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Midweek Advent Service  
December 17, 2025 – 6:30 PM

### AS WE GATHER

In the unbroken Home Jesus will one day establish, every wound will be accounted for, every relationship restored, and every heart united in everlasting joy. Jesus will return to establish a Home where justice is done, reconciliation is complete, and no one is left on the outside. Through Christ, we are already welcomed as beloved members of God's forever family; a place of peace, joy, and unity that will never be broken.

### OPENING WORDS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

**C: Amen**

P: Jesus Christ is the Light of the World,

**C: The light no darkness can overcome**

P: Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,

**C: And the day is almost over.**

P: Let Your light scatter the darkness

**C: And illumine Your Church with your presence.**

### WE SING

**"The Advent of Our King"**

**LSB 331**

### LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

P: As we gather we anticipate the coming of our Lord Jesus.

**C: We light three candles, the third one the candle of joy – we are confident in the promises of the Lord!**

(Three candles of the Advent wreath are lit – signifying HOPE, PEACE, and JOY)

### WE SING

**"Light The Candle"**

P: The shoot has sprung from the stump of Jesse.

**C: The branch from his roots shall bear fruit.**

P: The Spirit of the Lord rests upon him.

**C: And his resting place shall be glorious.**

### SOLO

**"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"**

Braylee Larson

### SCRIPTURE READING

**Isaiah 66:18-23**

For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations.

And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the Lord, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the Lord, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the Lord. And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the Lord.

“For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the Lord, so shall your offspring and your name remain. From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me,” declares the Lord.

**WE SING**

**“O Little Town Of Bethlehem”**

**LSB 361**

**KIDS' TIME**

*DCE Liz Peters*

**MESSAGE**

*Pastor Paul Johansen*

**WE CONFESS OUR SINS**

P: Holy and gracious God,

**C: We confess that in our sin, we have fractured our families and friendships. We carry wounds we have caused and wounds we have received. We fall short of your holiness and cannot make ourselves whole. Apart from Christ, we would face only judgment. Forgive us, Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ.**

**WE HEAR THAT GOD FORGIVES OUR SINS**

**TIME OF EVENING PRAYER**

(special petitions may be offered)

P: Eternal God, you promise a new heaven and a new earth where all your children will be gathered as one. Heal our divisions, reconcile our brokenness, and fill us with the hope of your everlasting kingdom. Keep us steadfast in faith until the day when we worship before you in perfect unity and joy. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**C: Amen.**

**I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

### BLESSING

P: God the Father, who calls you home, keep you steadfast in faith.  
God the Son, who welcomes you home, forgive you and make you new  
God the Spirit, who dwells with you, guard you until the day you see your home complete

**C: Amen.**

**WE SING**

**"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"**

**LSB #700**

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Note – Our offerings are received in the offering boxes located near our entrances

*God is with us! We live our whole life as an offering of thanks to Him.*

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**Please note our Special Advent/Christmas Worship Schedule:**

Christmas Eve Worship Services: Wednesday Dec. 24 – 3, 5 & 7pm

Christmas Day Worship Service: Thursday, Dec. 25 – 9:30 AM

New Year's Eve Worship Service: Wednesday, Dec. 31 – 6:30pm  
at Faith Lutheran Church