



Second Sunday of Advent

Pastor Heather Brown

December 7^h, 2025 | 9 AM

This service is live streamed and recorded
ELW – red pew hymnal. WOV – blue pew hymnal



PRELUDE

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG **Hark, the Glad Sound!** (v. 1, 2 & 4) ELW 239

GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE ADVENT WREATH: *Peace*

SONG **Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah** ELW 240 (v. 1 & 2)

HANGING OF THE GREENS: *Blue Advent Paraments*

FIRST READING Isaiah 11:1-3, 5-6, 9

SECOND READING Romans 15:7-13

HANGING OF THE GREENS: *The Poinsettia*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **Peace Has Come, a Light in the Darkness** ELW 292

GOSPEL Matthew 3:1-12

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SONG OF THE DAY **On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry** ELW 249 (v. 1, 2 & 5)

HANGING OF THE GREENS: *The Evergreens*

PRAYERS

SHARING THE PEACE

OFFERING SONG **Thank the Lord, His Praises Voicing** (“Angels from the Realms of Glory”)

OFFERING PRAYER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER - *Traditional*

INVITATION

DISTRIBUTION **Light Dawns on a Weary World** ELW 726
 We Are Waiting for Jesus (see screen)

BLESSING & PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HANGING OF THE GREENS: *Christmas Bells*

THE SPARKLERS -- *GLOW CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PREVIEW*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING SONG **Let Justice Flow like Streams** ELW 717

DISMISSAL

**denotes favorite hymn*

Announcements

From the Council Executive Committee

Pastor Heather at Pastor@faithmarshfield.com

Would you consider making a year-end contribution to Faith Lutheran? A letter has been sent out with instructions on how to do so. *(Please note that some letters are missing a blue envelope insert, which is available at church. Or, you can use an envelope of your own.)*

From Education & Family Ministry Team

Justin/Brianne at FamilyEd@FaithMarshfield.com

✦ **FLAME – Adult Education**

December 7 | 10:00 AM – “No Experience Necessary: The Second Book”

Join us as we continue *No Experience Necessary – The Second Book*. Whether you’re new or returning, all are welcome to learn, reflect, and grow in faith together.

💧 **GLOW & RISE**

Dec. 7 | 9:00 AM – The Sparklers (f.k.a. Joyful Noise Choir)

The Sparklers will share a preview during worship of their **Christmas Program** on December 20.

Dec. 7 | 11:00 AM – Christmas Deliveries

RISE Confirmation students will deliver Christmas Bags to our shut-in members—a meaningful tradition of care and connection.

Dec. 20 | 4:00 PM – GLOW Program

Join us for this year’s Christmas Program!

Students are excited to share the Christmas story. A **Potluck** will follow in the Fellowship Hall—all are welcome!

✦ **November Fundraiser – World’s Finest Chocolate**

We still have some chocolate bars remaining—perfect for stocking stuffers or holiday gatherings.

\$1 per bar. - Contact us if you’d like to get some!



From Youth Director

Contact Justin Polzin at
youth@faithmarshfield.com

FLY (Faith Lutheran Youth)

Dough for Dough – Holiday Cookie Dough Fundraiser

Order Pick-Up | Following Service Today!
Pick up your orders today in the gathering area after service! Don’t miss out on your delicious holiday treats.

Mark Your Calendars!

FLY Sunday | Dec. 21 | 10:00 AM

Meet in the FLY Room for fellowship, fun, and youth group excitement!

FLY Holiday Gathering | Dec.29 | 5:00 PM

Current FLY members and alumni are invited to our annual holiday celebration!

- **Sock Exchange:** Bring wrapped socks to join the fun.
 - **NEW This Year – Ugly Sweater Contest!** Wear your tackiest Christmas sweater and compete for bragging rights as we vote for the winner!
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From Green Team

Kathy Campbell at jkcamp3@gmail.com

FAIR TRADE SALE: Coming next week on December 14th to provide more opportunities for you to purchase gifts of chocolate, coffee, tea, olive oil, cocoa for baking and drinking.

THE GIVING TREE: The Giving Tree is in the gathering area with cards listing gift card wishes for children and adults. To participate, simply choose a card from the tree and decide how you will fulfill that gift. Place both the gift card and the tree card together in one of the envelopes provided, mark the recipient's number on the front, and fold the flap inside to close it. All gift cards must be returned by **Dec. 14**. Thank you for sharing Christmas joy with our neighbors!

HOMME HOME

CHRISTMAS GIFT COLLECTION: Homme Home has invited us to help make Christmas special for the boys who live there by providing needed gifts. In the narthex, you'll find a collection box and a list of requested items, including athletic shoes and boots (sizes 8–13), new clothing (especially athletic wear, men's S–XL), watches, wallets, board games, books, gift cards, and gift bags. Please do **not** wrap items. All donations are needed by **December 9**.

From Faith In Action

Treva Tisdell at jttizy78@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Sun., Dec. 7th, 3:00-5:00pm

Please plan to join us today as we share the sounds of Christmas cheer throughout our community. We will be meeting at the church at 2:30 to gather music sheets and plan carpooling. Come be a part of a wonderful

afternoon of music, fellowship, and Christmas joy. No experience required, just a joyful heart and a warm smile!

ROTARY WINTER WONDERLAND

Friday, December 12th, 6:45-9:00 pm

Faith in Action would like to keep the holiday spirit glowing so we have signed up to volunteer at the Rotary Winter Wonderland to greet visitors and collect food donations for those in need.

This is a great opportunity for congregational members, GLOW Families, and FLY Youth to show our community that we are a strong active Faith Family, and we care and support our community.

A sign-up poster is out in the Gathering Area, we will divide the evening into two shifts, so you can choose the time that works best for you. Join us and help make the evening bright for everyone who visits!

From the Worship & Music Team/Altar

POINSETTIAS: At Christmas we decorate the church in celebration of the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please complete the Poinsettia Form and include it with your contribution. Please use a blue offering envelope. Mark it "Poinsettias" and place it in the offering plate or drop it off at the church office by December 14th.

PRAYER LIST: *Please keep the following people in your prayers. Names will remain on the prayer list for three weeks unless otherwise requested.* Diane Mueller; Ardith Hendrickson; Darlene Krake; Mike Voss; Jeanette Oswald; Arlene Norberg.

From the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is putting together a ballot for the congregation to consider at the 2026 Annual Meeting. There are two elected positions for representatives to the 2026 Synod Assembly on April 25, 2026 in Rice Lake.

There are five open positions on Church Council. The term is for two years.

If you would like to learn more about what it might entail, get in touch with Pastor Heather or the Nominating Committee.

- Cheryl Ashbeck
- Nicki Quarne
- Brenda Fellenz
- Janeen Dietsche

END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS

A friendly reminder that all donations for 2025 need to be in by Sunday, December 28th. If you are mailing your donations, please have them at the church by Saturday, the 27th. Donations given in church on Sunday the 28th will be included in the 2025 contributions.

FAITH NUMBERS CORNER

Service Attendance

Last Week Attendance: 55

Average Service Attendance

Oct. Average Attendance: 116

Oct. Average Online Views: 53

Weekly General Giving Nov. 30th:

Actual (Includes online giving) \$4,466

(Weekly break even amount \$6,166)

Year to Nov 30th, General Giving:

Actual Contribution Income \$259,481

Budget+(Amount to break even) \$295,946

Year to Nov 30th, Income vs. Expenses:

Actual All Income \$285,028

Actual Expenses \$296,397

Shortfall **-\$ 11,369**

SERVING US TODAY at 9:00 AM

Welcome: Carolyn Yanke
Greeters: SallyJo Lee
Lloyd Mueller
Ushers: Renee Stafford
Dave & Diane Herron
Musician(s): Kathy Biederwolf
Audio/Visual: Jeff Johnson
Kathy Tremelling
Reader: Paul Kapla
Acolytes: Madeline & Jaxon Kilty
Comm. Prep: Sue Vick, Nancy Sternweis
Comm. Assists: Sally Rakovec
Mark Cournoyer
Christine Stromme
Coffee: Cathy SeEVERS
Baked Goods: Cindy Mueller
Jamy Yohn
Renee Stafford

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FAITH:

Dec. 7th - Dec. 13th

SUN. Dec. 7th 9:00 AM – Worship Service

10:00 AM – GLOW/RISE/FLY/FLAME

Pick up Cookie Dough Order

6:00 PM – GLOW Christmas practice

MON. Dec. 8th 7:00 PM – Al-Anon in CR

TUE. Dec. 9th Office Hours 8:30 AM-2:30 PM

10:00 AM— Staff Meeting

7:00 PM – Boy Scouts in CR

WED. Dec. 10th Office Hours 8:30 AM-2:30 PM

6:00 PM – NA meeting in CR

6:30 PM – Choir Practice

THU. Dec. 11th Office Hours 8:30 AM-2:30 PM

8:30 AM – Piece Corps

8:30 AM – Finance Team Mtg in UR

FRI. Dec. 12th Building & Office CLOSED

SAT. Dec. 13th Girl Scouts event in Afternoon