

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**A Congregation of the ELCA**

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***Worship Plan for Sunday, December 21, 2025 \* 4th Sunday of Advent***

**WELCOME TO FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**, where grace and love abound. While we wait and prepare for a new pastor, we invite you to participate fully in the vibrant life of the congregation, and to join us in prayer as we continue to serve God and God's people during this time of transition.

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT:** Enriching lives through faith and God's grace.

**MEMBERS & GUESTS:** Please fill out a worship attendance card found in the pew racks. Prayer requests may be included on the reverse side for one Sunday or bulletin publication.

**INVITATION TO BAPTISM:** We would like to extend to you the blessing of Baptism and encourage you to contact the church office to be baptized.

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION:**

Christ is truly present through the power of God's Holy Spirit. We invite everyone to come forward and be renewed in the covenant God made with us in our baptism. All are gladly invited and welcome. If, in coming forward, you choose not to receive the Sacrament, we ask you to fold your hands over your chest so you may receive a pastoral blessing. The Sacrament will be brought to those unable to come forward to the altar (notify an usher). Available upon request: gluten-, wheat-, corn-, dairy-, and soy-free wafers.

**CHILDREN'S COMMUNION:** Families are encouraged to come to the rail together during the distribution. Children may receive Communion or a special blessing from the Pastor.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Sunday School for children of all ages is immediately following the Children's Chat.

**CELL PHONES:** Please silence your cell phones before Worship.

***Following worship, ALL are invited to join us for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.***

## **Introduction to the day**

Today Isaiah prophesies that a young woman will bear a son and name him Emmanuel. The gospel is Matthew's account of the annunciation and birth of the one named Emmanuel, God-with-us. During these final days of Advent we pray, "O come, O come, Emmanuel," a beloved hymn based on the O Antiphons, ancient prayers appointed for the seven days preceding Christmas. On this final Sunday of Advent we prepare to celebrate the birth of the one born to save us from the power of sin and death.

## **GOSPEL MESSAGE: Promises Made Real**

Dreams are delicate things, often hanging in our minds only long enough to evaporate in the morning like dew on the grass. Yet dreams can also endure and shape the arc of social movements and the identities of people near and far. Joseph has the rare privilege of an *angelic* dream, of all things—a visitation from a divine messenger, beckoning a change of heart and a change of direction for him and the person he loves.

It is no small thing to change direction in life, especially when family expectations and social norms can make life harder than it needs to be. Yet, Joseph and Mary do a remarkable thing as they face uncertainty: They trust God's promise that something incredible is about to happen. They take the angel's words to heart and lean into the possibility of God's Holy Spirit doing something neither of them expected.

Joseph and Mary are at a precipice, a pivot point, a threshold, a new beginning. Isaiah's language reminds us of the relationship that stands at the center of this divine arrival: God is with us, God is with humanity, God is with (and in) the world! *Emmanuel!*

We stand at a similar threshold every time God gathers us in worship. In word and sacrament, God's promise unfolds anew, birthing love and grace in our lives. Such mercy may seem like a fever dream, a vanishing vision, an impossibility. Yet it is the very thing that undergirds our lives of faith, turning us time and again to what is most important: God's promises fulfilled. As God chose to be with Mary and Joseph, God has chosen to be with us, as we together bear witness to the Spirit who brings about a world where sin is forgiven and God is ever near.

## ***Please stand for the Processional***

### **PROCESSIONAL *Come, All You People: Uyaimose* (ELW 819)**

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### **AM: WELCOME**

Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church where grace and love abound. A special welcome to those of you here for the first time, to those joining us online, and to our guest pastor, Shane Freiberg. We're in the season of Advent - the season of expectation and preparation not only for the birth of the Christ child, but for the coming of the permanent pastor God has in mind for us. While this is a time for prayer and discernment, it's also a time for action. So, let's all tune into where the Holy Spirit is leading us and then jump in. Multiple blessings await as we work together to experience and share the love of Jesus Christ here at Faith and beyond our doors.

### **AM: ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The altar flowers were provided by the Sinclairs celebrating Amy's birthday and by Earlean Wagner, celebrating her birthday.

If you would like to donate towards the poinsettias, they are \$16.00 each. You may take one home after the Christmas Eve service. Please either place a check in the offering plate, or pay through Zelle, Venmo, PayPal or Vanco and note "poinsettia."

Please join us Wednesday evening, Christmas Eve at 5:00 for our candlelight service! All are welcome!

The Giving Tree will be set up in the Narthex through December 28<sup>th</sup>. Pick up a flyer for all of the information you'll need.

This quarter (October - December) Outreach is collecting the following items for MilVet: Chewing gum (individually wrapped packs) and beef sticks (individually wrapped). The items will be used in monthly boxes sent to deployed military. The donation box is in the Narthex.

For December, we are collecting canned tuna and meat, grocery bags, and empty egg cartons. Please place donations in the wire basket in the foyer.

## **P: GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

## **P: GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made,  
**let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

## ***Advent Wreath Lighting: Candle 3 (Love)***

Hunter and Ava Holmes

## **LIGHTING SONG: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (performed by Tommee Profitt)***

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## **ADVENT LITANY**

**P:** At every beginning there is a yearning for the one who is coming. O Emmanuel,

**A: Wake us up to your coming.**

**AM:** We gather together to expect the unexpected and imagine the unimaginable. O Emmanuel,

**A: Wake us up to your coming.**

**P:** We wait for the day when God will recycle tanks into tractors and transform minefields into soccer fields. O Emmanuel,

**A: Wake us up to your coming.**

**AM:** We stay awake by telling stories that offer a glimmer of a future and agitate dormant hope within us. O Emmanuel,

**A: Wake us up to your coming.**

**P:** Jesus, we welcome your presence now with the lighting of this candle, whose flame brings warmth to winter and fills this place with the glow of hope.

**Amen.**

## **AM: PLEASE TURN TO HYMN 292**

Please stand as you are willing and able.

## **GATHERING SONG: *Love Has Come (with Pr. Ken on guitar) (ELW 292)***

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## **P: CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **P: PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

**Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## **CHILDREN'S CHAT**

## **P: WORD**

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

### **FIRST LESSON INTRODUCTION**

This selection contains a verse (v. 14) that speaks of a means young woman (*almah*) conceiving and bearing a son who will be called Immanuel. King Ahaz was being besieged by an alliance of Israel and Syria. The king intends to repel the threat by forming an alliance with Assyria, which Isaiah warns against. The prophet urges Ahaz rather to trust in the Lord, requesting that the king ask God for a sign of his promise of deliverance. Ahaz refuses to ask the Lord on a pious pretext because he has already decided to go the political route. God gives a sign anyway — the sign of a son. The promise is not of a righteous king for some future time but of a child who will be born in Ahaz' day.

There is no problem reconciling the meaning of this passage in Isaiah's day with the deeper meaning we have associated with Matthew's quote of this passage during a troubling time for the nation of Israel. God gave to the world a deeper, enhanced meaning to the verse. It's a much more potent sign - the sign of God's Son. In the midst of our troubling world, the people of God can point to the living sign of hope and salvation, the Son who is Emmanuel, God with us.

### **LECTOR: FIRST READING: Isaiah 7:10-16**

<sup>10</sup> The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, <sup>11</sup> "Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." <sup>12</sup> But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." <sup>13</sup> Then Isaiah said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel. <sup>15</sup> He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. <sup>16</sup> For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM INTRODUCTION**

A psalm of deliverance from national foes. The psalmist prays that God will turn from anger and save the nation based upon the understanding that Israel's

existence is Yahweh's work, and because of that, Yahweh will not abandon them. The phrase "let your face shine" recalls the "shekinah" ("glory") or shining presence of Yahweh in the cloud and pillar of fire in the wilderness, in the tabernacle and the temple. It also appears in the blessing given to Aaron to recite to the assembled people in Numbers 6:24–26, a statement about how God's face will shine on you. A shining face communicated pleasure and favor, particularly that of a royal person. One can quickly make the connection to nativity story of Luke where "the glory of the Lord" shone upon the shepherds of Bethlehem.

**LECTOR: PSALMODY:** Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

<sup>1</sup> Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

<sup>2</sup> **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.**

<sup>3</sup> Restore us, O God; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

<sup>4</sup> **O LORD God of hosts, how long will your anger fume when your people pray?**

<sup>5</sup> You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

<sup>6</sup> **You have made us the derision of our neighbors, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

<sup>7</sup> Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

<sup>17</sup> **Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one you have made so strong for yourself.**

<sup>18</sup> And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name.

<sup>19</sup> **Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.**

**Amen.**

**SECOND LESSON INTRODUCTION**

In this introduction to the epistle to the Romans, Paul identifies himself and his mission. The first title which he assumes is *doulos*, which can be translated as either servant or slave. This identity is conferred by God through his call in verse 1, to be an apostle, one who is sent as an ambassador, whose authority resides not in himself but in the one who sent him, in God. What is the mission for which he is consecrated or set apart? The gospel concerning the one promised by the

prophets; the one who is both human (Son of David) and divine (v. 4); the one through whom we have received grace and apostleship so that others might come to the obedience of faith in Christ, that they might call Christ Lord and experience the freedom of being his slave.

**LECTOR: SECOND READING: Romans 1:1-7**

<sup>1</sup> Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, <sup>2</sup> which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, <sup>3</sup> the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup> and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, <sup>5</sup> through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the gentiles for the sake of his name, <sup>6</sup> including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, <sup>7</sup> To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the gospel*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 151)**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

**GOSPEL INTRODUCTION**

The first seventeen verses of Matthew's gospel consist of genealogy, to establish Jesus' human lineage as a descendent of Abraham and of King David. This week's gospel seeks to reveal our Lord's divine source, that he was conceived by the Holy Spirit without benefit of human father. The story is told from Joseph's vantage point, who, upon discovering that his betrothed was pregnant, was ready to quietly divorce her, until an angel revealed in a dream the true cause of her condition. To reinforce that this is not Joseph's child, the angel reveals the name of this special child. The name indicates role and mission; "Jesus" is the Greek translation of the Hebrew, "Yeshua." In English, we would say, "Joshua." It means "he shall save." As always, Matthew, writing to a Jewish audience, shows how these happenings were a fulfillment of scriptural prophecies. A central fact we



must extract from this passage is the obedience of Joseph to the voice of God in the face of rather questionable outward circumstances.

**P: GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18-25**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: <sup>23</sup> "Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." <sup>24</sup> When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife <sup>25</sup> but had no marital relations with her until she had given birth to a son, and he named him Jesus.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Please stand as you are willing and able.

**HYMN OF THE DAY: *Messiah (featuring Robert Heiskel)***

Artist: Bifrost Arts; Featured artist: Robert Heiskel; Album: Salvation if Created; Produced by Isaac Wardell and Mason Neely; Released: 2009

**AM: APOSTLE'S CREED**

We continue as we confess our faith using the words of the Apostle's Creed.

**CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose**

again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Please be seated for the Prayers of Intercession*

**PASTOR AND ASSISTING MINISTER: PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation.

In the anticipation of these days, prepare our hearts for your arrival. Stir our spirits through the gifts of artists, musicians, poets, and preachers, as together we proclaim your advent among us. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

The earth breaks forth in singing as it heralds the Messiah's coming. Fill our hearts with wonder as we join heaven and nature in announcing this holy birth. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

You send your saving grace and peace to the nations. Lead us in work for justice and care for the common good. May we meet the Christ-child we seek in the faces of our neighbors. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

When tears of grief, exhaustion, or loneliness come, or physical or emotional hurt overwhelms us, come to our aid. Uphold all who are anxious, who know the challenges of depression, or who are ill, especially Briana; Ian Berger; Mary Booth; Arnette Calkins; Rich and Sandy Chandler; Vicki Crow; Eleanor Diaz; Debbie Ehrig; Doris Hays; Sarge Hunter; Eileen Johnson; the Kadow and Forbes families; Mike Latchford; Don Little; Donna McCain; Sandra Miller; Dee Mills; Carol Morris; Michael Myers; Esther Neumen; Nancy Randolph and family; Marilyn Rieti; Amy Sinclair; Shalonne Stone; Joyce Stromberg; Kiki Thomas; Nicholas Thomas; Earlean Wagner; Diana Ward; Harold Whitford; the homebound; the emergency responders; the San Bernardino Community Wellness Campus; and those grieving and anticipating surgery or tests. At this time, we also pray for those we name aloud or silently in our hearts. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Surround expectant parents and those suffering from infant loss with communities of support. Bless young children and new parents. Guide us in ways that provide safety for all children and those who care for them. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all who have treasured the gospel and lived in faithful service. Strengthen our earthly journeys until, at the last, your face shines upon us and we are held in your in love. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, giver of all good gifts: Look on your Church with grace and guide the minds of those on the Call Committee who shall discern a pastor for this congregation, that we may receive a faithful servant who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries, through Jesus Christ our Lord. God of grace,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

**Amen.**

#### **P: PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

#### **P: OFFERING**

Today we honor the Property Ministry – a small group of people responsible for keeping our buildings and grounds in presentable shape. Sometimes things needing replacement are funded by special donations from all of you or from memorial donations, all of which are much appreciated. From pulling weeds to minor repairs and fixes, these faithful workers tend to behind-the-scenes jobs that take a great deal of time and energy. We are grateful to all who chip in when help is needed. If you can help out, please contact Frank Ehrig. Many hands make light work. And now our offerings and pledges will be brought forward and lifted up to the Lord during the Musical Offering.

This morning's offering, including our prayers and pledges, will now be brought forward and lifted up to God during the Musical Offering.

***Please feel free to either listen to our musical offering or sing along***

**MUSICAL OFFERING: *Come, Jesus Come (sung by CeCe Winans)***

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**AM: OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**P: GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**DIALOGUE (ELW p. 152)**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**P: PREFACE (ELW p. 153)**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ALL SING)**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might. Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the**

**highest, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

**P: THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

### **P: INSTRUCTION FOR COMMUNION**

As you are comfortable, you are invited to come forward to receive communion. All of God's children are welcome to Christ's table. Gather at the altar rail to receive the communion elements or if you wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. You may commune yourself once you've received the communion elements. Please hold out your hands to receive the bread from the Pastor. Then pick up a cup of red wine or white grape juice from the Communion Server. A gluten-free option is available upon request. Please deposit empty cups in the provided baskets/trays on your way back to your seat unless they are collected at the altar. If you would like communion brought to you at your seat, indicate by raising your hand for the Assisting Minister to see and they will bring communion to you.

### **P: INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

### ***What Feast of Love (ELW 487)***

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### ***Let Us Break Bread Together (ELW 471, vs. 1-3) with Pr. Ken on guitar***

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### ***Break Now the Bread of Life (ELW 515)***

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### ***Eat This Bread: Jesus Christ, Bread of Life (ELW 472)***

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### **P: COMMUNION**

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

### ***Communion Dismissal***

## **AM: PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **P: BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

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

**Amen.**

## **P: PLEASE TURN TO HYMN 408**

Please stand as you are willing and able.

**SENDING SONG: *Come, Thou Almighty King* (ELW 408)**

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## **AM: INVITATION**

We would like to invite guests and visitors to come and meet us in the narthex as you exit so that our council members can welcome you, and you can join us in the Fellowship Hall for cookies, coffee and conversation.

## **AM: DISMISSAL**

AM: Go forward in peace and anticipation of the Savior's Birth.

**Response: Thanks be to God, we will!**

## **THIS WEEK AT FAITH**

Monday, the 22nd: Finance Team meets at 1:00

Wednesday, the 24th: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service begins at 5:00

Thursday, the 25th: Happy Birthday, Jesus!

Friday, the 26th: Al-Anon meets at 10:30

Sunday, the 28th: Worship begins at 9:30 with David Moe

**THOSE WHO SERVED TODAY:**

**ASSISTING MINISTER:** Joanne

**LECTOR:** Diane M.

**COMMUNION SERVER:** Freddericka

**POWER POINT:** Mike

**USHER:** Judy Ad.

**ATTENDANCE:** Pat O.

**GREETER:** Walli

**ALTAR GUILD:** Marlene and Diane M.

**SOUND:** Candy

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