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Voices of Faith at Faith

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To the beloved Faithful Islanders and beyond. We are closer to the birth of our Lord and Savior on Christmas Day. Patience is required of us (Christians) as we wait, while the rest the world around us is somewhat deep into Christmas. While we wait for Christmas, we hear Christmas songs almost everywhere we go. Someone said that PATIENCE is a virtue! We have come this far by faith, even if it's the size of a mustard seed, the smallest of plant seeds.

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THE ADVENT SEASON IS UPON US!!!!

Advent comes from the Latin word “Adventus” which means “coming” or “arrival.” During this season we prepare for the coming of Jesus as a baby, at the end of the world (Parousia) and into our lives each day. We have four Sundays in Advent and each Sunday we light a candle.

THANKS TO AI (Artificial Intelligence) for the well written summary of the Third Sunday in Advent candle.



Third Advent Candle Sunday (12/14) is the Joy Candle. The third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday, from the Latin word “rejoice.” The rose-colored candle reminds us that Christ's coming is near and that joy —

not anxiety — is the true mark of a heart prepared for Him.

As we continue to approach Christmas Day, our joy grows more and more. The third candle takes us back to the joyful anticipation of the shepherds who journeyed to see Jesus in Bethlehem, even before the wise men.

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BIBLE STUDY DURING ADVENT will be held on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. There will be no morning session at 11:00 a.m. Instead of a regular Advent Midweek Service in the sanctuary, the service will be held in the fellowship hall; zoom links will be provided. There will be a meal served at 6:00 p.m., before the service, come one, come all, and come as you are!!!

Advent Midweek Services will be on December the 3rd, 10th, and 17th. Our Christmas Eve service will be on Wednesday the 24th.

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THE CHRISMON TREE

What is a Chrismon Tree?

“A Chrismon tree is a special type of evergreen decorated in a church during Advent and Christmastide, featuring only white and gold ornaments and clear lights to represent Christian symbols like crosses, doves, and stars. Created by North American Lutherans in 1957, the tree's name is a combination of “Christ” and “monogram,” and its decorations are meant to remind viewers of Jesus Christ and the eternal life he provides” (AI Summary).

**CELEBRATING THE DECEMBER
BIRTHDAY SAINTS:**



12/01 JB Bradley
12/03 Andrea Brisbin
12/05 Cali Brisbin
12/27 Evelyn Schuffman
12/28 Doreen Gar

Please let us know if we missed your birthday!!!

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REMEMBERING IN OUR PRAYERS:

Pastor Josh Knutson's family and his congregations (Christ Community Church, North Charleston and St. Michael's Lutheran Church, Moncks Corner) after his untimely death, Bishop Ginny Aebischer, Mike Shuey, Mikie Floyd, Ken Hems, Rick Hartley, Bobby Webb, Patricia Beruf, Reid Melton, Jay O'Neill, Phil Ammons, Pat Lane, Helena Bradford, Donna Porritt, Nettie Poulnot, Dolores Dukes, Matthew Sharbrough, Trisha Melton, Harry Rakowski.

Please let us know if you have someone we need to include in our prayers.



Jimmy Farr entered Eternal Rest on Sunday morning, the 30th of November, less than 12 hours after Pastor Thulie's visit in Walterboro. May God comfort the family during this time of great loss. Jimmy's funeral service will be at Faith Lutheran Church on a Sunday, after our morning worship service; date not yet determined. Pastor Thulie met with the family in Walterboro on Tuesday afternoon (12/02).

The Memorial Service for Jimmy Farr is scheduled for Sunday, December 14, 2025 following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. There will be refreshments after the memorial service. If you can help provide finger foods, please let Pastor Thulie know. You can call/message pastor at 843-781-0929.

+++++ **SERVING – Sunday, December 14, 2025**

Lector & Prayer Leader	David Lingle
Acolyte	Simon Gainey
Ushers	Bobby Bellah & Jim Jones
Communion Assistant	Wendi Ammons
Communion Prep	Karen Sykes

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WORDS....“SOURCES UNKNOWN”

“My first thought when I woke up this morning: Nope.”

“I don’t know if my pants are feeling loose because I’m losing weight, or the elastic is finally giving up the fight.”

“I’ve decided I’ll never get down to my original weight and I’m okay with that. After all, 6lbs 3oz is just not realistic.”

“Whenever I tell someone where I live and they say, ‘Omg that’s so far’ I’m like, calm down, I’m not inviting you over.”

“Oops, that was a bit harsh. Let me add a ‘Haha’ to the end to soften the blow.”

“Sorry I’m late. My alarm didn’t go off, because I didn’t set it....because I don’t like coming here.”

“I paid my psychiatrist to follow me on Facebook. That way we can skip the sessions and she can just send me the pills.”

“The retirement age needs to be lowered to 40, I’ve had enough.”

“Does swimming in debt count as cardio”?

“I might wake up and go running. I also might wake up and win the lottery. The odds are about the same.”

“I wonder how many people read my posts and think....’I hope she is getting psychiatric help.”

May the hustle and bustle of the season not take away your FOCUS on Jesus the Reason for the Season. Peace, Pastor Thulie