



## PENTECOST 27

# CHRIST the KING/STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

November 24, 2024

10:00 AM

## FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## **WELCOME STATEMENT**

We, at Faith Lutheran Church, welcome you as God’s beloved child, “for in Christ Jesus... [we] are all children of God through faith.” (Galatians 3:26). No matter your age, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, marital status, neurodivergent status, faith background, political leanings, or mental, intellectual or physical ability – you are welcomed here just as you are. In this church, we commit to pursue gender and racial equity in all that we do, and to support one another as chosen family, being parents and siblings for each other regardless of who we have as biological family (Mark 3:31-35). For we are all one in Christ Jesus and rely on the unconditional nature of God’s love and grace to be our help and guide as we strive to serve our world.

## **INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY**

Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king’s title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the “one like a human being” (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel’s vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.

## **PRELUDE**

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

arr. Wilbur Held

## **VERSE OF THE DAY (Read in Unison)**

**You know the path to life; your presence fills me with joy, and by your side I find enduring pleasure.**

Psalm 16:11 The Inclusive Bible

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

God of Grace forgive our ingratitude for the blessings we have received.

**Help us live the lives we proclaim.**

God of Peace forgive our impatience with the actions of our neighbor.

**Help us live the lives we proclaim.**

God of love forgive our intolerance toward those of other faiths or none.

**Help us live the lives we proclaim.**

God of mercy forgive our reluctance to offer a word of forgiveness.

**Help us live the lives we proclaim.**

God of hope accept our repentance as a sweet-smelling offering along with the service of our lives as we thankfully receive your forgiveness.

**Amen**

*Good Shepherd Lutheran Church -- Ballwin, Missouri*

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One,

**We confess that we are not awake for you.**

**We are not faithful in using your gifts.**

**We forget the least of our siblings.**

**We do not see your beautiful image in one another.**

**We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community.**

**Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**

Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through ✝ Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world. **Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG – CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS (ELW 855)



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,  
3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,  
4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;  
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.  
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,  
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.  
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4  
Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

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## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer  
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.  
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,  
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.  
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,  
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!  
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,  
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.  
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

*To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.*

<sup>9</sup> As I watched,  
thrones were set in place,  
and an Ancient One took his throne,  
his clothing was white as snow,  
and the hair of his head like pure wool;  
his throne was fiery flames,  
and its wheels were burning fire.

<sup>10</sup> A stream of fire issued  
and flowed out from his presence.  
A thousand thousands served him,  
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.  
The court sat in judgment,  
and the books were opened.

<sup>13</sup> As I watched in the night visions,  
I saw one like a human being  
coming with the clouds of heaven.  
And he came to the Ancient One  
and was presented before him.

<sup>14</sup> To him was given dominion  
and glory and kingship,  
that all peoples, nations, and languages  
should serve him.  
His dominion is an everlasting dominion  
that shall not pass away,  
and his kingship is one  
that shall never be destroyed. **The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 100 (Read in Unison)**

**<sup>1</sup>Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you lands!**

**<sup>2</sup>Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with a song.**

**<sup>3</sup>Know that the Lord is God, our maker to whom we belong;  
we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.**

**<sup>4</sup>Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving and the courts with praise; give  
thanks and bless God's holy name.**

**<sup>5</sup>Good indeed is the Lord, whose steadfast love is everlasting,  
whose faithfulness endures from age to age.**

### **SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4b-8**

*The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.*

<sup>4b</sup> Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup> and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup> Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup> "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON (Noisy Offering for Parish House)



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Refrain*

F C<sup>7</sup> F B $\flat$  C<sup>7</sup> F B $\flat$  F

Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

C Gm Dm Am B $\flat$  C

2 I will not for-get your love for me, and yet my heart for-ev-er is

B $\flat$ /F F C Gm Dm Am

wan-der-ing. Je-sus, be my guide and hold me to your side, and

B $\flat$  C Dm D A/C $\sharp$  C<sup>sus</sup> C<sup>7</sup> *Refrain*

I will love you to the end.

Text: Psalm 119:105, refrain; Michael W. Smith, stanzas  
 Music: Amy Grant  
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## **GOSPEL: John 18:33-37**

*In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.*

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>33</sup> Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" <sup>35</sup> Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" <sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." <sup>37</sup> Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

**The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

During the Hymn of the Day, you are invited to bring your 2025 pledges and time and talent sheets forward and place them in the offering basket.

# HYMN OF THE DAY – TAKE MY LIFE THAT I MAY BE (ELW 583)

*Refrain/Estrillo*



To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -  
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,



da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón  
to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;



y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.  
let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.



1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té  
1 Take my hands and let them move  
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,  
3 Take my voice and let me sing  
4 Take my will and make it thine;



con - sa - gra - da a ti, Se - ñor;  
at the im - pulse of thy love;  
not a mite would I with - hold;  
al - ways, on - ly for my King;  
it shall be no lon - ger mine;



que a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -  
take my feet and let them be swift and  
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry  
take my lips and let them be filled with  
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall



*Refrain/Estrillo*

pul - so de tu a - mor.  
beau - ti - ful for thee.  
pow'r as thou shalt choose.  
mes - sag - es from thee.  
be thy roy - al throne.

## HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711, alt.

## PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

Gracious and loving God, giver of all that is good and true and beautiful and life-giving. These cards represent our sweat, they represent our lives, they represent our dreams. The pledges which we make on them are but tokens of the awesome gifts that have been given to us and they are pledged in thanksgiving for all we have received, for all we have been inspired to be, for all we are challenged to become, in this place.

May they be the first fruits of all we have and not what we have left over, so that we may live out as closely as possible how you give to us. May we see them as our offering to you, sacred, holy, yet earthy, filled with possibilities. May we hold this image in our hearts and minds so as we watch our offerings each week come to your table, we can see our very selves being part of this offering, it is us on the table, living sacrifices to you. **Amen.**

*The Rt. Rev. Greg Rickel - Diocesan Bishop, Diocese of Olympia*

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We belong to God, eternal and infinite, Creator of all things and all that is to come. We follow Christ, who comes to us from God, and reveals God to us. He heals people and transforms lives and calls us to join in his ministry. He was crucified, died, and was raised again by God, and reigns over all Creation; and he bids us to die and rise with him in the service of the healing of the world.

We are moved by the Holy Spirit, together with the communion of saints, as members of the Body of Christ, God's holy universal church.

We are confident in the forgiveness of sin, the power of resurrection and the reality of eternal life. In all things it is our desire to follow Christ, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, for God's glory. **Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation. **Amen.**

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## **OFFERING**

"We Will Give Thanks"

arr. Mark Patterson

Chancel Choir

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup,  
you offered yourself in love for the world,  
and in this meal you nourish us with your life.  
Fill us with your abundance,  
that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger,  
trusting in your name. **Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

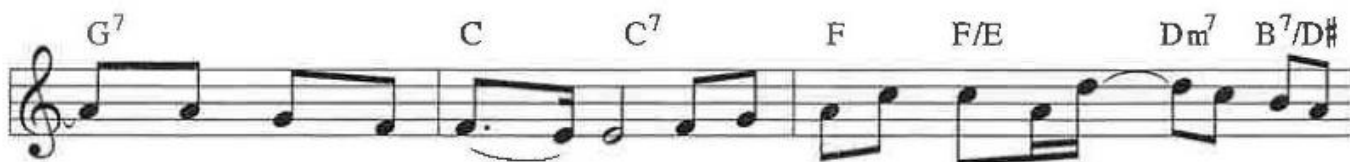
## **PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who, enthroned forever at your right hand,  
intercedes for us as our great high priest.  
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,  
with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (STANZAS 1 & 5)



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,  
 2 Gracious Fa - ther, gra - cious Fa - ther, we're so blest to be your  
 3 Pre - cious Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus, we're so glad that you've re -  
 4 Ho - ly Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it, come and fill our hearts a -  
 5 Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, . . .



Lord God Al - might - y; and we lift our hearts be - fore you as a  
 chil - dren, gra - cious Fa - ther; and we lift our heads be - fore you as a  
 deemed us, pre - cious Je - sus; and we lift our hands be - fore you as a  
 new, . . . Ho - ly Spir - it; and we lift our voice be - fore you as a  
 . . . . . hal - le - lu - jah; and we lift our hearts be - fore you as a



to - ken of our love, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.  
 to - ken of our love, gra - cious Fa - ther, gra - cious Fa - ther.  
 to - ken of our love, pre - cious Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus.  
 to - ken of our love, Ho - ly Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it.  
 to - ken of our love, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

Text and music: Jimmy Owens

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## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## **ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE.**

There are gluten free wafers available, just let the pastor know when you are at the altar rail. As you receive communion, in the center of each tray, there are a few glasses filled with white grape juice for those who prefer juice rather than wine. If you would prefer only a blessing, please have your hands folded and the pastor will give you a blessing.

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Behold, God is making all things new.  
Take your place in the new creation.

## **COMMUNION**

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

## **COMMUNION INSTRUMENTAL**

“We Gather Together”

arr. Victor Labenske

“The Quiet Harvest”

Thomas Keesecker

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Faithful God,  
you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink  
in the body and blood of your Son.  
Now send us out to labor with you,  
in service to the world you have made,  
and among the people you have made your home,  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

The Ancient One, enthroned,  
the Crucified One, now risen,  
the Indwelling One, poured out,  
✠ bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**



## SENDING SONG –THE KING OF GLORY (W&P 136)

Em Bm<sup>7</sup> Em

The King of glo - ry comes, the na - tion re - joic - es.

Em Bm<sup>7</sup> Em

O - pen the gates be - fore him, lift up your voic - es.

G C Bm/D D<sup>7</sup> G

- 1 Who is the King of glo - ry; how shall we call him?
- 2 In all of Gal - i - lee, in cit - y or vil - lage,
- 3 Sing then of Da - vid's Son, our Sav - ior and broth - er;
- 4 He gave his life for us, the pledge of sal - va - tion;
- 5 He con - quered sin and death; he tru - ly has ris - en,

Em CM<sup>7</sup> G/B CM<sup>7</sup> D<sup>7</sup> G *Refrain*

He is Em - man - u - el, the prom - ised of ag - es.  
 he goes a - mong his peo - ple, cur - ing their ill - ness.  
 in all of Gal - i - lee was nev - er an - oth - er.  
 he took up - on him - self the sins of the na - tion.  
 and he will share with us his heav - en - ly vi - sion.

Text: Willard F. Jabusch  
 Music: Israeli traditional

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

“Now Thank We All Our God”

arr. Franklin D. Ashdown

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# WEEKLY SCHEDULE

## **Sunday, November 24 – CHRIST THE KING/STEWARDSHIP**

- Sunday School @9am in Sunday School/Youth Room
- Worship Service @10am: **27<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**
- Confirmation @11:30 in Fellowship Hall

## **Monday, November 25**

- Boy Scouts @ 7pm in Sunday School/Youth Room

## **Tuesday, November 26**

- Bible Study @12pm in Library – Hybrid
- Girls Scouts @5:30pm in Sunday School/Youth Room

## **Wednesday, November 27**

- Quilters Meet @ 9:30am

## **Thursday, November 28**

- OFFICE CLOSED – Happy Thanksgiving!

## **Friday, November 29**

- OFFICE CLOSED

## **Saturday, November 30**

- Christmas Tree Set up @9am

## **Sunday, December 1**

- Sunday School @9am in Sunday School/Youth Room
- Worship Service @10am: **First Sunday of Advent**



## FAITH VOLUNTEERS

### **November 24**

Greeter(s): Mike Eschelbach  
Reader: Ryan Thompson  
Lay Assistant: Ray Herek  
Ushers: John McCracken/Ken Milne  
Altar Care: Elaine Harrison  
S/S: Brenda Kopf/Megan Nyquist  
Coffee Hour: Addie Thompson/Jamie Royalty  
Counters: Jamie Royalty/Kathy Mace  
Acolyte: Owen Thompson

### **December 1**

Greeter(s): Ken & Ellen Milne  
Reader: John McCracken  
Lay Assistant: Brenda Kopf  
Ushers: Jon & Elaine Harrison  
Altar Care: Cecelia Kramer  
S/S: No Class/Thanksgiving Break  
Coffee Hour: Hereza Family  
Counters: Jack Dingledine/Harold Sollenberger  
Acolyte: Abigail Steinke

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## EVENTS

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Volunteers will meet on Saturday, November 30th, from 9am-11am to prepare the church for the Advent season. Many hands make light work! If you have any questions please contact Diane Hill.



## **POINSETTIA ORDERS**

Order forms can be found in the Narthex, or one can be emailed to you. Please contact Kalea at [faith@faithlutheranokemos.org](mailto:faith@faithlutheranokemos.org) for more information or return your order form to the church office no later than **Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**.



## **MEET & GREET**

The Call Committee has recommended Megan Floyd to serve as our Pastor at Faith Lutheran Church. **She will be preaching at Faith on December 8<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall and will be available afterwards for a meet and greet with the congregation.** There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex if you would like to help provide treats or snacks or help in the kitchen that day. See Tammy if you have any questions.

**A congregational meeting will be scheduled on Sunday, December 15, following the worship service, for a vote on whether to call Megan Floyd.** She comes to us with a wealth of experience; she has served as a children, youth and family minister for 13 years and is passionate about the Gospel and sharing God's all-inclusive love.

## **LanSING OUT CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

LanSINGout is a voluntary community chorus providing the opportunity for LGBTQ+ persons and their allies. See <https://www.lansingout.com>, for more information. The concert will be held on December 13, at 7:30pm.

## **FAITH NIGHT AT THE THEATRE**

Faith Night at the Williamston Theatre will be on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30. The play this year is "A Very Williamston Christmas". Adult ticket prices are \$41, and student prices are \$12. This is a 90-minute play without an intermission, so probably not suited for very young children. Please give your payment to Diane Hill **by December 1st**. You can either pay in cash or write a check to Williamston Theatre.