

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT  
NOVEMBER 27, 2022  
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
106 8TH STREET, MADISON, MINNESOTA  
Pastor Ron Nichols  
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“Moving forward in faith by providing spiritual and physical nourishment  
to all God’s people.”

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*I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Ps. 122:1)*

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*\*Indicates to please stand as you are able*

**PRELUDE**

**BELLS**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE #1 ~ MICHAEL, ANGIE,  
MATTHEW, NOAH and ISAIAH ARNDT FAMILY**

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

**GATHERING SONG ~ “Rejoice, Rejoice Believers” #244**

**GREETING**

**KYRIE ~ Page 147**

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE ~ Page 149**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 2:1-5

**PSALM 122**

**SECOND READING:** Romans 13:11-14

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 24:36-44

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** ~ “Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying” #436

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** ~ “Let the Vineyards be Fruitful”

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING** ~ Page 152

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** ~ Page 153

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

**COMMUNION - SONGS OF DISTRIBUTION:**

“Just As I Am” #592

“Children of the Heavenly Father” #781

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

### **BLESSING**

**\*SENDING SONG** ~ “Christ, Be Our Light” #715 Vs. 1 & 2

### **\*DISMISSAL**

#### **Today's Worship Assistants**

**Worship Leader:** Pastor Ron Nichols

**Music Director:** Linda Anderson

**Office Manager:** Sharon Ronglien

**Financial Secretary:** Lorrie Ehrenberg

**Financial Treasurer:** Kristin Ludvigson

**Education Coordinator:** Darcy Daline

**Helper:** Lisa Strand

**Reader:** Darcy Daline

**Video/Audio:** Tech. Team

**Usher Team:** Team 2

**Acolyte:** Gavin Mortenson & Sadie Zahrbock

**Communion:** Gail Smith & Sharon Ronglien

***Please also hold these concerns in your prayers, today and throughout the week. Contact the church office at 598-3630 to add or remove a person.***

**CARE CENTER & HOMEBOUND RESIDENTS:** Arnie Streich, Phyllis Hauck, Ramona Niven, Don Husby, Betty Peterson, Marge McFarland, Ken Beyer, Betty Schulz, Lillian Lyng, Adele Miller, Margaret Davis, Verona Berg and Eva Zahrbock.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Rolf Olson, Tyler Struck, Gay Dolman, Curt Shelstad, Grant Trygestad, Skip Blahosky, Dana Carmody, Eddie Moen and Donna Larson.



#### **Readings for December 4**

Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19

Romans 15:4-13

Matthew 3:1-12

## **A Place for Connection**

Em Musa has spent her whole life working for the good of her family and community. She was married at age 20 and had four children over the next decade. Although her family was most important to her, there were larger forces at play that called Em Musa to action. She chose to work toward justice for her people through the Palestinian resistance movement. To this day, she bears the scars of this decision – a wound on her forehead and a shot in her left thigh. Em Musa spent almost a year and a half in prison, and after her release, when her youngest child was just two-and-a-half years old, her husband passed away. This was a very hard time in Em Musa's life.

Despite these difficulties, Em Musa continued to strive for justice in her community. Her job has sustained the family, and all four of her children are thriving. In recent years, she has found community by participation in Meals on Wheels, a program of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land. Every Tuesday at the Arab Women's Union of Ramallah, West Bank, Palestine, Meals on Wheels offers hot meals and an inviting community to isolated people. The program, supported by ELCA World Hunger, provides 25-30 meals, mostly to senior women but also to some senior men and some younger women with cognitive disabilities. Meals on Wheels also delivers food to homes, facilitates doctor visits and distributes medications.

Through Meals on Wheels, Em Musa receives a good meal and maintains strong friendships. She is still active in the community through her church and other organizations. Meals on Wheels provides an environment where individuals such as Em Musa can come together despite the limitations on movement that accompany aging or cognitive disability.

Asked if she is lonely, Em Musa said, "Akid la" ("Definitely not"). With a fierce inner strength, Em Musa has found resilience in vital relationships with her family and through the Meals on Wheels program, with her community.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS 11/30

- ♦ Don't forget that you can listen to the Sunday service on KLQP 92.1 @ 11:30AM or watch it on Channel 8 @ 3:30PM. You may also view ALL past and present services on our website: [www.faithlutheranmadison.org](http://www.faithlutheranmadison.org) and our Facebook page.
- ♦ Flowers today are sponsored in memory of Eileen Knorr in honor of her 100th birthday from John, LouAnn and Paul Knorr.
- ♦ LAST CHANCE!!! World Hunger donations need to be in the offering plate or in the office to Sharon by Sunday, December 4! Thanks for giving! We will let you know how things turned out next month and what was all purchased with our donations! Have a very blessed Christmas, people of Faith! Global Missions Committee
- ♦ Little Blessings is looking for anyone interested in joining their board. Please contact Kelli Fernholz.
- ♦ Anyone interested in joining an usher group, please contact Stan Olson.
- ♦ Kiwanis Gifts for Kids program begins November 1st. There will be a donation box in the Narthex for new toys through December 6th. Cash donations to Kiwanis Gifts for Kids may be brought to KLQP at any
- ♦ If you would like to sponsor a radio broadcast, bulletins or altar flowers in memory or honor of someone, please contact the office. Prices are: radio-\$51.00 bulletins -\$25.00 flowers - \$50.00 All three-\$126.00

**\*\*THIS WEEK AT FAITH\*\***

**Monday, November 28**

7pm AA / AL Anon

**Wednesday, November 30**

9am Hot Muffins

3:30 Joyful Noise

3:30 Confirmation

6pm Faith Ringers

**Sunday, December 4**

9am Worship

10am Sunday School

10:30am Senior Choir

**Prayer Concerns - We pray for those who are grieving. We are so thankful and blessed in our community.**