

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13

⁴Whatever 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.

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

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 to his 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. ¹¹I 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 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."

Lessons for Next Week:

Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146; James 5:7-11; Matthew 11:2-15



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The Order of Word and Sacrament
Second Sunday of Advent December 7, 2025

Prelude, Announcements (please stand when indicated by *)
*Prayer for the lighting of the second candle (under the Psalm reading)

We Gather

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Proclamation of the Word	Mark Joblinske

We Respond to God’s Word

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We Are Sent to Our Mission Fields
*Go in peace, serve the Lord. Thanks be to God
Postlude

First Reading: 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.

Psalm 72:1-7

¹Give the King your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the King’s Son;
²**That he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;**
³That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the little hills bring righteousness.
⁴**He shall defend the needy among the people;**
 he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
⁵He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.
⁶**He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.**
⁷In his time shall the righteous flourish;
 there shall be abundance of peace ’til the moon shall be no more.

Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love. Guide us as we strive to walk in that love together as a family this Advent. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to each other and to your son. Give us the grace and strength we need every day. Help us to always trust in you. Come, Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to you. Come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love.



Amen.

What’s Happening

Today:

- Our radio broadcast is sponsored by Marj Pontius. Thank you, Marj. We are thinking of you!

Coming Up:

Wednesday	8:30 am	Quilters
	10 am	Coffee
	6:30 pm	Men’s Fellowship at Otium Brewing
Saturday	7 am	Breakfast and fellowship at the Church- open to all!
Next Sunday	8:30 am	Council Meeting
	10 am	Worship/Holy Communion with Rev. Blayne Watts

Notes and News

- We welcome newly baptized members Paige and James Watts, infant twins of Torrey Watts and MaKenzie Williams. Godparents are Thomas and MyKayla Sharp and Madison Love. Grandparents are Blayne and Becky Watts, Theresa Williams and the late James Williams. You are blessed.
- A “Feliz Navidad” lunch is planned for next Sunday! Taco meat and shells will be provided, but the rest will be potluck. Call Vanessa Joblinske (406-515-9154) to coordinate your contributions.
- Holy Rosary Residential Living has invited us to take a gift request for a resident from their “Golden Angel Tree” stationed in the hospital cafeteria.
- We will be hosting a brief worship and Holy Communion service at Holy Rosary Residential Living December 7 and 21 (Sundays) at 8:30 am. All are welcome to join us! Call Mark Joblinske for more information.
- Let Me Shine Preschool would appreciate homemade cookies for their programs December 15 and 16. Cookies should be brought by Sunday, December 14.
- Donations are being accepted to replace the ceiling in the Fellowship Hall and Narthex. For \$15 you can purchase a tile that you will be able to dedicate, on the back of the tile, with a blessing or to honor or remember someone. Forms are in the narthex. Please note “ceiling tiles” on your donation payment.
- Instead of gathering donations for poinsettias this year, we are asking for donations toward either the Salvation Army, which supports transient people in our committee, or the Outreach Clinic. Your donation may be dedicated to honor or remember someone and those dedications will be acknowledged in the Christmas Eve bulletin. Make checks to FLC, noting your donation preference.

- Today is the last day to order any of the Bibles and other materials suitable for different ages for yourself or for Christmas gifts.
- Many of you send photos at Christmas time. We would love to have your photo here at FLC, for putting on a bulletin board and for the church directory. We are family!
- Here is a link for the NALC Advent Daily Devotional “Unshaken Light”. Download and begin this preparation today, the first day of Advent. <https://thenalc.org/advent/>
- **Important!! The Call Committee survey is available and is due December 21.**

Christmas gift ideas

- ❖ *Christ in Our Home Daily Devotional* \$13
Quarterly publication sent to your address
- ❖ *Lutheran Study Bible* \$55
great for adult Bible study. English Standard Version
- ❖ *Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanations* \$16
Our most important faith understandings, illuminated by Holy Scripture
- ❖ *Faith Alive Student Bible*, ESV \$30
Ideal for teens. Used in Confirmation Class.
- ❖ *The Growing in Faith Bible*, ESV \$36
For elementary students
- ❖ *The Growing in Faith Bible Storybook*, ESV \$17
for primary students—“read to me”, beautiful pictures
- ❖ *The Beginner’s Bible- Timeless Children’s Stories* \$9
For little ones. Colorful pictures, short stories.
- ❖ *The Jesse Tree Magnetic Advent Set* \$4
Tree with 25 magnets outlining the story from creation to Baby Jesus.