

[THE THIRD SUNDAY IN]

Advent

DECEMBER 15, 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.

We believe that it is a great privilege to attend the Lord's Supper. We believe that in the Lord's Supper we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given for us Christians to eat and drink. In this Holy Supper we are given forgiveness of sins and assurance of God's love in Christ. Holy Communion also expresses our oneness in Biblical doctrine. Because this is true, we ask that only those who have the same understanding of the Lord's Supper partake of this Sacrament. Even if you are not partaking in this Sacrament, we invite you to come forward to receive a blessing. Please indicate your desire to receive a blessing by crossing your arms in front of you. Also, please note that grape juice is available in the center circle of the tray for those who cannot have wine. May God bless your worship with us here at Faith and may your faith in Christ be strengthened.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREET ONE ANOTHER and SHARE THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN #350 *Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come*

Divine Service Four

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INTROIT Ps. 71:14–18; antiphon: Phil. 4:4

[P] Rejoice in the Lord always;

[C] Again I will say, Rejoice.

[P] I will hope continually

[C] And will praise You yet more and more.

[P] My mouth will tell of Your righteous acts, of Your deeds of salvation all the day,

[C] For their number is past my knowledge.

[P] With the mighty deeds of the Lord God I will come;

[C] I will remind them of Your righteousness, Yours alone.

[P] O God, from my youth You have taught me,

[C] And I still proclaim Your wondrous deeds.

[P] So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me,

[C] Until I proclaim Your might to another generation, Your power to all those to come.

[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] Rejoice in the Lord always;

[C] Again I will say, Rejoice.

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[All] Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 35:1–10*

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

This is the Word of the Lord.

[C] Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *James 5:7–11*

Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

This is the Word of the Lord.

[C] Thanks be to God.

[please stand]

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[C] Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 11:2–15*

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

[C] Glory to You, O Lord.

Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written,

"Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way before you.'

Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

[C] Praise to You, O Christ.

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 worshipped 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.

SERMON HYMN #349 *Hark the Glad Sound*

SERMON *Give Me Patience Now!*

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[P] Let us pray to the Lord,

[C] Lord, have mercy.

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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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DISTRIBUTION HYMN #346 *When All the World Was Cursed*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN #370 *What Child Is This*

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CLOSING HYMN #331 *The Advent of Our King*

[silent prayer]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday

7:00 am Chime Rehearsal

Wednesday

5:30 pm Advent Dinner

7:00 pm Advent Service

7:30 pm Music Rehearsal

Next Sunday

8:45 am Sunday School + Adult Bible Class

10:00 am Worship

First Reading *Is. 7:10-17*

Epistle *Rom. 1:1-7*

Gospel *Matt. 1:18-25*

6:00 pm Confirmation Class

6:00 pm Youth Group

Tuesday, December 24

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

Tuesday, December 31

6:00 pm New Year's Eve Candlelight Service

Attendance last Sunday:

Worship: 71

Adult Bible Study: 18

Offering last Sunday:

General Fund \$2,150.39

Building Fund \$100.00

Website Janelle has revamped the church website 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. We would really like some from the Christmas Parade last weekend

Happy Birthday to Kellie Hanselman and Paul Nielsen (today), Daniel Kunde (Dec. 19) and Greg Hanselman (Dec. 20)!

Today:

Greeters: Dave + Linda Trimble

Reader: David Remmert

Ushers: D.Kunde, Phil + Carol B. Iankenburg

Acolyte: Caroline Maxwell

Next Sunday (December 22):

Greeters: Jim + Jean Ballsrud

Reader: Greg Hanselman

Ushers: Sparenberg, D.Kunde, S.Kunde

Acolyte: Aubree Dannaman

Wednesday (December 18):

Greeters: Phil + Carol Blankenburg

Ushers: M. Schweitzer, Trimble, M. Fruendt

Acolyte: 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.*