

faith

Worship, News & Notes

January 17, 2021

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to welcome and unite God's people to nurture faith through the Gospel, and provide opportunities and commitment to serve Christ through our Ministry within the congregation and the community.

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THANK YOU

Thank you to the many servants who have worked and volunteered to make this service possible.

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2nd Sunday After the Epiphany January 17, 2021
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Today's Readers 8:30 – Kathy VanGordon 11:00 – Nancy Lombardo

Psalm for the Day—Psalm 139:1-10

Prayer Request Cards

are available through the Elder as you enter the sanctuary

NOT ONLINE? NOT A PROBLEM!-Sunday Mornings an LCMS worship service is broadcast on the following channels. Check listings for exact times.

Comcast—channel 399 Direct TV—channel 37 Over-the-air Digital Channel—18.4

Communion Policy Statement

St. Paul writes, "**Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of this bread and drink of this cup.**" The Sacrament of Holy Communion is for those who have been instructed in the Christian faith and have a proper understanding of the meaning of Holy Communion as taught at Faith Lutheran, a member congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. We believe that in this Sacrament Jesus gives His real body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, and in receiving this gift we promise to love God and others. A great way to prepare for the Supper is by reviewing Martin Luther's "Christian Questions with Their Answers" on pp. 329ff in the hymnal. If you have not been instructed in this understanding of Holy Communion, please consult with the pastor before communing. **All children and adults who have not yet been instructed are welcome to come to the altar for a blessing, simply crossing their arms on their chest.** Gluten-free wafers and nonalcoholic wine are also available. Please contact an elder if you have further questions.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1–20

¹The young man Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. ³The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.

⁴Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down.

⁶And the LORD called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

⁸And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the young man. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears." ¹¹Then the LORD said to Samuel, "Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel at which the two ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. ¹²On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³And I declare to him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴Therefore I swear to the

house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever."

¹⁵Samuel lay until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." And he said, "Here I am." ¹⁷And Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." ¹⁸So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. And he said, "It is the LORD. Let him do what seems good to him."

¹⁹And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the LORD.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalms 139:1-10

P ¹O LORD, you have searched me and known me!

C ²**You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

P ³You search out my path and my lying down

C **and are acquainted with all my ways.**

P ⁴Even before a word is on my tongue,

C **behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.**

P ⁵You hem me in, behind and before,

C **and lay your hand upon me.**

P ⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;

C **it is high; I cannot attain it.**

P ⁷Where shall I go from your Spirit?

C **Or where shall I flee from your presence?**

P ⁸If I ascend to heaven, you are there!

C **If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!**

P ⁹If I take the wings of the morning

C **and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**

P ¹⁰even there your hand shall lead me,

C **and your right hand shall hold me.**

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12–20

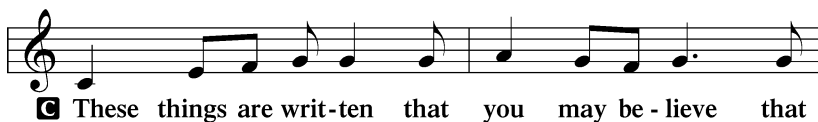
¹²"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. ¹³"Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food"—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two will become one flesh." ¹⁷But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel: John 1:43–51

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." ⁴⁹Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

**I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to
bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He
con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to
from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,
is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,
us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion
You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and
We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts
That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that
Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful
that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,
shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,
con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.
here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

Sermon

The offerings are collected at the entryway table as you come in

When we give to God, we are the primary beneficiaries.

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure,
pressed down, shaken together and running over,
will be poured into your lap.
For with the measure you use,
it will be measured to you" (Luke 6:38).

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Stand

Preface

LSB 208

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary... evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh.

We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210





You take the sin of the world a - way;
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

907 God Himself Is Present



1 God Him - self is pres - ent: Let us now a - dore Him
 2 God Him - self is pres - ent: Hear the harps re - sound - ing;
 3 Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Pu - ri - fy my spir - it,
 And with awe ap - pear be - fore Him. God is in His
 See the hosts the throne sur - round - ing. "Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 Trust-ing on - ly in Your mer - it. Like the ho - ly
 tem - ple; All with - in keep si - lence; Hum - bly kneel in
 ho - ly!" Hear the hymn as - cend - ing, Songs of saints and
 an - gels, Wor - ship - ing be - fore You, May I cease-less -
 deep - est rev - 'rence. He a - lone On His throne
 an - gels blend - ing. Bow Your ear To us here:
 ly a - dore You. Let Your will Ev - er still
 Is our God and Sav - ior; Praise His name for - ev - er!
 Hear, O Christ, the prais - es That Your Church now rais - es.
 Rule Your Church ter - res - trial As the hosts ce - les - tial.

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

LSB 212

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

644 The Church's One Foundation

sts. 1–4



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.

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Our Heartfelt Christian Sympathy to **Shawn Jones & family** at the passing of her friend, **Kelly Murley**, after her battle with cancer. May Kelly's family & friends find comfort in knowing Kelly is with her Lord in a beautiful heaven.

The 2021 Flower Calendar is up in the Narthex above the drinking fountain. If you would like to have flowers placed in the chancel area in celebration of an event or in memory of a loved one, please sign your name on the date of your choice. Please specify what you are celebrating or who you are remembering. Place a slash (/) next to your info if you only want one vase. The price of each vase is \$22.50. **Make sure to use the erasable marker provided. Thanks so much!**



Birthdays

17 Paula Robinson
18 June Parmeter
21 Martha Born
21 Teagan Smith

Anniversary

Mitch Gorkiewicz & Kat Schatz
1.23.2010



Men's B-n-B

Men's BnB - We will re-start our men's BnB meeting this month. ***Please plan to attend.*** It will be held **Saturday, January 23rd**. We will meet at the church at 11:00, have devotions, and then a meal.

Fathers and grandfathers alike, feel free to bring your sons or grandsons. Food will be provided, you need only to bring your favorite brew.

Note: We practice social distancing at the meetings and will have hand sanitizer available. We meet in the downstairs community room, lots of space for distancing.

Please email me at kabiller@comcast.net and share that you are attending so I can buy and prepare a proper amount of food. Thank you, Bill Erfourth

Card Case – The “NEW” Card Case is now open and ready for business. There are 40 cent cards for birthdays, get well, thinking of you, sympathy, baptism, confirmation, graduation and more. \$1.00 bundles have (10) assorted cards! The card case is located around the corner in the Community Room – come have a look!

Our Card Case



Is Now Open



The Noisy Offering will be collected next Sunday, January 24. Please bring your loose change and place it in the pans on the table as you enter or exit. These funds are given to Community Sharing to purchase food for those in need in our local community. Thank you so much!

The Newsletter Deadline is **next Sunday, January 24**. Thank you for getting your info to me by this date. -Linda ☺

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

Did you See?!!

Last Sunday, we changed altar colors from Christmas beige to white. Today, our colors are changed to green. Have you ever considered why?

This month we entered the season of Epiphany and it focuses on the events that identify Jesus to the world. For example, last Sunday we celebrated Jesus' baptism.

The baptism of Our Lord is a feast day of Jesus. The color is white, the color of divinity, purity, and joy. Now, the time after the Epiphany focuses on the increase of Jesus' ministry, and green is used to symbolize this growth by our ever-present Lord.

Another color change should take place in several weeks. Watch and see with what you might associate it.



Stephen Ministry

The hardest part of caregiving is listening. Thinking about your family, whether members of your household or extended or friends and acquaintances, everyone has issues they are dealing with.

These issues create feelings, some of which are hard to deal with. When people share their feelings with us our natural response is to tell them how they should deal with their feelings - what they should do or how we would manage the same feelings. This approach can be wrong, and in many cases should be avoided. This response invalidates their feelings, which they are entitled to. You can have empathy, but that can be mis-read as invalidation. Effective caregivers allow the hurting souls to express their feelings to the deepest extent necessary. This can be very hard to hear. Good questions that promote further expression of the hurt will be of great benefit to the care receiver even if there is the extended release of anger and heavy crying (by both of you). As you pray for the patience to listen and to be a good listener, pray also for Stephen Ministers across Metro Detroit that provide distinctively Christian Caring by listening. Pray also for our Stephen Ministers, the Faith Stephen Ministry Program and for those who are contemplating becoming a Stephen Minister.

During communion we do have available non-alcoholic Sacrament (white grape juice) in center of tray.
Large Print Services are available. Ask Elder on duty.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Sunday	Sunday School, Youth Bible Study, Confirmation & Adult Bible Study Board of Education Meeting	9:45am 12:00pm
Tuesday	AA AA & ALANON	12:00pm 8:00pm
Thursday	Boy Scouts Voters	6:45pm 7:00pm



Please Remember in Your Prayers—Larry & Connie House, Jean Donley, Lori Flores, Dolores Arndt, Steve Hargis & Doris Maxwell (lung cancer).

As well as our family, friends & neighbors—John Carlton, Ron Carr, Vic Quigley, Kevin & Amanda Burger, Cynthia Turner, Stephanie Edmonds, John Koke, Marvin Petsch, Madeline McGrath, Laurie Karaska, Tim Nolan, Rev. Rich Tino, Gregg Steigerwalt, Margie Erfourth, Doug Storts, Trevor Young, Bobby, Stephanie & Jackie.

We appreciate your patience as we all adapt to these new circumstances.

For the latest updates with regards to Faith Lutheran Church visit

<http://www.faithhighland.com/covid-19>

ON-LINE RESOURCES—Over the past few months we've been sharing online resources in the bulletin for you to use with your household while sheltering at home. Those resources remain available at **<http://www.faithhighland.com/athome>**

For livestreaming and recorded services visit

<https://www.faithhighland.com/home-worship> or subscribe to **[Faith's YouTube channel](#)**

	<u>Thru November</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Offerings	\$198,213.57	\$38,288.50	\$236,502.07
Expenses	\$224,045.46	\$20,453.16	\$244,498.62
Surplus/Deficit (-)	(-\$ 25,831.89)	(-\$17,835.34)	(-\$ 7,996.55)
Budgeted Offerings/Exps.	\$249,260.00	\$22,660.00	\$271,920.00
	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Last Sunday	\$ 4,087.00	\$ 5,230.00	(-\$ 1,143.00)
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