

faith

Worship, News & Notes

January 24, 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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3rd Sunday After the Epiphany

January 24, 2021

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Today's Readers 8:30 – Bill Erfourth 11:00 – Jim Steck

Psalm for the Day—Psalm

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.

Call to Worship - Announcements - Sharing of the Peace

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Kyrie



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

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, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; 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: Jonah 3:1–5, 10

¹Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, ²"Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you." ³So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. . . .

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalms 62

P ¹For God alone my soul waits in silence;

C from him comes my salvation.

P ²He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;

C I shall not be greatly shaken.

P ³How long will all of you attack a man to batter him,

C like a leaning wall, a tottering fence?

P ⁴They only plan to thrust him down from his high position. They take pleasure in falsehood.

C They bless with their mouths, but inwardly they curse.

P ⁵For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,

C **for my hope is from him.**

P ⁶He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;

C **I shall not be shaken.**

P ⁷On God rests my salvation and my glory;

C **my mighty rock, my refuge is God.**

P ⁸Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him;

C **God is a refuge for us.**

P ⁹Those of low estate are but a breath; those of high estate are a delusion;

C **in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.**

P ¹⁰Put no trust in extortion; set no vain hopes on robbery;

C **if riches increase, set not your heart on them.**

P ¹¹Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this:

C **that power belongs to God, ¹²and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love.**

P For you will render to a man

C **according to his work.**

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 7:29–31

²⁹This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



C These things are writ-ten that you may be-lieve that

Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

C Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Holy Gospel: Mark 1:14–20

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

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

¹⁴After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

¹⁶Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Apostles' Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.**

He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

Sit

839 O Christ, Our True and Only Light



1	O	Christ, our	true	and	on	-	ly	light,	En	-	light	-	en
2	Fill	with the	ra	-	dian	ce	of	Your	grace	The	souls	now	
3	O	gent	-	ly	call	those	gone	a	-	stray	That	they	may
4	Shine	on the	dark	-	ened	and	the	cold;	Re	-	call	the	
5	That	they	with	us	may	ev	-	er	-	more	Such	grace	with



those	who	sit	in	night;	Let	those	a	-	far	now
lost	in	er	-	ror's	maze;	En	-	light	-	en
find	the	sav	-	ing	way!	Let	ev	-	'ry	con
wan	-	d'ers	to	Your	fold.	U	-	nite	all	those
won	-	d'ring	thanks	a	-	dore	And	end	-	less
										praise
										to



hear	Your	voice	And	in	Your	fold	with	us	re	-	joice.
in	-	most	minds	Some	dark	de	-	lu	-	sion	haunts
sore	op	-	pressed	In	You	find	peace	and	heav'n	-	ly
walk	a	-	part;	Con	-	firm	the	weak	and	doubt	-
You	be	giv'n	By	all	Your	Church	in	earth	and	heav'n.	

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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

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

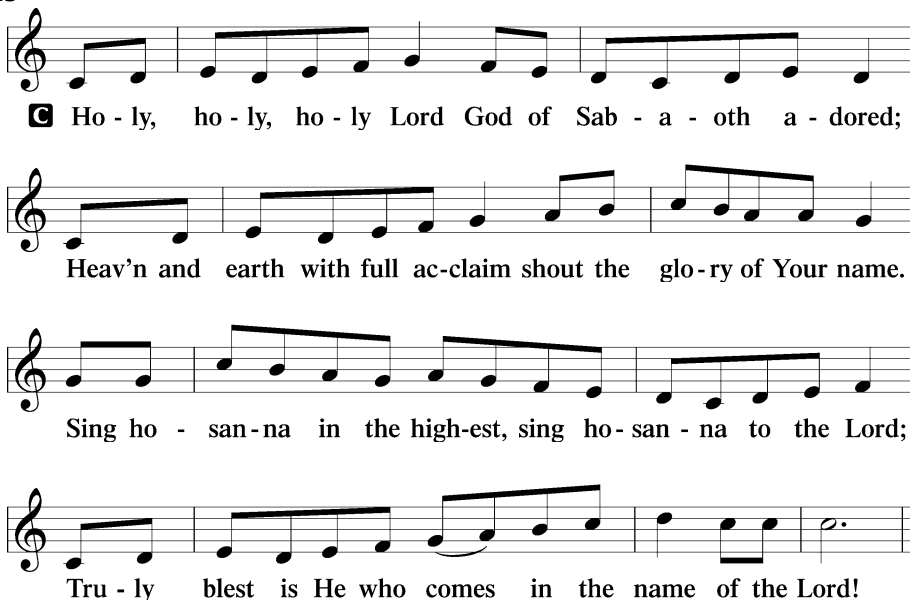
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

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 that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



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;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of 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

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true us, 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

750 If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee (Tune of 566)

- 1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee
And hope in Him through all thy ways,
He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee,
And bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
Builds on the rock that naught can move.
- 2 What can these anxious cares avail thee,
These never-ceasing moans and sighs?
What can it help if thou bewail thee
O'er each dark moment as it flies?
Our cross and trials do but press
The heavier for our bitterness.

- 3 Be patient and await His leisure
In cheerful hope, with heart content
To take whate'er thy Father's pleasure
And His discerning love hath sent,
Nor doubt our inmost wants are known
To Him who chose us for His own.
- 4 God knows full well when times of gladness
Shall be the needful thing for thee.
When He has tried thy soul with sadness
And from all guile has found thee free,
He comes to thee all unaware
And makes thee own His loving care.
- 5 Nor think amid the fiery trial
That God hath cast thee off unheard,
That he whose hopes meet no denial
Must surely be of God preferred.
Time passes and much change doth bring
And sets a bound to ev'rything.
- 6 All are alike before the Highest;
'Tis easy for our God, we know,
To raise thee up, though low thou liest,
To make the rich man poor and low.
True wonders still by Him are wrought
Who setteth up and brings to naught.
- 7 Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving,
Perform thy duties faithfully,
And trust His Word; though undeserving,
Thou yet shalt find it true for thee.
God never yet forsook in need
The soul that trusted Him indeed.

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Stand

Nunc Dimittis

C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry seen to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the be - Gen - tiles Un -
For as in lead the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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

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.

688 "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake (sts. 1, 3, 5)

1 "Come, fol - low Me," the Sav - ior spake, "All in My
3 "My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness, My soul with
5 Then let us fol - low Christ, our Lord, And take the
way a - bid - ing; De - ny your-selves, the world for-sake,
love is glow - ing; And gra - cious words My lips ex-press,
cross ap - point - ed And, firm - ly cling - ing to His Word,
O - bey My call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what-
With meek-ness o - ver - flow - ing. My heart, My mind, My
In suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the
e'er be - tide, Take My ex - am - ple for your guide.
strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.
bat - tle's strain The crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

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Our Heartfelt Christian Sympathy to Jon & Erin Rickle & family at the passing of Jon's father, **Duane**, on January 19. May you find comfort in knowing your church family is praying for you at this time.

The Noisy Offering will be collected **TODAY**. Please place your loose change 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 TODAY, January 24. Thank you for getting your info to me by this date. -Linda ☺

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

24 Pam Friend	27 Jim Scrivo
24 Kaitlyn Russell	28 Megan Ennis
26 Laura Hornbacher	30 Kendall Lavelle
27 Aristide Gardette	30 Julia Russell



Our Card Case



Is Now Open

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!

Stephen Ministry

How do you listen – for detail or for concept? A CPA, a lawyer or a journalist may be more inclined to listen for detail, to get the facts right. For concept, an Architect or a merchant gathers ideas while listening that may help in problem solving. A



conversationalist is thinking about ways to respond or to further the discussion. Hurting people expressing feelings will be best ministered to by neither, but by someone who is skilled at both methods. Knowing how you tend to listen can help you to consider ways to use the other method as much or perhaps more often. Detail listeners need to ask questions that will uncover why a situation exists. Concept listeners do well to avoid focusing on how to solve a problem or to develop responses while the care receiver is still talking. Good care giving patiently allows the discussion to evolve toward positive conclusions.

Hurting people need to express their feelings. They need a good listener to hear and understand the pain. An effective caregiver practices both listening methods to hear the detail in the care receiver's expressions while looking for ways to advance the conversation and help the care receiver verbalize their feelings. As you pray for the Holy Spirit to strengthen your listening skills, pray also for Stephen Ministers who always try to use these skills, for our Stephen Ministry Program at Faith and for those who are contemplating becoming a Stephen Minister.



HELP WANTED: During our COVID mandated quarantine many people have been searching for ways to help others. Faith Family and Community Outreach Committee exists for just this purpose. While many of our activities have been curtailed, we are excited to have a few items planned in the coming months which will give you an opportunity to serve our community.

Anyone who is interested in being a part of planning these events or finding ways to help serve our congregation and our community is encouraged to attend our next meeting which is being held on **Saturday, Feb 13th at 8:30 AM**. Please give prayerful consideration to this opportunity to serve God's kingdom here at Faith.

COMMUNITY SHARING FOOD DRIVE - Faith Lutheran Church is sponsoring a "Macaroni & Cheese Drive" to benefit Community Sharing. Join us in collecting this yummy treat for warding off the winter chill. All brands and varieties will be greatly appreciated. **Collections will continue until February 14th, 2021.** Donations can be dropped off at church during normal business hours or during Sunday worship.



**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 Newsletter Deadline Today	9:45am
Tuesday	AA AA & ALANON	12:00pm 8:00pm
Thursday	Boy Scouts	6:45pm



Please Remember in Your Prayers—Larry & Connie House, Jean Donley, Lori Flores, Dolores Arndt, Steve Hargis, Doris Maxwell (lung cancer), Vince Rhodes (leukemia) & Mike Genson (back surgery).

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, Mike Kramb (cancer), Pam Jaeger (sister-in-law of Dan & Linda Brown – surgery), 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	\$ 2,422.00	\$ 5,230.00	(-\$ 2,808.00)

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