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1300 Ferguson Drive
Great Falls, MT 59404



NEXT WEEK READINGS

Isaiah 11:1-10;
Psalm 72;
Romans 15:4-13;
Matthew 3:1-12

CHURCH INFORMATION

Monday - Friday | 9 AM - 5 PM
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LIFE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“As we prepare to celebrate Jesus’ first Advent, His birth in Bethlehem, we also look forward to the day of His return, His second Advent. On the Last Day, we will see Jesus returning in glory as King and Judge. The Good Shepherd will come again to gather His flock to Himself forever.” Dr. Carol Geisler, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

PRAYERS THIS WEEK

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- For Delight in God’s Word and Will
- For a Joyful Heart in All Circumstances
- For All Volunteers in Our Congregation
- For the Sick, Grieving, and Troubled

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

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

NEED PRAYER?

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



NOVEMBER 30, 2025



First Sunday of Advent

WELCOME - ABOUT US

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!

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.*

AS CHRIST-FOLLOWERS WE



THIS IS THE JOURNEY OF FAITH.

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."

December Special Offerings
First Sunday of the Month
Life Happens
Third Sunday of the Month
Mercy Home

Love Day Quilters
Thursday, December 4th,
at 9am

Children's Christmas Program
*Tree-Mendous Love
...From The Manger
...To The Cross*
DECEMBER 14
9:30 AM
1300 FERGUSON DRIVE
GREAT FALLS, MT 59404
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CHRISTMAS
EVE
SERVICES:
4 & 6 PM
FOR US A
SAVIOR IS BORN
Luke 2:11
Fully
Staffed
Nursery at
4:00 PM
Service
1300
Ferguson
Drive
FaithLutheranGF.com

Men of Faith
**MONTHLY MEETING ON
DECEMBER 3 AT 5:30 PM**

Women's Crafting Group
Saturday, December 6th
at 2 pm
Bring your craft or supplies available.
Devotions, Prayer, Snacks, Fellowship

**SOULO
SISTERS**
December 9th at 11:30
The Loft - 4810 2nd
Avenue North

Winter Is Here
Donations of Ice Melt
For the Side Walks
Around the Church
Are Needed and Appreciated



FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Popular Notions about Christmas: Christmas is for Kids – November 30, 2025

AS WE GATHER

Today is not only the First Sunday in Advent but also the commemoration of St. Andrew, whose day governs the start of Advent. In this way, Andrew continues to point to Christ as we begin a new Church Year. How odd it is, then, that the Gospel for the First Sunday in Advent is the same as the Gospel for Palm Sunday! This reminds us that Jesus came for the cross and empty tomb, and this is the only Gospel that can save us from sin and death. In order to enjoy the fruits of His redeeming work, we must be able to answer “Who is this?” (Matthew 21:10). This question of the crowd also becomes a question for us as we enter into Advent and a new Church Year. We marvel at this man, also true God, who is born among us in flesh and blood, who suffers and dies to win salvation for us, and who will come in His glory to bring all things to their perfect consummation and bliss. Today we start a sermon series on the Popular Notions about Christmas which are: Christmas is For Kids, Christmas is For Giving, and Christmas is For Getting.

PRESERVICE SONGS

“Open the Eyes of My Heart” (Praise Team)
“In His Time” (Praise Team)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

✕ PREPARATION ✕

RINGING OF THE BELL

SONG MELODY “Draw Me Close to You / Shout to the Lord” [Praise Team]

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Romans 13:12; Philippians 1:6*

Pastor: The night is far gone; the day is at hand.

People: So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

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.

☩ WORD ☩

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 2:1–5*
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Romans 13:8–14*
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 21:1–11*
Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON Popular Notions about Christmas: Christmas is for Kids

SERMON SONG “Jesus Strong and Kind” [Praise Team]

APOSTLES’ CREED

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH
Pastor: Let us pray on behalf of the world, those with special need, and for all the faithful.

Silence for prayer and meditation.

Pastor: That we may depart from the ways of the wicked and manifest in word and deed our faith in His Word and our delight in His will, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: That we may resist the temptation to despair in time of trouble and manifest a joyful heart and hope in all circumstances of this mortal life, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: That we may enjoy the gift of good government, wise and faithful leaders, and peace among the nations, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: That those who suffer in any want or need—the sick, grieving, and those troubled in mind or soul—may be granted healing and comfort, especially.... and those we name in our hearts in this moment of silence. We pray that all may be preserved in faith and holiness to the day of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: That we may be united in doctrine and life and that in the unity of this Table all who here receive the Sacrament may be granted discernment of Christ’s body and blood and faith to receive this communion to their benefit, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

☩ SACRAMENT ☩

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD
Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes. Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD’S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION SONG “Come, Jesus, Come” [Praise Team]

BENEDICTION

SONG “All Heaven Declares” [Praise Team]

DISMISSAL
Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God and WE WILL!