# GENERAL FUND GIVING

Last Sunday \$13,328.50 Budget per Sunday \$9,927

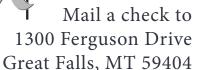
Everything we do is made possible through your faithful and generous giving.

WAYS TO GIVE

On our website



In-person





# NEXT WEEK READINGS

Isaiah 7:10-17;

Psalm 24;

Romans 1:1-7;

Matthew 1:18-25

# CHURCH INFORMATION

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# LIFE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"And every life matters to God. It is impossible to live—even for a few moments on this earth—and not influence somebody in one way or another. We are all always influencing somebody—either for good or for bad. Life matters. Your life matters. Lives of kings and lives of shepherds all matter. We all matter and are important to God." Dennis D. Nelson, Lutheran CORE – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

# **PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

#### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- For the Church to Proclaim the Good News
- For Hope to Rule Our Hearts Against Despair
- For Good and Faithful Leaders
- For the Afflicted in Body and Spirit

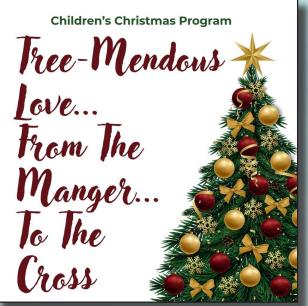
### PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Tammie Harrison, Rudy Robinson, Sean Hoven, Tammie Klinker, Harry Grosvold, Susan Adams, Pat Fournier, Casey Thomas, Hillman Fowell, Pat Strand, Donna Parsons, Tom Moring, Rod & Lou Ann Guy, Diann Stevens, Callie DiFulgentis, Justin Tews, Tara Knight, Eleanor Jandt, Bob Palmer, Fred Burow, Bob Haensel, Char Schram, Jim & Diane Lowry, Becca Thompson, Leona Wenaas, Robbie Stubbs, Nancy Radford, Monica Fournier, Fred Shauer, Sandy Rittenhouse, Judy Stubbs, Barb Clark

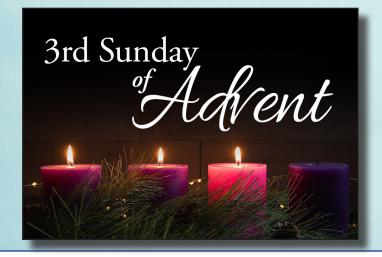
NEED PRAYER?
Call or email the office to be added to this list or to the prayer chain.



DECEMBER 14, 2025



# Welcome to Faith Lytheran



# WELCOME

Welcome to our church. We trust God will bless you through your worship here today. We believe that the bread and wine we receive in Holy Communion are the true body and blood of Christ, for the forgiveness of sins, so that in receiving them we receive our Lord. If this is your belief, and you have been baptized into the body of Christ, you are welcome to receive the sacrament here. White grape juice is available for those who do not wish to receive wine. Individually wrapped Gluten-free wafers are also available. If coming up to the front is difficult for you, please tell an usher and we will serve you communion where you are seated.

Out of gratefulness for God's blessings, the ministries of Faith are supported by members and friends who give their tithes and offerings in support of the church, the need in our community, and around the world.

We have a family room located to the right of the sanctuary entrance. Our nursery is open ask an usher to show you where it's at.

If it's your first visit please pick up your welcome gift and sign our guest book at the Connection Center. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to join us at Faith!

# **ABOUT US**

We are a loving church — called to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

We are a praying church — people of prayer who pray for one another and for the needs of our community, world and all in need.

We are a disciple-making church — committed to living and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ and bearing witness to our Christian faith in inviting others to know and follow Jesus.

We are a serving church — serving others in Jesus' name by feeding the hungry, helping the poor and being the presence of Christ in a tangible way.



Matthew 28:19-20 "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."

















## Tree-Mendous...From The Manger..To the Cross Children's Christmas Program December 14, 2025

The Janitor: Sean Dunn The Kid: Carston Sweeney Bible Reader: Henry Imus

"The Tree" Introduction: Olivia Hoven, Illyria Rosipal

Babes in Joyland: Greyson Reum, Boaz Frost, Beverly Frost, Laranerya Sitayo

Adults: Shelly Agrimson, Anna Frost, Jess Frost

Gingerbread Christmas: Ezariah "Sister" Jackson, Aleksandra "Aleks" Harris, Ana Harris

Adults: Shelly Agrimson, Jeanie Thomas

The Gift: Wayne "Bubba" Wilson, Ezarius "Stewie" Jackson

Adult: Sara Wilson

Candy Canes: William Hampton, Ezekiel "Zeke" Jackson, Eden Meyer,

Olivia Sweeney, Elodie Stubbs

Star over Bethlehem: Adrian Rosipal, Matthew Hampton, Claire Imus

Poinsettia: Arianna Hampton, Haven Blevins, Elena Wilson

Magi from the East: Kelsey Sitayo, Michael Arndt, Reider Blevins, Chance Stone

Candlelight: Olivia Hoven, Illyria Rosipal

Cross and Nails: Gabe Cunningham, Dave Cunningham

# The Nativity

Mary: Kelsey Sitayo Joseph: Matthew Hampton Star: Ezariah "Sister" Jackson

Angels: Eden Meyer, Olivia Sweeney, Adrian Rosipal, Aleksandra "Aleks" Harris, Ana Harris

Shepherds: Ezekiel "Zeke" Jackson, Ezarius "Stewie" Jackson, William Hampton

Sheep: Boaz Frost, Greyson Reum

Wisemen: Michael Arndt, Reider Blevins, Chance Stone

#### Musicians

Illyria Rosipal, Adrian Rosipal, Elena Wilson, Elodie Stubbs, Henry Hoven

### **Support Staff**

Annette Hocker, Crystal Dunn, Crissy Agrimson

#### THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

TREE-MENDOUS LOVE...From the Manger to the Cross

December 14, 2025

#### **AS WE GATHER**

Journey with us as our children tell us the story of Jesus' Tree-Mendous Love from the night he was born in Bethlehem through his journey to Jerusalem. In this wonderful re-telling of the Bethlehem story, we discover the church janitor, cranky and overworked, trying to hustle people out of church so he can go home! The janitor meets "The Kid" from around the corner and soon the true meaning of Christmas is the center of conversation.

PRESERVICE SONGS "Noel" [CCLI Video]

"Good Christian Men Rejoice" [CCLI Video]

#### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SPECIAL MUSIC BY OUR YOUTH

#### **№ PREPARATION**

#### RINGING OF THE BELL

**SONG** "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" [WOV 630 vs. 1, 2 & 3]

Light one candle to watch for Messiah Let the light banish darkness He shall bring salvation to Israel God fulfills the promise

Light two candles to watch for Messiah Let the light banish darkness He shall feed the flock like a shepherd Gently lead them homeward

Light three candles to watch for Messiah Let the light banish darkness Lift your heads and lift high the gateway For the King of glory INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the № Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION Psalm 146:5, 7b–8a; Philippians 1:6

Pastor: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God.

People: The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

Silence for self-examination.

Pastor: Holy and gracious God,

People: I confess that I have sinned against You this day. 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 forgiveness. Deliver and restore

me that I may rest in peace.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for us and for His sake forgives

us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the

Father and of the 

■ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: That the church may proclaim the Good News to the poor, forgiveness to the sinner,

and healing to all those afflicted in body or soul, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: That hope may rule our hearts against despair and that we may know joy in the midst

of trials, giving thanks that Jesus Christ has come to set us free from sin, death, and

all our enemies, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: That peace may calm our upset hearts and love direct our words and our actions,

giving thanks that we shall be raised from this mortal life to everlasting life, let us

pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: That the nations and all the people may be well served by good and faithful leaders,

that violence be replaced with peace among the nations, and for our good citizenship,

let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: That all those afflicted in body or soul may know healing and peace and that the

grieving may be comforted in their loss, especially . . . and those we name in our

hearts in this moment of silence. Let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

**OFFERING** 

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY

BENEDICTION

**CLOSING SONG** "The Heart of Christmas" [Video]

**DISMISSAL** 

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God and WE WILL!

