00 AM

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It is our honor at Faith Lutheran Church to welcome all who join with us for worship. It is our prayer that the Lord would richly bless our worship together. If you are looking for a church home in the Lecanto area, we invite you to speak to our Pastor regarding membership at Faith Lutheran Church.

✠**Worship Divine Service One**✠ p. 151ff

OPENING HYMN On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry **#344**

(please stand)

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION OF SINS Pastor / **Congregation**

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ 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.

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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Service of the Word



INTROIT Pastor/Congregation

P: In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;

C: make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

P: Seek the LORD and his strength;

C: seek his presence continually!

P: Remember the wondrous works that he has done,

C: his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

P: O offspring of Abraham, his servant,

C: children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

P: He is the LORD our God;

C: his judgments are in all the earth.

P: He remembers his covenant for ever,

C: the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;

C: make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

P: In Peace let us pray to the Lord



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P: 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



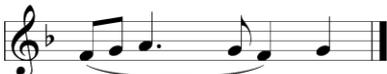
C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord



C A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you



☐ And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



☐ A - men.

(please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 11:1–10

¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. ²And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. ⁶The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over

the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. ⁹They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 15:4–13

⁴For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name."

¹⁰And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."

¹¹And again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him."

¹²And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come,

even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;
in him will the Gentiles hope."

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

This is the Word of the Lord.

.C: Thanks be to God.

(please stand)

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1–12

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” ³For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight.’”

⁴Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after

me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



(please be seated)

SERMON HYMN

(Insert) Power of Your Love

SERMON

Repenting Sincerely

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.

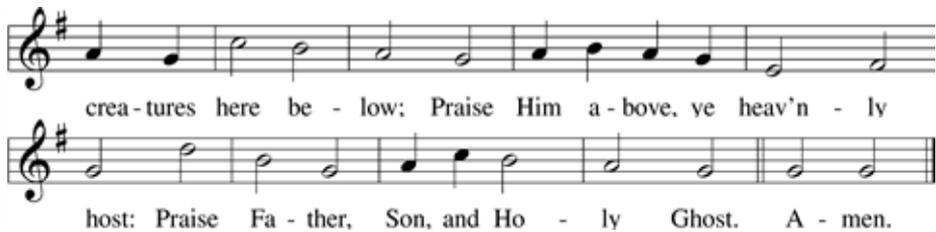
I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life \times everlasting. Amen.

(please be seated)

GATHERING OF THE OFFERINGS

(please rise and sing).





crea-tures here be - low: Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
 host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

GENERAL PRAYER



LORD'S PRAYER

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.

CLOSING COLLECT

P: Let us pray. Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your Holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.



C A - men.

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

Wednesday	2:30 P.M.	Bells
	3:00 P.M.	Confirmation
	4:00 P.M.	Choir
	4:30 P.M.	Advent Service
Saturday	6:00 P.M.	HC Worship
Sunday	9:30 A.M.	Worship



Anyone wishing to have an elder pray with them, please meet at the front of sanctuary immediately after service.

Thanks,
David Hass

The Altar Guild will be decorating the altar for Christmas with red and white poinsetias. We need your contributions. A table will be set up in the narthex for sign-ups. The cost this year is \$12.98, \$7.99 and \$4.97, for large, medium and small. We sincerely thank you for your support.

Ellen Davey, Chairman

PLEASE NOTE

Members of Faith there is a congregational meeting on December 11th after the 9:30 church, service. We hope to see you all there.

NOTICE

Effective Monday the 4th of December the Kitchen, Hallway, and bathroom by the kitchen is going to be painted. Unknown as to how long this will take. Any questions contact Steve Fetzer

Notes From Pastor Griffin

☐ Join us Monday morning at 10 in the fellowship hall for a Bible class focused on the next week's appointed lessons ((Isaiah 35:1-10, James 5:7-11, and Matthew 11:2-15), led by Pastor Griffin

☐ Join us Sunday morning in the fellowship hall for refreshments (10:30-11) and a Bible class (11-12) focused on the Christmas story, according to Luke.

☐ Copies of today's sermons may be found on a table as you enter the sanctuary.

☐ Thank you to our Altar Guild for caring for our beautiful sanctuary and serving with great joy!

☐ Thank you to a group of men who regularly show up on Thursday mornings and take care of our properties.

☐ Signed and sealed pledges for 2023 may be placed in the offering plate at any service and will be placed in a box near our altar. Time and Talent surveys may be placed in a box in our narthex. Thank you for supporting our Lord's work here at Faith Lutheran.

☐ At least one of our members has experienced a "sensitivity to perfume" reaction in recent weeks. Thank you for keeping this in mind as you prepare to worship.

☐ Our Advent Midweek Services will continue this Wednesday, at 4:30, followed by a potluck meal.

A local veteran would like to donate a brand - new aluminum ramp (30 feet long) to a person who could use it. If you know of someone who could possibly use one, please contact Pastor Griffin, **HEARING ASSISTANCE**. Please contact an Usher. **HOSPITALIZED OR NEED A VISIT?** Contact Pastor Griffin 507-420-2236 or contact your elder. If you're not sure who he is, call the church office 527-3325. Office hours are 9-12 Monday – Friday



**Dec. 7th 4:30 P.M. Midweek Service
(Potluck Afterwards)**

**Dec. 14th 4:30 P.M. Midweek Service
(Potluck Afterwards)**

**Dec 24th 4:00 & 6:00 P.M. Christmas Eve Candlelight
Service**

Dec 25th Regular Service 9:30 A.M.