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The Second Sunday in Advent

4 December 2022

Welcome! *By the Preaching of Repentance, We Are Prepared for the Coming of the Lord.* “John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ‘Repent’” (Matt. 3:1–2). His preaching of repentance for the forgiveness of sins prepared people for the coming of Christ into the world. St. John’s work was historically complete with the incarnate advent of Jesus, but his vital ministry continues in preaching Law and Gospel. The Son of God has come in the flesh, “a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots” (Is. 11:1), and continues to bear the fruits of righteousness. His good tree of the cross is “a signal for the peoples” (Is. 11:10), by which He calls the nations to repentance. “With the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips” (Is. 11:4), He slays the wicked and brings the dead to life, making sons of Abraham out of lifeless stones. So also the “root of Jesse” comes to us, “even he who arises to rule the Gentiles” (Rom. 15:12), that “we might have hope” and be filled “with all joy and peace in believing” (Rom. 15:4, 13).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Gladys Arldt-recovering

Levi Bise-recovering

Judy Boriack-recovering

Evelyn Kaiser-recovering

Nancy Kasper

Chris Miertschin

Shannon Miertschin

Zelda Richards-recovering

Ruby Schulze-surgery

Greg Sorrento-recovering (nephew of Doris Fritsche)

Cindy Umphries-recovering (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)

Ruby Weiser-recovering

Kenneth Weiser

Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.

Those fighting cancer including:

Lillian Bamsch (sister-in-law of Charlyn & Marvin

Matthijetz)

Vicki Boriack

Teresita Brodrick (aunt of David Wittman)

Don Claxton (father of Jeff Claxton)

Russell Cleghorn (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)

Ginger Clifford (sister of Nancy Kasper)

Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)

Brenda Karisch (friend of Bonnie Wenke family)

Steven Kelly (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner, brother-in-law of Christi Bradford)

Betty Kildair (aunt of Dorothy Schautschick)

Theresa Krause

Bethany Lara (daughter of Kathy Gersch)

Heather Lilly (granddaughter of Irene Noack)

Gladys Mathena (sister of Frances Miertschin and

Marilyn Miertschin)

Rhonda Mitschke (friend of Christi Fritsche)

Carol Sander

Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)

Judy Westbrook (mother of Heather Krause)

Tiffany Wittman (sister-in-law of Jason & Cindy Heuermann)

Sandy Zettel (mother-in-law of Jessica Zettel)

Those serving in the Armed Forces including:

Steven Cutlip (brother of Stephanie Symm), Fort Irwin, CA

Kosh Ozmun (son of Stephanie Miertschin), Ft. Hood, TX

Coy Hunt (son of Shannon & Christine Hunt) Ft. Drum, New York

Jacob Knapp (cousin of Mark Gruetzner, son of Nathan & Heather Wenke) Ft. Stewart, Georgia

Dylan Robbins (cousin of Michelle Birnbaum) Newport, Rhode Island

Randall Weise (grandson of Bernice Doebbler) Ft.

Huachuca, Arizona

Rain

Prayer Requests are always welcome. To have someone included in our Sunday morning prayers either call the church office through the week or write out the request and give it to pastor on Sunday morning.

The Order of Service– 184 of the hymnal

The Hymns: 348, 344, 781 v. 1&2, 357, 359, 832,901

Sermon Text: Romans 15:4-13

The Sermon: **“Hope Filled”**

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in thankfulness for her birthday by Karen Symm.
- † **The Altar Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God in memory of Kenneth Wiederhold on his birthday by Lynette, Jan, Troy, Chelsea, Levi and Travis.
- † **Altar flowers** are needed for Sunday, December 11th, 25th and Saturday, December 31st. If you would like to place flowers on any of these dates please contact Dorothy Schautschick at 716-0094.
- † **We express our sympathy** to the family of Lillian Wenke. She fell asleep in Jesus on Wednesday, November 30, 2022. Services for Mrs. Wenke will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. May the Lord comfort the family with His word of promise.
- † **Mission Goal.** In the Voters Meeting held on December 12, 2021, the Voters set our 2022 Mission goal at \$37,500.00. To date our Mission contributions are at **\$34,248.00**. We are **\$3,252.00** away from meeting our 2022 goal.
- † **Trustees** will meet this Monday, December 5th at 7:00 p.m. Packets are available to be picked up in the church office to review prior to the meeting.
- † **Church Council** – This Thursday, December 8th at 7:00 p.m. the Church Council will meet to set the agenda for the December 11th Voter’s meeting. All congregational officers and board members are part of the Church Council.
- † **Ebenezer Lutheran Church of Manheim**, will be having a German Hymn Song Service - December 14th @ 7 pm. Please join us for this celebration of Christ's birth in German.
- † **The LAF will meet** at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 17th to set up and decorate the Christmas trees.
- † **Attention All Lutheran Ladies!** If you are interested in serving as a greeter for church services, please contact Melodi at 979-540-0039. No experience necessary and it’s a great way to represent St. Paul to our visitors.
- † **Sunday School Teachers.** We are in need of 3 new Sunday School Teachers. If you are interested, please contact Pastor or Mike Symm.
- † **Thank You** to everyone who contributed food for the Thanksgiving Food Drive by the school children. They collected 500+ items for the Giddings Food Pantry. The LYF delivered the food to the Food Pantry and while there they were able to help out the Food Pantry and our community by filling 499 bags with canned goods. God is good!
- † **Poinsettias:** The LWML will be selling Poinsettias for \$10.00 each to be used to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. To order please fill out the order form in the bulletin this morning, and return it to the Church Office or put it in the collection plate. Orders are due by Thursday, December 15th. **Please note that due to availability no orders will be accepted after December 15th.** If you need further information, please contact Dorothy Schautschick at 716-0094.
- † **Scrip Program.** Getting ready to do your holiday shopping, or giving gift cards as gifts? You can do it all with a Scrip Card. Order them through the Church’s Scrip Program. Orders can be placed through the Church Office or you can go online and order your cards. Order forms are available on the table at the back of the church.
- † **2023 Offering Envelopes.** The **2023** adult and children offering envelopes are available to be picked up in the church office meeting room. **Please continue to use the 2022 envelopes until the end of the year and then discard**, since offering envelope numbers often change from year to year. If you wish to give an offering to the 2022 church year, please give this before the New Year’s Day service. If you failed to receive your 2022 envelopes or have any questions, please contact the church office.
- † **Bingo for Seniors Beginning Wednesday, December 7** – Immanuel, Giddings is excited to partner with A Perfect Way Home Health Care to offer an opportunity for all seniors in our community to get together for bingo and fellowship. Mark your calendar for the first Wednesday of each month at 1:00 PM at Immanuel’s fellowship hall. Everything is provided at no cost, including bingo supplies, prizes, and food. If you need assistance with transportation, please contact the Immanuel church office (979) 542-2918. For all other information you may contact Mrs. Brittany Behrens 979-540-0181.
- † **Voyager View Newsletter.** The December Voyager View Newsletter is available from the ushers this morning.
- † **LWML.** The LWML is again selling Christmas Cards. They are \$4/box. Contact Doris Fritsche at 979-212-1886.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, December 11th, “**Beauty We Can’t See**”. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. We often feel our need for God’s presence only when we see what it looks like when He’s absent. (Isaiah 28:5). Hear *The Lutheran Hour* each Sunday on station KBUK-FM 104.9 at 7:00 a.m. or on station KANJ-FM 91.5 at 12:30 p.m. or go to lhm.org for a link to listen to the Lutheran Hour live.

Life Thoughts in the Church Year:

December 4th – Second Sunday in Advent

Our sinfulness once left us lifeless as stones, but God has taken us for His own beloved children (Matthew 3:9) by becoming a little one among us himself (Isaiah 11:6). Now we get to welcome others as Christ has welcomed us. We proclaim the sanctity of very human life to defend the cause of the poor, and we put it into practice to give deliverance to the children of the needy (Psalm 72:4).

Serving today: Elders– Monroe Schatte, Jr. and Dwayne Schulze
Organist- Susan Michael
Acolytes- Elizabeth Richardson and Benjamin Schonhoeft
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Michael Becker **Assistant**- Shelby Becker
Ushers- Glen Albrecht, Wyatt Arldt, Virgil Becker,
Jace Heuermann, Clay Mertink, Cody Mertink,
Cole Merrtink Ethan Ray, Shane Ray, Shane Sander, Robert Zoch
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Glen Albrecht
Pablo Rodriguez, Tommy Miertschin, Brooks Kasper

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today	Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m. Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Monday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. Board Trustee’s Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. Board of Christian Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m. School Chapel – 8:30 a.m. LWML Quilting – 9:00 a.m. Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m. Advent Worship Service – 7:00 p.m. Acolytes: Malynda Schautschick and Maison Schautschick Greeter: Joyce Hinze Adult Choir – 7:45 p.m.
Thursday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. Church Council – 7:00 p.m.
Friday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. Caroling @ Library – 11:30 a.m. Caroling @ Senior Center – 1:30 p.m.
Next Sunday	Worship Service – 8:30 a.m. Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Acolytes: Nathan Schautschick and Rachel Schautschick Greeter: Lana Kaiser 4-H Caroling and Christmas Party – 2:00 p.m. Voter’s Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Birthdays: Today – Brent Perry; 5th – Kristina Kanevsky; 6th – Cody Mertink; 8th – Michele Fritsche, Cherie Oltmann; 9th – Judith Pike, Jeffrey Robertson Reagan Zoch. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Thanksgiving Day- 179, Morning Worship- 222, Bible Class- 26; Sunday School- 26, Visitors- 3, Banner Classes: Nursery I, Nursery II, Offering- \$21.62.

Offering Last Week: \$16,596.67

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$8,177.67	Mission	\$804.00
Thanksgiving	\$6,551.00	Mission Total	\$804.00
Sunday School	\$25.00	Savings/Other:	
ECC Operating	\$939.00	Savings/Other Total	
Use of Facility	\$100.00		
Received 11/27/2022	\$15,792.67	Total	\$16,596.67
Est. needed per week	\$22,500.00		
Received MTD	\$108,296.12		
Est. needed per month	\$97,500.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory Robert Grimm by Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz - \$40.00.

2022 Advent/Christmas Schedule

Service	Day	Date	Time	Detail	Offering
Advent Services	Wednesday	Dec. 7,14	7:00 p.m.		General
Song Service	Sunday	Dec. 18	8:30 a.m.		General
Candlelight Carol Service	Wednesday	Dec. 21	7:00 p.m.		General
Christmas Eve	Saturday	Dec. 24	6:00 p.m.		½ Lutheran Braille Workers & ½ Bus Fund
Christmas Day	Sunday	Dec. 25	9:00 a.m.	English/German	½ LSS & ½ LBT
New Year's Eve	Saturday	Dec. 31	7:00 p.m.		General
New Year's Day	Sunday	Jan. 1	9:00 a.m.	Communion	General





Shadow Days

Shadow days are a great opportunity for prospective students to follow us for a day and experience what FLHS is all about. 8th Grade parents, call us today at (979) 242-2889 to set up a shadow day for your child.

“Faith at Christmas” Program

FLHS students will present a Christmas concert, “Faith at Christmas,” on Tuesday, December 13th at 7:00 pm at FLHS. Program will include a collection of choir pieces, handbell pieces, hymns, scripture readings and more. Refreshments will be served following the program. Please join us!!!

*This event will also be live streamed on Facebook, for those who would prefer to view the sounds of Christmas from home.

Raffle Items

The Spring Raffle is just around the corner. The Board of Directors is currently looking for valuable items or monetary donations to be used in the raffle. Please contact Nikki Kueck if you have something to donate! Thank you!

End of Year Giving

In Proverbs 2:6, God’s Word promises: "The LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth comes knowledge and understanding." Faith Lutheran High School exists to instill Christ’s wisdom in His Word to prepare faithful leaders for tomorrow. Thank you for being a part of this mission through your prayers and financial support. Please prayerfully consider how you can give to further Lutheran education in our area. Matching funds are currently available to us, so please help us take full advantage of this opportunity. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mrs. Nikki Kueck at (979) 242-2889.

Thank you!

Everyone at FLHS is blessed by each gift that we receive from our supporters. It's not about the size of the gift, but the cheerful attitude that gives thanks to God (2 Corinthians 9:7). Whether your gift seems big or small, it is greatly appreciated and makes a bigger impact than you know!