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WHAT DO YOU FEAR: Insisting on Hope This Advent

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 21, 2025



GATHERING

PRELUDE		Resurrection Band
BELLS		
OPENING HYMN	<i>Christmas Must Be Tonight</i>	WB#161
CALL TO WORSHIP		screen
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		
CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY: The Candle of Love		screen
ADVENT/CANDLELIGHTING SONG/VIDEO:	<i>“Show Up”</i>	
CALL TO CONFESSION		
PRAYER OF CONFESSION		screen
WORDS OF FORGIVENESS		screen
HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>O Holy Night</i>	WB#119

PRAYER OF THE DAY

screen

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 41:5-10

SONG

Away in a Manger

LBW #67 (vs. 1)

CHILDREN'S TIME

SONG

Away in a Manger

LBW #67 (vs. 2-3)

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 1:18-25

SERMON

TIME OF REFLECTION

Nothing to Fear

(video) Audrey Assad

MEAL

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR ADVENT

screen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

ELCA Good Gifts

COMMUNION PRAYER

screen

LORD'S PRAYER

screen

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMNS

Behold Messiah

WB#152

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

WB #58

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

screen

SENDING

ADVENT BENEDICTION

BELLS

CLOSING HYMN

Go Tell It On The Mountain

WB#140

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace.

Do not be afraid—go forth and live with hope.

C: Amen! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Resurrection Band

THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

Mon	Luke 1:46b-55; Isaiah 33:17-22; Revelation 22:6-7, 18-20
Tue	Luke 1:46b-55; 2 Samuel 7:18, 23-29; Galatians 3:6-14
Wed	Psalm 96; Isaiah 9:2-7; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20
Thu	Psalm 97; Isaiah 62:6-12; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:1-20
Fri	Psalm 148; Wisdom 4:7-15; Acts 7:59-8:8
Sat	Psalm 148; Proverbs 8:22-31; 1 John 5:1-12
Sun	Psalm 148; Isaiah 63:7-9; Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23

SERVICE ASSISTANTS

	This Week	Next Week
Greeters	Denice Johnson	Bryan & LoAnn Cox
Ushers	Jay & Heather Johnson	Jay & Heather Johnson
Reader	Jay Johnson	Danny Lecy
Communion	Cindy Lecy & Brady Weckwerth	

The following people are assisting with the Christmas Eve Worship: Greeter: Denice Johnson, Reader: Wayne Lenander, Communion: Jeff Massie, Taylor Monroe, Raylan Stanley, Addy Weckwerth

Payer Concerns: The people of Ukraine, The people of Israel and Palestine, ELCA Good Gifts; The family of Pr. Roger Olson; Marlys Stainbrook, Carl & Linda Anderson, Phyllis Carlson, Tim Atwater (brother-in-law of Carol Jones), Jean (cousin of Vi Sundermeyer), Emily (friend of Vi Sundermeyer), Elaine Kelsey (friend of Peg Davies), Rose & Don (Vi Sundermeyer's sister and brother-in-law), Jerry Johnson (brother of Jay Johnson), Ryan Lau, Carla & Scott (friends of Corina Bronczyk), Karen Rich (sister of Mike Jones), Bonnie & George Lueck, Tina Riggs (friend of Bobbie Wosika), Jerry Levenson (Resurrection Band singer), Jim Thomsen, Gail Buck, Erika W. (friend of Vi Sundermeyer), Jennifer Lyons (niece of Carol Jones), Jimmie & Joyce Lecy (Harry Lecy's brother & sister-in-law), Dr. Brian Bratloff, Sebrina Hegg (Tina Ericson's sister), Phyllis Deer, Georgia Alexander (Pat Tinklenberg's granddaughter), Bruce Dahl (friend of Jay Johnson), Pat Tinklenberg (Heather Lenander's mom), Jason Kath (friend of Bobbie Wosika), Riki and her family, Bernice Seward (De Carlson's mother), Nicky (friend of Peg Davies), Kent Stover (Kirk Stover's brother), Paul Benson (Betty Lecy's brother), Dawn, David VanEye, Sarah & Sonny, Mellisa Tibbets, Jeff Massie, Harry Lecy, Tina Ericson, Johanna, Ivy Brisk (Diana Schwenke's granddaughter), Jana Dunham, Nellie, Bill T. (Shannah's cousin), Addisen Freeman, Nicole Spangenberg, (Jim & Linda Kolar family), Gina Lenander, Pr. Jim & Ann Davis, Steve Olafson, Romello Lee Kelly (Gail Buck's great grandson), Sue Fiene (Linda Anderson's sister) Jane Andress (friend of Bobbie Wosicka)

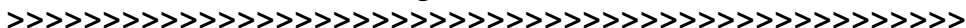
Opportunities This Week

Today	Choir practice	9:00 AM
	Worship Service	10:00 AM
	Program practice	11:15 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	11:15 AM
Sun	Choir Practice	9:00 AM
	Worship Service	10:00 AM
	Program practice	11:15 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	11:15 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE**
 - **CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE &**
 - **CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM at 5:00 pm**
 - **CHRISTMAS PARTY FOLLOWING THE SERVICE**
- Taco bar, Christmas treats, games, prizes, Bingo FUN!!!**
- **Sign up sheet is on the table in the narthex.**

Sign up for *The Gospel of Matthew, by Max Lucado* – our next Bible Study – on the table in the narthex.



December Mission of the Month

ELCA Good Gifts

As members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), we believe that God is calling us into the world — together. And with generous, loving hands, we can make a difference.

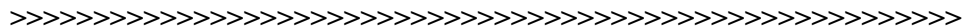
ELCA Good Gifts is your opportunity to provide critical support to the ministries and programs

that mean the most to you.

Choose an ornament

from the Christmas Tree in the narthex.

Write your name on it, attach cash or a check (made to FLC ELCA GG on the memo line) and put it in the offering plate and also add your name and gift to the list on the yellow legal pad on the table in the narthex.



36 gifts were delivered to the ARCC ES – Thanks to all!!