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**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 repeated**

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.

Advent and Wreath Lighting & Time with Kids of the Kingdom

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

P: Blessed are you , our God, who created light out of darkness, and sent your only Son to bring the light of your love to all people. We pray for your blessing upon this wreath, and upon all who light these lights. As we gather together in this Advent season, may this wreath prepare our hearts and lives to received Jesus.

C: Amen

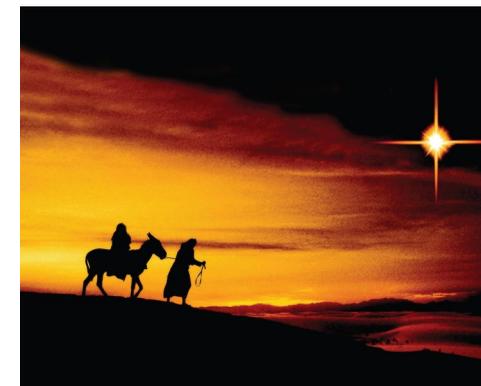
C: Come, wisdom of Christ, enlighten our minds.

O God, come, travel with us through Advent.

Give us courage to spread wisdom in the world.

Praise Song: “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” ELW 257

verse 2



WORD

First Reading:

Proverbs 2:1-11

AM: ¹My child, if you accept my words
and treasure up my commandments within you,
²making your ear attentive to wisdom
and inclining your heart to understanding;
³if you indeed cry out for insight,
and raise your voice for understanding;
⁴if you seek it like silver,
and search for it as for hidden treasures—
⁵then you will understand the fear of the Lord
and find the knowledge of God.
⁶For the Lord gives wisdom;
from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;
⁷he stores up sound wisdom for the upright;
he is a shield to those who walk blamelessly,
⁸guarding the paths of justice
and preserving the way of his faithful ones.
⁹Then you will understand righteousness and justice
and equity, every good path;
¹⁰for wisdom will come into your heart,
and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul;
¹¹prudence will watch over you;
and understanding will guard you.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Nov. 29, 2015

The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle—This week Liberia, Sierra Leone

Give thanks for: Christian churches and people who, despite hardships and temptations, retain faith and hope and love, and work for the betterment of all peoples in their nations. For those who work for reconciliation and healing, so that people can live with one another again. For churches that try to rebuild their communities. For the councils of churches in Sierra Leone and Liberia and their work towards a renewed Christian witness. For those who saved others at great risk to their own lives.

Office Hours

Pastor Anne Carlson

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*Tues. and Thurs. afternoons*

*And by appointment*

***For emergencies dial***

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

*\*Church phone is answered from*

*9:00 AM—7:00 PM*

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

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- Nathan Balcomb/Crall
  - Sharon Biller
  - Elizabeth Krc
  - Marie Hughes
  - Pastor Kimm
  - Lira Kingston
  - Connie Zimmerman

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nov. 29, 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. 22nd

Attendance: 31  
Offering: \$3,240.00.00  
Thanksgiving Offering: \$100.00  
Lord's Pantry \$520.00 + 3 turkeys  
Social Concern of the Month: \$25.00

### Jesse Tree

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

AM: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 25:1-10**

*Read responsively*

AM: To you, Adonai, I lift up my soul.

C: **My God, I trust in you; don't let me be ashamed  
Don't let my enemies triumph over me.**

AM: No-one who hope in you will be ashamed, but shame will come to the wantonly treacherous.

C: **Show me your ways, Adonai! Teach me your paths.**

AM: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation. I wait all the day long for you.

C: **Remember your mercies, Adonai, your love—you're an  
ancient and unwavering love.**

AM: Pardon the sins of my youth, and my rebellious ways;

C: **Remember me because of your love, because of your  
goodness, how good and upright you are, Adonai!**

AM: You instruct sinners in the path

C: **You guide the humble in what is right, and teach them  
our way.**

AM: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



**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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**\*Gospel Acclamation -“Come Now, O Prince of Peace” ELW 247  
vs. 1&2**

**The Holy Gospel according to Luke 21:25-36**

**C: Glory to You, O Lord**

<sup>25</sup> “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves.<sup>26</sup> People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.<sup>27</sup> Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory.<sup>28</sup> Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

<sup>29</sup> Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees;<sup>30</sup> as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near.<sup>31</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near.<sup>32</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place.<sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup> “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly,<sup>35</sup> like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth.<sup>36</sup> Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

P: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Sermon Notes:*



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Term Pastor: Pastor Anne Carlson
Organist: Catherine Ellacer
Ushers: Bob Balcomb/Les Grundy
Reader/Intercessions:
Refreshments: Verna Bachman
Altar:
Flowers: Bob and Gwennie Balcomb
“In Memory of Gwennie’s father Marvin Spotswood”
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**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: Come to the church, saving God. Grant to your people your redemption. Stand with all Christians who are persecuted for the faith. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

AM: Come to the earth, creating God. Protect the lands from environmental disasters. Nurture the animals and plants that you have made. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

AM: Come to the nations of the world, sovereign God. Inspire all leaders to work for justice. Bring peace to Jerusalem. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

AM: Come to all in need, mighty God. Protect those who suffer injustice. Comfort those who live in fear. Heal the sick. Accompany the dying. We pray especially for . . . . Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

## 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.

**AM:** Reveal yourself to this congregation and to our community, gracious God. Deepen our love for one another. In this season, give us compassion for all who suffer, and keep us from selfish excess. Hear us, O God.

**C:** **Your mercy is great.**

**AM:** We pray for the world. This week from the Cycle of World Prayer we especially lift up Liberia and Sierra Leone. May they live in your peace and protection. Hear us, O God.

**C:** **Your mercy is great.**

**AM:** Bless the ministry of Pueblo de Dios, San Jose, our sister congregation in our parish and we lift them up in prayer. Hear us, O God.

**C:** **Your mercy is great.**

**AM:** Loving God, you bring to yourself all the faithful who have died (*especially*). Strengthen us in holiness until with all the saints we come to see you face to face. Hear us, O God.

**C:** **Your mercy is great.**

**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**