

The Fourth Sunday in Advent (Rorate Coeli)

December 22, 2024



**“Behold, the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin of the
world!”**

(John 1:29b ESV)

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Welcome to the Divine Service where the risen Christ comes into our midst to bring us the peace of His cross and empty tomb. We pray that the Lord would grant us His Holy Spirit that His Word would bear the fruits of faith in Christ and works of love toward our neighbor.

The Lord's Supper is a confession that we are united in holding to all the doctrines of God's Word. Those who do not know and hold to the doctrinal commitment of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are requested to attend the Adult Instruction Class for membership before communing at Faith Lutheran Church.

John the Baptizer Points Everyone to the Messiah

The coming of God in all His unveiled power at Mount Sinai was terrifying to the people of Israel. The thundering voice of the Lord puts sinners in fear of death (Deut. 18:15–19). God, therefore, raised up a prophet like Moses—the Messiah, the Christ. God came to His people veiled in human flesh. The skies poured down the Righteous One from heaven; the earth opened her womb and brought forth Salvation (Introit) through the blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of the Lord (Luke 1:39–56). The fruit of her womb is the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, the One whose sandal strap John was not worthy to loose (John 1:19–28). In Jesus we are delivered from fear and anxiety. In Him alone we have the peace of God which surpasses all understanding (Phil. 4:4–7).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please remember to silence your cell phones during the Divine Service.)

Flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by David and Ellen Horn in thanksgiving for David's birthday.

Thank you to those who have provided Christmas poinsettias that will be placed around the altar Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. These beautiful plants are given in thanksgiving and,

...in praise and glory to God as we celebrate the Birth of our Savior by:

- Gil and Mary Jo Daughtrey
- James and Carol Long and Kristie Messer
- Brad and Roberta Lowery
- Cassandra Tiro
- Mike and Edith Wright

...in loving memory of Margie Best by:

- Todd and Robin Hauth

...in loving memory of granddaughter Evie by:

- Jeff and Patti Ellis

Christmas Services – As we rejoice that a Savior has been born to us, let us set aside the time, and give priority to receive Him who comes in His Word and the Holy Supper. We will gather together on Christmas Eve at 7:00 p.m. to pray Vespers and again on Christmas Day at 9:30 a.m. for the Divine Service.

New Year's Eve Service – **We will gather as God's people** on December 31st at 7:00 p.m. to celebrate the Circumcision and Naming of Jesus in the Divine Service.

The Altar Guild signup sheet for 2025 is available in the narthex. Volunteers will be trained for this valuable service to the congregation. Please contact Gail Sellers for more information.

Sacred music and talk for the Christmas season... You can listen 24/7 to sacred talk and music for the 12 days of Christmas at issuesetc.org, lutheranpublicradio.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, TuneIn, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

Please note the new 2025 Flower Chart which is now available on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Everyone is encouraged to reserve a spot for celebrating baptismal birthdays, confirmations, wedding anniversaries, birthdays, or other significant dates by beautifying the altar on those special dates. This is a wonderful way to acknowledge the special people and events in your life while at the same time beautifying the Lord’s house. At this time, the flowers are still only \$25.00 for one vase (or \$50.00 if no one else signs up for that Sunday). If you have any questions about providing flowers, you may email the church office or contact Sandra Traugott. (Church: faithlutheranwylie@gmail.com)

If you have a prayer request, please contact Pastor Ulmer or send an email to faithlutheranwylie@gmail.com.

OUR LIFE AS CHRISTIAN STEWARDS

Philippians 4:5–6 – “The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” Wouldn’t you like to be free from worry and anxiety? Isn’t it worry and anxiety that often keep us from living the generous life God has called us to? St. Paul contrasts anxiety with prayer, supplication, and thanksgiving in making our requests known to God. In other words, when you are tempted to anxiety and worry, pray to the Lord with a thankful heart and pour out your supplications before Him.

UPCOMING WEEK’S EVENTS

SUNDAY 12/22/24	<i>The Fourth Sunday in Advent (Rorate Coreli)</i> 9:30 AM – Divine Service 11:15 AM – Sunday School Hour
TUESDAY	7:00 PM – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
WEDNESDAY	9:30 AM – Christmas Day Divine Service
FRIDAY	9:30 AM – Matins 10:15 AM – Confession and Absolution
SUNDAY 12/29/24	<i>The First Sunday after Christmas</i> 9:30 AM – Divine Service

PRAYERS

- For all who serve in public safety as police officers, firefighters, and paramedics, that God would protect them, give them courage in danger, and grant them wisdom as they perform their duties, especially Joshan Savage (police officer), Joe Krizan (firefighter and paramedic), Elisabeth Handgraaf, Will McCrillis, Jonah Underwood (paramedics).
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Nancy Cawood, Alexander Rose, David Horn.
- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: Alissa Ulmer, Rachel Schwiesow, Leland Gardner, James Rose.
- Pastor Heath as he deliberates the call to serve as Associate Pastor to Faith Plano.
- Kristina Wishmeyer, sister of Dony Reaves, suffering from Stiff Person Syndrome and terrible pain.
- Emma Casanova and Brianna Mallon for protection of mother and child in pregnancy (Psalm 139:13).
- Those struggling with ongoing health issues:
Dony Reaves, Chris Purcell, Connie Kimber, Ken Lawrence, Tula Sheehan, Christina Null, Devin Jackson, Doug Drawe, Gary Sakko, Deanna, Dana Evans, Rush, Greg McClure, Tim Sheehan, Gaye, Sharon, Georgette Walter, Dan Kostoff, Rachel Preuss, Jill, Ninette DeYoung.
- Those struggling with other ongoing needs:
Frank and Antonia, Matt, Michael.

