



November 28, 2021

FAMILY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHRISTMAS GOES CAROLING
'O Come, O Come, Emmanuel'

Welcome to the Advent season! Today we are starting a new sermon series titled 'Christmas goes caroling.' Each Sunday and Wednesday throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons we will be looking at the stories behind familiar carols. As we focus on 'O Come, O Come, Emmanuel' this morning, we will celebrate the mind-boggling truth that Jesus became 'God with us.'

Every aspect of our Lord's birth, life, character, ministry, arrest, trial, death, resurrection, and ascension were predicted hundreds of years in advance. The entire Old Testament is simply a preview of the life of Christ. Today we will review the Prophet Isaiah's prophecy that Jesus would be born to a virgin and named Immanuel.

Jesus told His enemies to search the Old Testament Scriptures for 'these are they which testify of Me' (John 5:39). The same Bible that pinpointed His first coming is brimming with references to His return. During this Advent season let's rejoice in His virgin birth and eagerly await His victorious return.

Pastor Keith



Sunday, November 28

Blended Worship 9:00 am
Discipleship Journey—Gathering RM 9:00 am
Contemporary Worship 10:15 am
Communion Instruction—Gathering RM 10:15 am
Discipleship Journey—Youth Center 10:15 am

Monday, November 29

Lorenz Life Group—Prayer Chapel 9:30 am

Tuesday, November 30

Staff Meeting—Youth Center 1:00 pm
Grief Share—Prayer Chapel 6:30 pm
Discipleship Journey—Music RM 6:30 pm

Wednesday, December 1

Ladies Bible Study—Conference RM 6:30 pm
CrossTraining 7:00 pm
6th Grade - RM 100
7th Grade - Gathering RM
8th Grade - Worship Center
Powerhouse—Youth Center 7:00 pm

Thursday, December 2

Women's Bible Study—Youth Center 10:00 am
Grimm Life Group—Youth Center 6:30 pm

Saturday, December 4

Resolute Men's Study—Gathering RM 8:30 am
Contemporary Music Practice 9:30 am
Caring for Care Givers—Conference RM 9:30 am

Sunday, December 5

Blended Worship 9:00 am
Education Options 9:00 - 10:00 am
KidZone—RM 100
The Point—Youth Center
Discipleship Journey—Gathering RM
Trinity First Mailing—Youth Center 9:00 am
Contemporary Worship 10:15 am
Discipleship Journey—Youth Center 10:15 am
Communion Instruction—Gathering RM 10:15 am
Discipleship Journey ZOOM 6:30 pm

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*Meet Jesus*

*Make Friends*

*Make a Difference*

**JOHNSVILLE ELEMENTARY**  
**Family of Christ's Here Mission**  
**WINTER HATS NEEDED**

Johnsville is in need of 20 winter hats for the kids. Please put the hats in the buckets by the outside doors. Thank you!

**STAFF APPRECIATION**

We, the Board of Lay Ministers, recognize that God has blessed us with a vibrant and exciting church, thanks in part to our wonderful staff that is loyal and obedient to His Word.

As a thank you for their hard and dedicated work, the Board of Lay Ministers would like you to prayerfully consider making a special offering for a Staff Appreciation Fund to be dispersed to all the paid church staff members at FOC in the next few weeks.

We will have collection boxes for this special offering at the December 5th, 8th, 12th, 15th, and 19th services. You may also donate via our website under the 'Give' tab by choosing Church Staff Appreciation fund.

*Board of Lay Ministers of  
Family of Christ*

**GIVING TREE**

This is a special program through Anoka County for people, of all ages, that may not otherwise receive Christmas gifts. Sign out a name from the Giving Tree. We ask that all gifts be wrapped. Each referral has Gift Tags printed on them. Please attach the Gift Tag to the outside of the gift. Please put any gift receipts inside your wrapped gift. Gifts due Sunday, December 5th. Contact Nathan or Sandy Romsdahl 763-238-0348 with any questions.

**TRINITY FIRST MAILING**

Get a jump on the Christmas Season by helping assemble Trinity First School's Christmas mailing on NEXT Sunday, December 5th, in the Youth Room from 9-10!

**CONFIDENTIAL EMAIL  
PRAYER CHAIN**

[focpray4u@hotmail.com](mailto:focpray4u@hotmail.com)

**PRAYERS**

As we come through this week of Thanksgiving, here is what I am praying for you...

- That you are showered with and operate under wisdom from the Lord.
- That the Lord's strength will sustain you physically, emotionally, and spiritually.
- That you are surrounded by Christ-centered family and friends, who bring joy, peace and security to your life.
- That you are grateful and content with all that God, the giver of every good and perfect gift, supplies.

**NEW  
PORTALS OF PRAYER  
JAN – MAR**

Devotional Available

Start your day out with a daily time of Bible reading and prayer by using the resource, Portals of Prayer.

These are available on the wall outside the church office.

**"Christmas Goes Caroling"**

This Advent season a different Christmas carol will be featured each Sunday and Wednesday beginning Sunday, November 28 through Sunday, December 26.

Nothing compares to the simplicity and devotion of Christmas carols. As we learn the stories behind these familiar carols, we will grow deeper in our understanding and appreciation of the One born to save us in Bethlehem.

Our styles of worship this year will be as follows:

**Advent Sundays:** 9:00am Blended worship and 10:15 Contemporary worship including dramas

**Advent Wednesdays:** Blended worship at 6:30pm, December 1, 8 & 15

**Christmas Eve: 3:00 and 4:30pm** will be Contemporary featuring a guest guitarist and vocalist-Craig Clark. These services will feature some traditional Christmas songs as well as the more contemporary.

**Christmas Eve 10:00pm** will be a blended service featuring a string quartet. This will also be a candlelight service. Special vocal ensemble at 10pm Christmas Eve.

**Christmas Day:** 10:00am Blended worship

# Christmas Plants & Flowers

You can help in beautifying our Christmas Services by donating one or more Christmas Plants. You may donate the plants in memory of a loved one, in honor of someone or in thanksgiving to God for special blessings.



Donated by: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please choose one of the 3 options

1. In Memory of (*First and Last Name Only*) \_\_\_\_\_
2. In Honor of (*First and Last Name Only*) \_\_\_\_\_
3. In Thanksgiving for Special Blessings (No Name Required)

Plant	Size	Price	Quantity	Total Price
Poinsettia	6" Pot	\$13		
Poinsettia	8" Pot	\$20		
Poinsettia	10" Pot	\$30		
Christmas Cactus	6" Pot	\$18		
Cyclamen	6" Pot	\$17		
Mum	6" Pot	\$17		
Norfolk Pine	6" Pot	\$17		
Norfolk Pine	8" Pot	\$25		
Norfolk Pine	10" Pot	\$33		
<b>Total Payment Enclosed</b>				<b>\$</b>

Mail completed form along with a check payable to *Family of Christ*:  
**Family of Christ Lutheran Church**  
**16345 Polk St. NE**  
**Ham Lake, MN 55304**

- Order Form and payment must reach church office by **Sunday, December 12.**
- Plants can be picked up after the 10am Christmas Day service. Any plants remaining after Sunday, January 9th will be donated.

**Office Use Only: Form of Payment:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cash** \_\_\_\_\_ **Check**