





Second Sunday of Advent  
Sunday, Dec. 6, 2015  
Youth Sunday

16548 Ferris Avenue, Los Gatos, CA 95032

*\*Indicates those who are able, may stand.*

*P = Pastor speaking; AM = Assisting Minister speaks; C = Congregation speaks*

## GATHERING

### Prelude

### The Invitation of the Bell

**\*Gathering Song– “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” ELW 257  
verse 1&2**

### **\*Greeting**

**P:** From the one who is and who was and who is to come,  
grace, light, and peace be with you all.

**C:** **and also with you.**

### Welcome and Praise Reports

### Prayer of the Day

**C:** Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter  
the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have  
mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to  
reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and  
Lord. Amen.

## Jesse Tree

Jesse Tree tags are on the tree in the Narthex for Boys and Girls. Please pick a tag(s) and purchase a \$25 Target gift card to be returned with the tag to the church by December 13th.

For any questions,  
please call the  
church office, 408-  
356-5055.



## Advent Tree Lighting & Time with Kids of the Kingdom

### Blessing of the Advent Tree

**C:** The heavens are glad and the earth rejoices! The forest and every tree in it sings your praises, O God. We ask you to bless this tree. May its bright lights shine on our way to Jesus stable. May your rule of righteousness and justice become our song of praise now and forever. Amen.

**Praise Song: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" ELW 257  
verse 5 (see below)**

**O come, O Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heav'nly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.**



**WORD**

**First Reading:**

*Isaiah 11:1-5*

AM: A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

<sup>2</sup> The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

<sup>3</sup> His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;

<sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

<sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

AM: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

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**The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle—This week  
Liberia, Sierra Leone**

Give thanks for: Community and religious organizations that work together to improve food security in rural households, to educate and end illiteracy, to support refugees from neighbouring countries, and to provide care for people living with HIV and AIDS. Christians in these predominantly Muslim countries who continue to witness to their faith and live their lives in accordance with the gospel. Rural populations, subsistence farmers and livestock herders, who endure the season of want that precedes the harvest every year. Stilt dancers in Guinea.

***In Our Prayers...***

***Office Hours***

***Pastor Anne Carlson***

*Tues. and Thurs. afternoons*

*And by appointment*

***For emergencies dial***

***(408) 406-8749***

*\*Church phone is answered from*

*9:00 AM—7:00 PM*

- Nathan Balcomb/Crall
- Sharon Biller
- Elizabeth Krc
- Marie Hughes
- Pastor Kimm
- Lira Kingston
- Connie Zimmerman
- Helen McCrocklin
- Harvey and Arlene Wyckoff
- Elwailly Family

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dec. 6, 2015

Youth/Children's Sunday School—8:30 AM, Room 2  
Adult Sunday Bible Study—Sundays at 8:45 AM  
Lord's Pantry deliveries are made every Monday  
Smorgasbord/baby blankets due—Sunday, Dec. 13th

## Financials/Attendance for Nov. 29th

Attendance: 32  
Offering: \$1,708.00  
Smorgasbord: \$25.00



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
CELEBRATES ADVENT  
SUNDAYS AT 9:30 AM

Sun. Nov. 29  
Blessing of the Wreaths

Sun. Dec. 6  
Blessing of the Christmas Tree

Sun. Dec. 13  
Gift of St. Nicholas

Sun. Dec. 20  
Blessing of Poinsettias

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## Psalm

Luke 1: 68-79

AM: <sup>68</sup>Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel,  
you have come to your people and set them free.

C: <sup>69</sup>**You have raised up for us a mighty Savior,  
born of the house of your servant David.**

AM: <sup>70</sup>Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save  
us from our enemies,<sup>71</sup>from the hands of all who hate us,

C: <sup>72</sup>**to show mercy to our forebears, and to remember  
your holy covenant.**

AM: <sup>73</sup>This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: <sup>74</sup>to  
set us free from the hands of our enemies,

C: **free to worship you without fear,<sup>75</sup> holy and righteous be  
fore you, all the days of our life.**

AM: <sup>76</sup>And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most  
High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

C: <sup>77</sup>**to give God's people knowledge of salvation by the forg-  
iveness of their sins.**

AM: <sup>78</sup>In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on  
high shall break upon us,

C: <sup>79</sup>**to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shad-  
ow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

AM: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



Term Pastor: Pastor Anne Carlson  
 Organist: Catherine Ellacer  
 Ushers: Children of Faith  
 Reader/Intercessions: Len Brothers  
 Refreshments: Verna Bachman  
 Greeters: Children of Faith  
 Flowers: Helen McCrocklin  
 Altar Care: Joanne Peronto

*Christmas Smorgasbord—Dec. 13th at 4pm*

*Please join Faith Lutheran in celebrating Christs' birth with  
 some holiday music, a feast and good cheer!*

*Appetizers at 4:00 PM*

*Dinner at 5:00 PM*

*Sign up in the Narthex to bring a dish or two... Bring friends  
 and family!*



**Message** **Pastor Anne Carlson**  
**\*Song of the Day - "Maranatha" See Insert**

(During the hymn, hand the usher any prayer request cards.)

**\*Apostles Creed**

P: With the whole Church, let us affirm our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died and was buried;  
 he descended to the dead.  
 on the third day he rose again;  
 He ascended into heaven,  
 He is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
 And He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting. Amen**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

Emmanuel has come, is here, and is coming soon. Let us join in prayer for the church, the earth, and those who are in need, that all receive what God promises to give.

*A brief silence.*

AM: O God, our hope of unity, come to your church around the world. Purify your people and give to all the wisdom and courage to proclaim your word of forgiveness and renewal. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

AM: O God of peace, come to all the nations. Inspire heads of state and regional leaders with a passion for justice. Bring peace throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

AM: O God our Savior, come to the earth that you made. Nurture the health of lands and seas. Give to plants and animals favorable weather. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

AM: O God of peace, come to all the nations. Inspire heads of state and regional leaders with a passion for justice. Bring peace throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

AM: O God of love, come to everyone in need. Heal the sick. Answer the cries of those who are poor, those without housing,

## **Offering Song: “Now Thank We All Our God” ELW 840 vs. 1**

Now Thank We All Our God  
Now thank we all our god  
With hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done,  
In whom this world rejoices;  
Who, from our mothers’ arms,  
Has blest us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours today.

## **Invitation & Announcements**

### **\*Blessing**

P: The blessing of God’s eternal love, the courage to follow the way of Christ’s cross, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the broken places of our world, be upon you and remain with you forever.

**C: Amen**

## **\*Sending Hymn—“He Came Down” ELW 253**

### **\*Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

## Invitation to the table

**P:** Come to the banquet, for nothing and no one can take your place. This is God's table, and Jesus is the host of this meal. It is a table of grace and it is all we will ever need.

Come, for all are welcome.

## Distribution

### Post-Communion Blessing

**P:** The life and covenant of Jesus, our companion, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

## SENDING

### Offering

**P:** In response to all that God does for us, it is appropriate that we give in return . . .

We will now receive our offering.

and those who have fled from violence or famine. We pray especially for . . . Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**AM:** O God of compassion, come to our congregation and our community. This Advent, help us to prepare for your coming. Make us gifts to one another, that no one remains destitute or despairing. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**AM:** We pray for the world. This week from the Cycle of World Prayer we especially lift up Cape Verde, The Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Senegal May they live in your peace and protection. Lord, in your mercy.

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**AM:** Bless the ministry of Hope Lutheran, Santa Clara, our sister congregation in our parish and we lift them up in prayer. Lord, in your mercy.

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**AM:** O Lord of hosts, we praise you for the lives of all the faithful. Bring us with them to your feast of eternal compassion. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Receive our prayers, merciful God, and make us ready to receive you when you come through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **\*Sharing of God's Peace**

P: Peace of the Lord be with you

**C: And also with you**

## **MEAL**

### **Communion Prayer**

P: God be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and joy, that we should at all times  
and in all places give thanks and praise

Come, here is a place where all are welcome.

Here is a place where you will find peace with Christ.

Come all who are longing and seeking light and love in your life.

We prepare now for Emmanuel, God with us.

We remember how this child, born in a stable,  
lived a life of healing, mercy, and wisdom.

We remember his last meal shared with friends.

When He gathered them together, and in the blessing of the  
bread, asked them to share the bread of life.

Then in the blessing of the cup, He asked them to share the  
cup of forgiveness and promise.

So too, Jesus asks us always to re-member him as we share  
this bread and cup.

As we share this bread and cup, may God strengthen our hope in  
the promises of this season, and give us courage to walk in peace  
offering kindness and blessings to others.

Holy God, we pray for your Spirit to come.  
Enliven this bread. Awaken this body of Christ.  
Pour us out for each other. Ignite your church.  
Come Holy Spirit in this place. Amen

**P:** Let us join our voices together and pray the prayer that Jesus  
taught us:

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**C: 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 tres-  
passes,**

**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**