

PRAYERS FOR OUR FAITH FAMILY

For the Lord's healing and protecting hand on:

Bobby Rice, who suffered a stroke.

Jennifer Rowe, Vicki Harden's daughter-in-law, with bone cancer;

Dorel Antim, with ongoing health concerns.

Bob Powell, prayers for healing after suffering a stroke.

Alice Robenson, who suffered a stroke.

John Samson, who has colon cancer.

Veronica, Dorel's daughter, who is terminally ill.

Tammy Kwiatkowski, who is in recovery after a recent surgery.

Margaret Clarke, who is starting 6 month chemotherapy for breast cancer.

Madonna Sandunsky, with health concerns during pregnancy.

Arlene Milton's relative **Peter**, who is recovering from a stroke, and her niece's husband,

Dick Hoyt, who has bacterial meningitis.

Mike Butala, step-father of Pastor Wenz, who is recovering from surgery.

Jimmy Soria, who has an infection in his leg.

Carol Cope, daughter of Verna Vogt, with colon cancer.

Sarah Tehkanan, recovering from broken hip.

William and Betty Winters' grandson Demetrius, who was born on Sept. 4th, two months premature.

Dennis Hibler, who is in the hospital with kidney problems.

Thank You For:

For Those That Are Home Bound:

Vern Formoe, Jim Godec, Grace Eckhardt, Vivian Criswell.

Those in the Military:

Robert Hureto, Eric David Martz, Oscar Acabal & Bradley Carpenter in Iraq;

Daniel Loeschen who is now at Fort Hood, TX;

Jeremy Jackson and Rod Dove who are in Afghanistan;

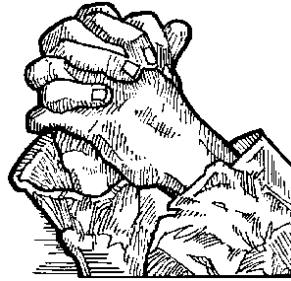
Rick M. Ferrell who is at Fort Carson, CO;

Joshua Kwiatkowski who is stationed in Le Moore, CA;

Ryan German, who is on the USS Enterprise in Norfolk, VA;

Chris German, who is stationed at Bremerton, WA;

Comfort For:



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*"Bringing
God's
Children
Home"*

Rev. Paul Wenz
Pastor



Caitlin St. John
Organist



Sundays:
**Worship
Services**
8:00 and 10:30 am

**Bible Study
& Sunday School**
9:15 am



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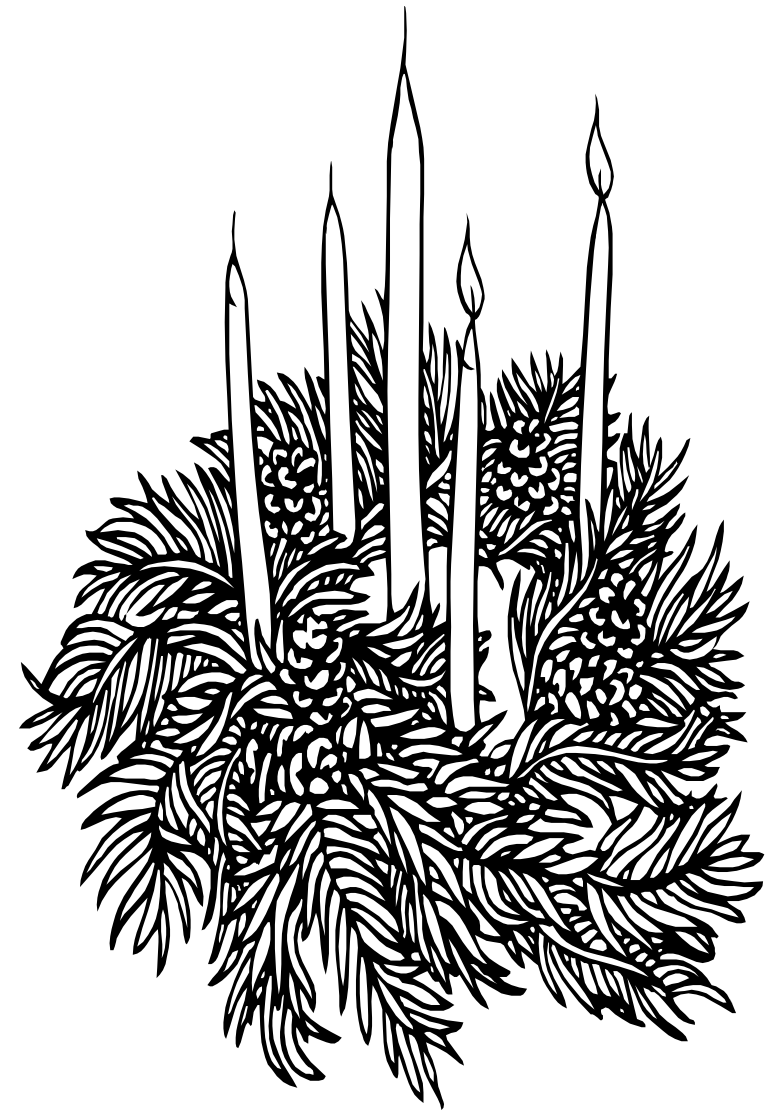
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Second Sunday of Advent

**Worship Service
Second Sunday in Advent
December 5, 2010—8:00 AM**

*If you are need of prayers please contact the office or **Heather Svika** (951) 688-3827 so we can add your prayers to our prayer chain and be aware of your needs.*

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 5, 2010, 8:00 a.m.

AS WE GATHER

"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).

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand

OPENING HYMN

"Hark the Glad Sound"

LSB 349

INVOCATION and OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: May God judge His people with righteousness and justice.

People: **May He defend the poor, deliver the needy, and crush the oppressor.**
(Psalm 72:2, 4, adapted)

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

(Silence for self-examination)

Pastor: Holy and gracious God,

People: **I confess that I have sinned against You this day, O Lord. Some of my sin I know— the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed---but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask for Your forgiveness and I pray You to deliver and restore me, a lost and condemned sinner.**

Pastor: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ and in Him we are forgiven. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Philippians 1:6) The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us extend to one another the hand of reconciliation and peace in Christ.

People: **Peace be with you. (Response: And also with you.)**

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NOW IS THE TIME FOR FLU SHOTS!

Flu clinic hours are Mon—Fri. 8:00 am to 11:30 am and 1:00 pm—4:00pm

Riverside Neighborhood Health Center

7140 Indiana Ave. Riverside, CA 92504

MORE LOCATIONS ARE LISTED ON FLYER ON BULLETIN BOARD IN NARTHEX



JOIN THE BELL CHOIR!

Bell Choir Sign-ups now

For Christmas!

(see list in narthex)

Practices TBD

Directed by Tim Noel

"Early Communion Class for all 5th graders and up"

Pastor Wenz will be starting an Early Communion class to prepare 5th graders or other students in 5th through 8th grade who have not yet taken this class, to receive Holy Communion. We will start on January 9, 2011 and the next three Sundays after church from noon till 1 pm. To sign up please contact Pastor Wenz or the church office. A work book will be provided.

Starting Monday January 10th at 6 pm Woman's Bible Study will be held in the Fellowship Hall. For more information please contact Karen Rice (951) 293-6593 after 5 pm.



FROM THE TREASURER . . .
FOR THE WEEK AT FAITH: 11/28/2010
Attendance: 8 am—95, 10:30 am—62
Mid Week Service —40

Amount needed per week (average) to operate our Church:	\$4,100.00
11/21/10's offering for expenses for the Lord's work at Faith:	<u>\$2,540.00</u>
Difference	-\$1,560.00
11/28/10's offering for expenses for the Lord's work at Faith:	<u>\$3,100.77</u>
Difference	-\$999.23
Dedicated Funds offerings (for specific programs or purpose):	
11/21	\$1,145.00
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11/28	\$1480.02

From Social Ministries:

Social Ministries is **no longer** able to accept new applications for our Food Distribution. We thank you for your generous donations to keep this ministry of love going! Also, a reminder that Social Ministries only accepts FOOD donations. If you have clothing, toys, or any other types of donations, there is a Salvation Army drop off truck located at the WalMart on Van Buren.

*Social Ministries is now collecting jackets, blankets, and sleeping bags to provide for the homeless during colder weather. We are accepting new and used ones. All used items need to be in good condition. We are **not accepting any other clothing at this time!***



CELLPHONES FOR SOLDIERS

More than 150,000 troops are serving overseas, far away from their families. By donating used cell phones, provides families a much needed connection to their loved ones. Cell phones for soldiers was founded by two teenagers Robbie & Brittney Berguist from Norwell, Mass. Since starting the project more than 500,000 calling cards have been distributed to soldiers overseas.

I am proud to see FLC donating so many used cell phones for this program. As of March 2010, you have donated 49 cell phones to be recycled.

Thank You,
Carolyn Donaldson

The Lighting of the Second Advent Candle—The Candle of Peace - The Olea Family
 The second candle of Advent is the Candle of Peace. God tells us through the Apostle Paul that by nature we are “God’s enemies” but that we have been “reconciled to Him through the death of His Son” Romans 5:10 God’s anger & wrath over our sin was poured out on Jesus on the cross. His death paid for our sins. Now we are at peace with God. This is why Jesus came, born as a baby in Bethlehem. Therefore, the prophesy through Isaiah has been fulfilled:

*“For us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, **Peace of Peace**. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over His kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.” Isa. 9:6-7*

God gives us the gift of peace when we trust in Jesus as our Saviour. Our hope is in God, and in His Son Jesus Christ. Our peace is found in Him. We light this candle today to remind us that He brings peace to all who trust in Him.

Amen.

1 Light one can-dle for hope, one bright can-dle for
 2 Light one can-dle for peace, one bright can-dle for

hope, He brings hope to ev - 'ry heart, He
 peace, He brings peace to ev - 'ry heart, He

1. comes! He comes! 2. comes! He comes!

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
 Pastor: Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: Amen.

Be seated

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. ² The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him— the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD—³ and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears;⁴ but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.⁵ Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.⁶ The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. ⁷ The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. ⁸ The infant will play near the cobra's den, the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.⁹ They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.¹⁰ In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.

L This is the Word of the Lord;
C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING Romans 15: 4-13

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.⁵ May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had,⁶ so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.⁷ Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. ⁸ For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, so that the promises made to the patriarchs might be confirmed ⁹ and, moreover, that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written: "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles; I will sing the praises of your name."¹⁰ Again, it says, "Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people."¹¹ And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles; let all the peoples extol him."¹² And again, Isaiah says, "The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; in him the Gentiles will hope."¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

L This is the Word of the Lord;
C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA and VERSE Luke 3:4b, 6

P Alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord,
C make His paths straight; all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Those Serving and Assisting You in God's Service Today:
Pastor Paul Wenz – Organist, Caitlin St. John

Altar Guild 8:00 a.m. Cindy Medeiros
10:30 am Shirley Valk
Elder 8 & 10:30 am Wayne Nelson

This week at Faith:
Dec. 5, 2010

**** Today****
8:00 am **Traditional Worship Service**
9:15 am Adult Bible Study and Sunday School
10:30 am **Contemporary Worship Service**

Monday
Tuesday 9:30 am Food Distribution Set-Up
Wednesday 10:15 am Food Distribution
11:00 am Bible Study at Whispering Fountains
1:00 pm Advent Midweek Service
6:00 pm Bell choir practice & **ADVENT SUPPER**
7:00 pm Advent Midweek Service
8:00 pm Christmas Choir Practice
Thursday 10:00 am Bible Study
Friday
Saturday 7:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
Next Sunday 8:00 am **Traditional Service**
9:15 am Adult Bible Study and Sunday School
10:30 am **Contemporary Worship Service**

Christmas Open House
Sunday, Dec. 12th between
3:00 - 6:00 p.m

Pastor and Kedma Wenz invite you to their house at:

15811 Skyridge Dr.
Riverside, CA 92503

(call church or our home at 951-352-6554 for directions)



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: O Lord of Light, in the darkness of our sin and its death we had no place to turn but to You. You sent forth Your Light into our darkness and clothed us in the light of Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may live in His light and walk in His light, to the glory of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" LSB 338

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*To God Alone Be the Glory!*

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*Faith is equipped for the hearing impaired. An usher can provide you with a receiver.*

*A "Parents' Lounge," with a TV monitor displaying the entire service, is located off the north end of the lobby should young children become restless.*



## Upcoming Worship Schedule 2010

Dec. 8 at 1:00 & 7:00 p.m. – Mid-week Advent Services

Dec. 15 at 1:00 & 7:00 p.m. – Mid-week Advent Service

Dec. 24 at 4:00 p.m. – Children's Christmas Program

11:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve candlelight service

Dec. 25 at 10:00 a.m. – Christmas Day Worship Service

## HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 3: 1-12

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 3rd chapter:

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

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea<sup>2</sup> and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."<sup>3</sup> This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him!'"<sup>4</sup> John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey.<sup>5</sup> People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan.<sup>6</sup> Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.<sup>7</sup> But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?<sup>8</sup> Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.<sup>9</sup> And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham."<sup>10</sup> The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.<sup>11</sup> "I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."<sup>12</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life + everlasting. AMEN.

*Be seated*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" LSB 359

SERMON "God Meets Us at Our Point of Greatest Need"

by Pastor Paul Wenz

## OFFERING

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our hearts and with all our minds, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy**

Pastor: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, (*especially* \_\_\_\_\_), let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here, ending with] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Amen.**

## + SACRAMENT +

### PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *[2 Timothy 4:22]*

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *[Colossians 3:1]*

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

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *[Psalm 136]*

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**SANCTUS** (*Sung, see LSB p. 178 for music*)

**Holy, Holy Holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:**

**Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: O gracious Father, we give You thanks for John the Baptist, whose voice fulfilled Your promise to prepare the way of Your Son. When all our hope was cut down, He came as the surprise of grace, a shoot from the stump of Jesse, to give hope to Your people. Make us bold like John, that we may proclaim the peace and hope of Christ to the whole world; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

### LORD'S PRAYER

**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 trespasses**

**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**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD** (*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Cor. 11:23–25*)

### PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord + be with you always.

**People: Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI** *Sung, see LSB p. 180 for music*)

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

*Be Seated*

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“What Hope! An Eden Prophesied”

*LSB 342*

“From Heaven above to Earth I Come”

*LSB 358, vv.1-5*

“What Child Is This?”

*LSB 370*