

Weekly Announcements – 12/04/2022 – Second Sunday in Advent

Faith Lutheran Church -- Orange City, Iowa

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SUNDAY EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN AT 10:00am - WORSHIP SERVICE BEGINS AT 10:45am

Order of Service: Divine Service Setting 1, pp.151ff. Hymns: 349, 344; Communion: 346, 619, 336, Closing: 805.

Our services continue to be livestreamed each week and can be viewed any time via our website (faithlutheranorangecity.com) or our Facebook page (Orange City Faith Lutheran Church).

Welcome to all visitors! Please fill out a pew card and turn in to an usher after the service (*both sides of the card if communing; 'information' side if not communing*).

Poinsettia: If you would like to donate a poinsettia to decorate our sanctuary, the cost is \$20. See sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. You can pay when you pick your plant up after Christmas. Please note if this is being presented in memory/honor of someone.

Thanks to all who helped decorate our church last Sunday.

Advent: There will be no Advent midweek services. Sunday worship services will remain at 10:45am.

Adult Education Class: Pastor Paul Flo will be our guest speaker at the Adult Bible class on December 4 and 18.

Lost: The church is missing two long white folding tables. If borrowed, please return.

Call Process: As you heard in an email communication & letter from Rev. Darren Olson, he has declined our 'call' to serve as our next pastor. Howard Vlieger (Council Chairman) has spoken with President Turner, and he will now prepare another call list for us.

Main Street Living, December 11: This is the Life – “Red Boots Christmas” – A shoemaker learns the true meaning of Christmas. Worship Service – Rev. Benjamin Perkins of Shepherd of Peace Lutheran Church in Sergeant Bluff, IA, delivers the message “A Sight to See” based on Matthew 11:2-15. Additional information is available on the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com.

Worship Anew: Faith Lutheran's stained-glass windows and drone footage will be featured on 'Worship Anew' on Sunday, December 11. See the word of God expressed through Sacred Art. (Lutheran Ministries Media) (WorshipAnew.org)

<i>Church Services</i>					
Date	Time	Festival	Pastor	Educ Classes	Communion Service
Dec 4	10:45am	2 nd S in Advent	Pastor Flo	Yes / 10am	Yes
Dec 11	10:45am	3 rd S in Advent	Pastor Boothby	Yes / 10am	No
Dec 18	10:45am	4 th S in Advent	Pastor Flo	Yes / 10am	Yes
Dec 24	6:00pm	Christmas Eve	Pastor Flo	---	Yes
Dec 25	10:45am	Christmas Day	Pastor Boothby	No	Yes
Jan 1 2023	10:45am	1 st S after Christmas	?	No	Yes
<i>Calendar of Events</i>					
Dec 4	9:30am	Board of Lay Ministry			
Dec 4	10:00am	Sunday School (PK-6 th grade) practice Christmas songs			
Dec 4	6:45pm	YouthLead (meet at church)			
Dec 11	9:30am	Church Council			
Dec 11	10:00am	Sunday School (PK-6 th grade) practice Christmas songs			
Dec 11	5:00pm	JYLF (meet at church)			
Dec 18	10:00am	Sunday School (PK-6 th grade) practice & then sing at Worship Service			
Dec 18	3:00pm	Christmas Caroling (see sign-up sheet)			
Dec 20	Noon	Faith Women's Luncheon at Nederlander's			
Dec 25	11:45pm	Christmas Potluck?			

Second Sunday in Advent

December 4, 2022

Old Testament Reading: Malachi 4:1-6

¹ [a] “For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ² But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³ And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts. ⁴ “Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules^[b] that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. ⁵ “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. ⁶ And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”^[c]

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 50:1-15

¹The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. ² Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth, ³ Our God comes; he does not keep silence;^[a] before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest. ⁴ He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people: ⁵ “Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!” ⁶ The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge! *Selah* ⁷ “Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God. ⁸ Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings are continually before me. ⁹ I will not accept a bull from your house or goats from your folds. ¹⁰ For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. ¹¹ I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine. ¹² “If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine. ¹³ Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats? ¹⁴ Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,^[b] and perform your vows to the Most High, ¹⁵ and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”

Epistle: Romans 15:4-13

⁴ For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶ that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷ Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸ For 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, ⁹ and 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.” ¹⁰ And again it is said, “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.” ¹¹ And again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him. ¹² And again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope.” ¹³ May 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: Luke 21:25-36

²⁵ “And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶ people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” ²⁹ And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰ As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴ “But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵ For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

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Prayers of the Church

Pray for Health and Healing of our FLC members: Peter Blankenfeld, Patty Bracker, Dave Foreman, Will Lalk, Shirley Miller, Deb Severson Miske.

Pray for Health and Healing of Family and Friends: Kory Alesch, Amber Beeson, Josh Beltman, Ciara Bents, Terry Dorale, Marcia Douma, Gert Dykstra, Denise Endrault, Kathy Forstrom family-on her passing (Cincy DeJong's sister), Edd Harrison, Doug Havemann, Gladys Hoekstra, Lorie Huss, Steve Meis, Andy Meyer, Jack Nicholson, Barb Nicks, Roger Oldenkamp (Heidi Tiedeman's Dad), Erin Peters, Barb Rahe, Nathan Snyder, Brian Vanderstoep, Darlene Witterhoff.