

Prelude  
Greeting/Announcements  
Hymn ..... “Oh, Come, Oh, come Emmanuel” ..... LBW #34  
Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness  
Kyrie .....LBW pg. 78  
Hymn of Praise ... “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” ..... LBW #265  
Prayer of the Day  
**Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**  
First Reading ..... Genesis 21:1-7  
L: The Word of the Lord.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**  
Second Reading ..... Hebrews 11:1-2, 13a  
L: The Word of the Lord.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**  
Faith Seeds and Lighting of the Advent Wreath ..... Shelly Kirchoff  
Faith Seeds is a time for children of all ages to come forward for a lesson geared to them.  
The Gospel Acclamation:  
**“Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.”**  
The Announcement of the Gospel ..... **“Glory to You, O Lord”**  
Gospel .....Luke 1:57-80  
Response after the Gospel ..... **“Praise to You, O Christ”**  
Sermon ..... “Never Too ....” ..... Pastor Dave Wollan  
Hymn ..... “Blessed Be the God of Israel” ..... WOV #725  
Nicene Creed  
**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Offering/Special Music ..... “In the Bleak Midwinter” ..... Faith Singers  
Offertory Response ... “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**  
LBW #565 Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711 Tune: LBW #51 Vom Himmel Hoch

Prayers of the Church

The 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.**

Benediction

Closing Hymn ..... “Cold December Flies Away” ..... LBW #53

# Faith Lutheran Church (LCMC)

Hutchinson, Minnesota  
8:00 a.m. First Word Service  
December 22, 2024  
Fourth Sunday in Advent

## What Does This Mean?

1. "I'm too..." What excuses do you make for avoiding God's call?
2. "I'm too..." What failures, inabilities, short-comings, and sins do you think disqualify you from God's grace?
3. How has God moved in what you thought were barren places?

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