

[THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN]

# Advent

DECEMBER 22, 2013

Faith Lutheran Church builds up the body of Christ by making disciples, offering new beginnings and new life through the Gospel of Christ.

- Fellowship to build up one another in love
- Assemble regularly for worship and sacraments
- Intercede in prayer on behalf of one another
- Teach the truth of God's Word
- Help people in our community and beyond by witnessing, inviting, and serving



**FAITH**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

*New beginnings. New life.*

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## The 4th Sunday in Advent

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GREET ONE ANOTHER and SHARE THE PEACE

### OPENING HYMN #380 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

- 1 Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With the\_angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

[P] The fourth candle of the Advent wreath is the Angels Candle or the Candle of Love. The Angels announced the good news of a Savior born in Bethlehem, who will come again with all His angels to take us home and establish His everlasting kingdom. God sent His only Son to earth to save us because He loves us!

[Advent candle is lit while the congregation sings]

- 2 Christ, by highest heav'n adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold Him come,  
Offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,  
Hail the\_incarinate Deity!  
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Immanuel!  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

[P] The Revelation of St. John, in the twenty-second chapter, records what the return of Christ will be like, as shown by the angel:

**[C] Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city;**

[P] Also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month.

**[C] The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.**

[P] No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him.

**[C] They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.**

[P] And night will be no more.

**[C] They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.**

[P] "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches.

**[C] "I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."**

[P] The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come."

**[C] And let the one who hears say, "Come."**

[P] And let the one who is thirsty come;

**[C] Let the one who desires take the water of life without price.**

[P] He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

**[C] Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

[P] The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.

3           Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!  
              Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
              Light and life to all He brings,  
              Ris'n with healing in His wings.  
              Mild He lays His glory by,  
              Born that man no more may die,  
              Born to raise the sons of earth,  
              Born to give them second birth.  
              Hark! The herald angels sing,  
              "Glory to the newborn King!"

[P] Let us pray:

**[All] O Wisdom, Holy Word of God, Jesus Christ, all things are in Your hands, come and show us the way to salvation. Amen.**

**INTROIT** *Ps. 130:5–8; antiphon: Is. 64:1*

[P] Oh that You would rend the heavens and come down,

**[C] That the mountains might quake at Your presence.**

[P] I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,

**[C] And in His word I hope;**

[P] My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning,

**[C] More than watchmen for the morning.**

[P] O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love,

**[C] And with Him is plentiful redemption.**

[P] And He will redeem Israel

**[C] From all his iniquities.**

**[All] 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] Oh that You would rend the heavens and come down,

**[C] That the mountains might quake at Your presence.**

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**[All] Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Isaiah 7:10–17*

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, "Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test." And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. The Lord will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father's house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah — the king of Assyria."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**[C] Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** *Romans 1:1–7*

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints:  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**[C] Thanks be to God.**

[please stand]

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**[C] Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Matthew 1:18–25*

[P] The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the first chapter.

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

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON HYMN** *Come Medley*

**SERMON** *God With Us*

**OFFERING**

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

[P] Lord, in Your mercy,

[C] **Hear our prayer.**

**LORD'S PRAYER** [spoken together]

[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.**

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**CLOSING HYMN #357** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (sts. 1-4)

[silent prayer]

# Come Medley



Come, now is the time \_\_\_ to wor - ship. \_\_\_



Come, now is the time \_\_\_ to hear \_\_\_ His Word. \_\_\_



Come, just as you are \_\_\_ to wor - ship. \_\_\_



Come, just as you are \_\_\_ be-fore \_\_\_ your God. \_\_\_ 1. O



come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
2. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing; Christ



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
Je - sus, to Thee be all glo - ry giv'n!



Come \_\_\_ be - hold Him Born the king of an - gels: O  
Word of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!



come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him, O



come, let us a - dore Him, Christ \_\_\_ the Lord!

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## Tuesday, Christmas Eve

7:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Children's Program

## Next Sunday

8:45 am Sunday School + Adult Bible Class

10:00 am Worship **First Reading** *Is. 63:7-14*

**Epistle** *Gal. 4:4-7*

**Gospel** *Matt. 2:13-23*

6:00 pm Confirmation Class

6:00 pm Youth Group

## Tuesday, December 31

6:00 pm New Year's Eve Candlelight Service

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### Attendance last Sunday:

Worship: 64

Adult Bible Study: 8

### Offering last Sunday:

General Fund \$2,085.00

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**Website:** Check out the church website, [faithmonticello.org](http://faithmonticello.org)! It now has a link to the church calendar as well as information about our church and activities. It can be viewed from mobile devices as well. Thank you to those who have already provided pictures, please continue to send pictures to the church email address so that they may be added to the website. Some pictures from the Christmas Parade were added this week!

**Happy Birthday** to Andrew Davison (today)!

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### Today:

Greeters: Jim + Jean Ballsrud

Reader: Greg Hanselman

Ushers: Sparenberg, D.Kunde, S.Kunde

Acolyte: Aubree Dannaman

### Next Sunday (December 29):

Greeters: Jegg + Brianna Gregg

Reader: Jean Ballsrud

Ushers: Merriman, Hanselman Family

Acolyte: Caroline Maxwell

### Tuesday (Christmas Eve):

Greeters: Richard + Sherry Wright

Reader: Don Davison

Ushers: M.Wright, Remmert, Dannaman

Acolyte: Jordan Bueltmann

Cross: Noah Hanselman

### December Elder: Don Davison

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### Pastor's regular office hours:

Monday 9:00 – 11:00 am

Tuesday 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Wednesday 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Thursday 9:00 – 11:00 am

*Occasionally other pastoral duties may interfere with the regular office hours.  
Please call pastor's cell phone if there is ever a need.*