

A banner for the Advent Service of Lessons & Carols. The background is a warm, golden-brown color with a blurred image of musical staves and notes. In the top right corner, there is a logo for 'Faith Lutheran' featuring a stylized cross and the letters 'F L' in blue and red.

ADVENT SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS



WELCOME TO WORSHIP NOVEMBER 30, 2025

The season of Advent begins today, the fourth Sunday before Christmas. The word “Advent” means “coming” or “drawing near.” During this season, Christians throughout the world prepare for the anniversary of Christ’s first coming through reflection on our yearning for wholeness and salvation. Such reflection can serve to heighten our sense of anticipation for the Christ child’s birth, which we will celebrate on Christmas. The Advent seasons reminds us that Christ will come again at the end of time to reign over heaven and earth in majesty.

In 1934, Dean Milner-White (an Anglican priest) created A Procession with Carols on Advent Sunday for use at King’s College Chapel basing it on his earlier Lessons and Carols for Christmas. In the preface for this new service, Milner-White wrote: “In the old English liturgies, the Advent Offices made a preparation for the coming of our Lord to this earth far more vivid and eager than those of our present Prayer Book. So an Advent Carol Service, if without precedent, is not without suitability, if it helps to express ‘the desire of all nations and ages.’” The purpose of the service is “not to celebrate Christmas, but to expect it.”

The main theme of this service is “the development of the loving purposes of God...” seen “through the windows and words of the Bible.” May this morning’s time of script and song bring you a rich sense of God’s love and presence this Advent season.

GATHER

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

People, Look East ELW 248

BIDDING PRAYER

Beloved in Christ, as we await the great festival of Christmas, let us prepare ourselves so that we may be shown its true meaning.

Let us hear, in lessons from Holy Scripture, how the prophets of Israel foretold that God would visit and redeem the waiting people.

Let us rejoice, in our carols and hymns, that the good purpose of God is being mightily fulfilled.

Let us celebrate the promise that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, will bring all peoples and all things into the glory of God's eternal kingdom. The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

But first, let us pray for the world that God so loves, for those who have not heard the good news of God, or who do not believe it; for those who walk in darkness and the shadow of death; and for the Church in this place and everywhere, that it may be freed from all evil and fear, and may in pure joy lift up the light of the love of God. These prayers and praises let us humbly offer to God, in the words that Christ himself 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.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:1-8

*To God's people in exile in a faraway land, the prophet Isaiah announces good news:
God is coming back, and bringing the exiles home.*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs 1-3) ELW 257

SECOND READING

Jeremiah 23:3-6

*The prophet Jeremiah offers hope for a righteous branch,
a just king who is yet to come.*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs 4-6) ELW 257

THIRD READING

Zechariah 9:9-10

*To a nation grown weary of war and weapons,
God promises a king who will establish a reign of peace.*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus ELW 254

FOURTH READING

Haggai 2:6-9

*The prophet Haggai promises to God's people
a temple even more glorious than the temple of old.*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding! (vs 1, 3 & 5) ELW 246

FIFTH READING

Isaiah 35:1-6

*The prophet Isaiah announces the renewal both of the land and of God's people
on the coming day of redemption.*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming ELW 272

SIXTH READING

Luke 1:26-35, 38

*The angel Gabriel announces to the virgin Mary
that she will give birth to a ruler whose reign shall never end.*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN

Of the Father's Love Begotten (vs 1, 3 & 5) ELW 295

SEVENTH READING

Mark 1:1-15

Jesus proclaims the coming of the kingdom of God.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry ELW 249

OFFERING

MEAL

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

Holy God, the Beginning and the End, our Salvation and our Hope, we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty. When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair, you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy. At this end of the ages your Son Jesus came to bring us your love and to heal all the suffering world.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await his coming again in righteousness and peace. Send your Spirit on us and on this bread and wine we share: strengthen our faith, increase our hope, and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

Amen.

COMMUNION INVITATION

In this meal, righteousness and peace meet together. Come, take your place at the table.

Amen.

COMMUNION

*All are welcome at God's table.
Communion instructions will be shared verbally.*

COMMUNION HYMNS

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn ELW 242
My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness ELW 251

COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always.

Amen.

PEACE & DISMISSAL

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Together in Faith, we **share Christ's love with all through word and action.**

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**SERVING TODAY IN WORSHIP**

PASTOR Jessica King

MUSICIAN Jimin Seo & Karon Ahrendt

ASSISTANT Jeanne Troyer

USHERS Paul Kreuter & Sam Martin

AV TEAM Kendall & Susi Miller

ALTAR GUILD Brad & Colleen Arnsdorf

SERVING NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP 12/7

PASTOR Jessica King

MUSICIAN Jimin Seo

ASSISTANT Susi Miller

USHERS Steve & Michelle Kercher

AV TEAM Kevin Peters

ALTAR GUILD Lisa Younghans & Grandkids

Ways to Give to Faith



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574-533-5760



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ANGEL TREE

collecting
Nov 9 - Dec 7

This year, we have been asked to take two families from Model. It can be a tough time for many, and we have the great opportunity to do God's work for these children and their families.

Items Due December 7

**UNWRAPPED
with TAGS ON!**



PAINT WITH PASTOR

Dec 5th

5:30-8pm

Just \$10 SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX

GSP COLLECTION

SUPPLIES NEEDED
Place in the box in the Narthex!

kinetic sand
wrapping paper
Scotch tape

dry erase
markers
Dramatic Play
items
from the wish list

wet wipes
Clorox wipes
white
copy
paper

SCAN FOR MORE
ITEMS NEEDED



GSP WISH LIST

December Celebrations

Birthdays

- | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1: Rosie Newport | 13: Kiara Trovatore |
| 1: Sara Trovatore | 15: Diane Hess |
| 2: Barb Piaskowy | 18: Scott DeVoe |
| 3: Lily Youngmans | 19: Larry Hostetler |
| 6: Chase Meyer | 20: Kelly Simpson |
| 7: David Carlson | 21: Michele Murto |
| 7: Carla Yoder | 21: Scottie Deal |
| 7: Ryan VanderWey | 24: Janae Beachy |
| 11: Jacob Szynal | 28: Eleanor Kercher |
| 12: Jonathan Troyer | 31: Connor Deal |

Baptisms

- 9: Laura Newport
15: LaVonne Unrue
18: Pastor Jes King
23: Dena Deal
30: Piper Youngmans

Anniversaries

- 19: Rick & Jan Clark
23: Frank & Barb Piaskowy
28: Connor & Mackenzie Deal
29: John & Vanette Kashmer

pints with
PASTOR

FIRST THURSDAY
OF THE MONTH

6:30 PM @ GBCO

end of year giving

for end of the year contributions
to be on your 2025 statements,
they need to be postmarked
or recieved online by

December 31, 2025



CLINK
CLANK
CLUNK

**NOISY
OFFERING**

**Returning
in
December!**



HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURE

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED DEC. 24 - JAN. 5

For Pastoral emergencies, email Pastor Jessica at PastorJessica@FaithGoshen.com

12:25

Faith's Handbell Choir presents:

a Christmas Handbell Worship

DECEMBER 7TH

Followed by a program at Waterford at 2pm



FAMILY PAGEANT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14



CHRISTMAS EVE

Special Music at 6:30pm
Worship at 7pm

BLUE CHRISTMAS

a service of remembrance & hope

Sunday, December 28 SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS

Faith Prays for:

Homebound:

Rick & Jan Clark,
Bonnie Mullet, Connie
Taylor & Chuck Zucker

Senior Care:

Mavis Eymann,
Pamela Housman,
Ron & Marilyn Kehr,
Sue Kirkpatrick,
Bonnie McDowell,
Vic McKibbin &
Alice Murto

Faith Staff: Pastor Jes King,
Rhonda Gibson, Michele Murto,
& Jenna Trethewey

Ongoing:

Jeanne Balogh, Sophie Chevallier,
Chad Collins, Ron Goetz,
Luke Krider, Dick Murto,
Karen Peebles, Duane Troyer,
Haley & Nathan Stegelmann
& Michelle West

Good Shepherd Preschool Staff:

Ana Bailey, Yuri Hernandez,
Ashley Randall, Chelsea Strange,
Sara & Kiara Trovatore, Lisa
VanderWey, & Joy Wakefield

If you have a prayer request please contact the church office. Prayer requests are shared through our email-prayer chain. If you would like to receive the prayers via email, sign up on the website or let the office know, and we'll get you on the distribution list.



WE NEED
20 DOZEN COOKIES FOR THE
GSP CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

DUE DEC 10

SIGN UP HERE



Happening at Faith this week



30
Sunday

ADVENT BEGINS

9am
Worship
+
10am
Fellowship

1
Monday

office
closed

2
Tuesday

4:30pm
GSP
Board
meeting

5:30pm
Cardio
Drumming

3
Wednesday

5:30pm
Bells of
Faith
practice

4
Thursday

5:30pm
Cardio
Drumming

6:30pm
Pints with
Pastor

5
Friday

5:30pm
PAINT
WITH
PASTOR

office
closed

6
Saturday

