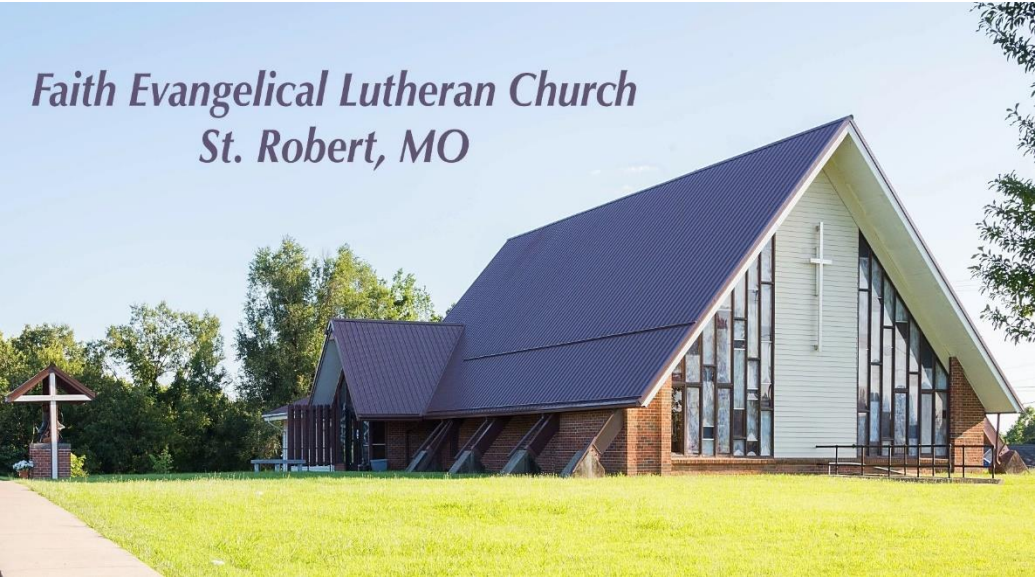
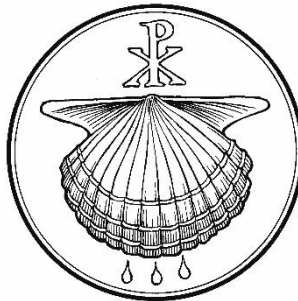


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## § A Heartfelt Welcome To Our Guests §

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church (FELC). We're pleased you've come to receive the blessings our Lord gives in the Divine Service. Please help us get to know you and record your attendance by signing the red record of fellowship book as it is passed down the pew and/or the guest book in the narthex. Most Sundays we host refreshments after the service. Please join us downstairs in the Parish Fellowship. This is a great way to get to know the members of the family of FELC.

### *Holy Communion Announcement*

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Faith in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sin. In joyful obedience to the clear teaching of our Lord Jesus those are invited to His table who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. They show forth His death until He comes. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and so are unable to receive the Sacrament are invited to meditate on God's Word in the distribution hymns and pray for the day when divisions will have ceased.

***How Can We Help You?*** We want your visit to be a blessing to you and strive to be as user friendly as possible. Our pastor is also available for pastoral care whether you're here for a week, months, years, or permanently. Faith is a member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

### Those Serving January 7<sup>th</sup> at Faith

<b>Organist</b>	Heidi Perling
<b>Acolyte</b>	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Lee Phinney
<b>Ushers</b>	Michelle Jones, Robert Bee, Dave Matthews, Fred Brady

<b>Asst. Minister</b>	
<b>Greeters</b>	
<b>Refreshments</b>	
<b>Sermon Title</b>	Baptism: Dying and Rising

*The order of service for today begins on page 184 of the Lutheran Service Book.*

## Confession and Absolution

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

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*The Congregation reflects silently on God's Word using the Ten Commandments to examine specific sins committed in thought, word, and deed.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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

## 578 Thy Strong Word



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy  
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as  
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with  
 4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed  
 night and deep as death, Broke the light of  
 Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we  
 forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.  
 Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.  
 press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.  
 ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to



Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,  
 Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,  
 Throats that shout the hope that fills us,  
 Mouths to speak Thy holy name.  
 Alleluia, alleluia!  
 May the light which Thou dost send  
 Fill our songs with alleluias,  
 Alleluias without end!



6 God the Father, light-creator,  
 To Thee laud and honor be.  
 To Thee, Light of Light begotten,  
 Praise be sung eternally.  
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
 Glory, glory be to Thee.  
 Mortals, angels, now and ever  
 Praise the holy Trinity!

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### Kyrie

*Mark 10:47*

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

### Gloria in Excelsis

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray. Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.



<sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the | forests bare,\*  
and in his temple all cry, | “Glory!”

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD sits enthroned o- | ver the flood;\***  
**the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | ever.**

<sup>11</sup>**May the LORD give strength to his | people!\***  
**May the LORD bless his people | with peace!**

*Antiphon* The voice of the LORD is over the | waters; \*  
the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many | waters.

## Epistle

*Romans 6:1–11*

**A** The Epistle is from Romans, chapter 6.

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please rise.*

## Alleluia and Verse

*Mark 1:11b*



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

**P** You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.



## Holy Gospel

Mark 1:4–11

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



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>4</sup>John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, 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.**

*Please be seated.*

**407 To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord**



1 To Jor - dan came the Christ, our Lord, To do His Fa - ther's  
 2 O hear and mark the mes - sage well, For God Him - self has  
 3 These truths on Jor - dan's banks were shown By might - y word and  
 4 There stood the Son of God in love, His grace to us ex -



plea - sure; Bap - tized by John, the Fa - ther's Word  
 spo - ken. Let faith, not doubt, a - mong us dwell  
 won - der. The Fa - ther's voice from heav'n came down,  
 tend - ing; The Ho - ly Spir - it like a dove



Was giv - en us to trea - sure. This heav'n - ly wash - ing  
 And so re - ceive this to - ken. Our Lord here with His  
 Which we do well to pon - der: "This man is My be -  
 Up - on the scene de - scend - ing; The tri - une God as -



now shall be A cleans - ing from trans - gres - sion  
 Word en - dows Pure wa - ter, free - ly flow - ing.  
 lov - ed Son, In whom My heart has plea - sure.  
 sur - ing us, With prom - is - es com - pel - ling,



And by His blood and ag - o - ny Re - lease from death's op -  
 God's Ho - ly Spir - it here a - vows Our kin - ship while be -  
 Him you must hear, and Him a - lone, And trust in full - est  
 That in our Bap - tism He will thus A - mong us find a



pres - sion. A new life now a - waits us.  
 stow - ing The Bap - tism of His bless - ing.  
 mea - sure The word that He has spo - ken."  
 dwell - ing To com - fort and sus - tain us.

5 To His disciples spoke the Lord,  
 "Go out to ev'ry nation,  
 And bring to them the living Word  
 And this My invitation:  
 Let ev'ryone abandon sin  
 And come in true contrition  
 To be baptized and thereby win  
 Full pardon and remission  
 And heav'nly bliss inherit."

6 But woe to those who cast aside  
 This grace so freely given;  
 They shall in sin and shame abide  
 And to despair be driven.  
 For born in sin, their works must fail,  
 Their striving saves them never;  
 Their pious acts do not avail,  
 And they are lost forever,  
 Eternal death their portion.

7 All that the mortal eye beholds  
 Is water as we pour it.  
 Before the eye of faith unfolds  
 The pow'r of Jesus' merit.  
 For here it sees the crimson flood  
 To all our ills bring healing;  
 The wonders of His precious blood  
 The love of God revealing,  
 Assuring His own pardon.

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## Sermon

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C** Amen.

*Please rise.*

## Offertory

Psalm 51:10–12



**C** Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

*Please be seated.*

## Offering



# Reception of Members by Profession of Faith

- P** Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: “Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.” Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.
- P** Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?
- R** *Yes, I do.*
- P** Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?
- R** *Yes, I renounce them.*
- P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit?
- R** *Yes, I believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

**P** Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God and the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from them and confessed in the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

**R** *I do.*

**P** Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

**R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

**P** Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

**R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

**P** Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

**R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

**P** Do you desire to become a member of this congregation?

**R** *I do.*

**P** Will you support the work our gracious Lord has given this congregation with your prayers and the gifts God has given you?

**R** *I will, with the help of God.*

**P** Upon this your confession of faith, I acknowledge publicly that you are a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and of this congregation. Receive the Lord's Supper and participate with us in all the blessings of salvation that our Lord has given to His Church, in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

*Please rise.*

**P** Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing this Your daughter to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling her both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that by Your Word and Spirit she may continue steadfast in the one true faith in the fellowship of this congregation as together we await the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*The pastor may extend the right hand of fellowship, greeting each by name. The rite concludes with the following blessing:*

**P** The grace of our † Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**C** **Amen.**

## Prayer of the Church

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**A** In thanksgiving for the revelation of Jesus Christ in His wondrous Epiphany in the Jordan, and for the revelation of God's name and blessing to us in Holy Baptism, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**A** Heavenly Father, receive our heartfelt thanks for Graham Boorum, Benjamin Gronewold, Eden Pauls, Clark Strange, and twins born to the Cleeton family and the Isaac Family, a gift of Your grace and love for us in Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your holy angels to shield them from all dangers of body and soul. Preserve any waiting for baptism according to Your good pleasure until that day when they are brought to the waters of Holy Baptism to receive the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For all the baptized children of God, that we may daily die to sin and rise to newness of life, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For all who proclaim Jesus Christ, that through their godly message, many would repent of their sins and join Him in His heavenly kingdom, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For the boldness and purity of John the Baptist, that we would live with eyes fixed on our heavenly inheritance, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For the rulers of the nations, that they would submit to the preaching of God's Word and acknowledge Jesus as the Christ and true King, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For the sick, depressed, tired, confused and those in any need, especially those listed in our bulletin, that they would know God's comfort; and for all expectant mothers and their children, that they may have a safe delivery and be brought also to the life-giving waters of Holy Baptism, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For all who have received Holy Baptism, that they would treasure this heavenly gift and so receive the body and blood of Christ for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**A** In thanksgiving for those who went before us, who passed the faith on to us and who now rest in Christ from all their labors, that since we have died with Christ in Baptism, we may be raised with Him also, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** In joyful expectation of the resurrection to life eternal, we remember before the Lord our departed family and friends who have gone before us in faith and all those who are in our hearts and minds this day.

*The names of those who are to be remembered may be read. A bell may be tolled following the reading of each name. The following prayer is then spoken.*

†Dex Boorum

†Clark Mullins

†Allan Brown

†Steven Munsie

†Karen Garber

†Velda Myers

†Sharon Greene

†Renate Phillips

†Herb Houser

†Gisela Sundell

†Marian Kubinski

†Donna Wogan

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, we remember with thanksgiving those who loved and served You in Your Church on earth and who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joy of Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Almighty Father, as Your Holy Spirit hovered over the face of the deep, You uttered Your Word and the world was created. In the waters of Holy Baptism, You have spoken our names and declared us righteous. You have drawn us to Jesus, the light of life, and saved us. Let His light now shine through us, that others may see our good works and give glory to You; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*

**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

**C** It is meet and right so to do.

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for at His Baptism Your voice from heaven revealed Him as Your beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him, confirming Him to be the Christ. 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

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,  
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.





Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

### Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9-13*

- C** 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

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24;  
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### Pax Domini



- P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways. **C** A - men.

### Agnus Dei



- C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the  
world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

*Please be seated.*

## Distribution

### Communing at Faith

*Please see our Communion Statement on page 2.*

### 402 The Only Son from Heaven

1 The on - ly Son from heav - en, Fore - told by an - cient seers,  
2 O time of God ap - point - ed, O bright and ho - ly morn!  
3 O Lord, our hearts a - wak - en To know and love You more,  
△ 4 O Fa - ther, here be - fore You With God the Ho - ly Ghost

By God the Fa - ther giv - en, In hu - man form ap - pears.  
He comes, the king a - noint - ed, The Christ, the vir - gin - born,  
In faith to stand un - shak - en, In spir - it to a - dore,  
And Je - sus, we a - dore You, O pride of an - gel host:

No sphere His light con - fin - ing, No star so bright - ly  
Grim death to van - quish for us, To o - pen heav'n be -  
That we, through this world mov - ing, Each glimpse of heav - en  
Be - fore You mor - tals low - ly Cry, "Ho - ly, ho - ly,

shin - ing As He, our Morn - ing Star.  
fore us And bring us life a - gain.  
prov - ing, May reap its full - ness there.  
ho - ly, O bless - ed Trin - i - ty!"

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## 404 Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered

1 Je - sus, once with sin - ners num - bered, Had no blem - ish  
 2 John con - fessed Him as the Sav - ior— “Look, the sin - less  
 3 This the bap - tism that our Sav - ior Great - ly longed to  
 4 Je - sus, once with sin - ners num - bered, Full o - be - dience

of His own; In the wa - ters of the Jor - dan  
 Lamb of God!” Yet he dared not loose the san - dals  
 un - der - go; This the crim - son cleans - ing need - ed  
 was Your path; You, by death, have con - se - crat - ed

His true worth and work were shown: Heav - en o - pened  
 Of the One God’s love had shod. Oh, how fair the  
 So the world God’s love might know; This the mis - sion  
 Wa - ter in this sav - ing bath: Dy - ing to the

and the Spir - it There de - scend - ed like a  
 feet of Je - sus, Bring - ing news of peace to  
 of Mes - si - ah, As He stepped from Jor - dan’s  
 sin of Ad - am, Ris - ing to a life of

dove, As the Fa - ther’s voice re - sound - ed,  
 us, Christ, the her - ald of sal - va - tion,  
 stream, He, the cho - sen and a - noint - ed  
 grace; We are count - ed with the righ - teous,

“Hear My Son, the One I love.”  
 Preach - ing mer - cy from the cross:  
 Son of God, sent to re - deem.  
 O - ver us the cross You trace.

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## 594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It



1 God's own child, I gladly say it: I am bap-tized  
 2 Sin, dis-turb my soul no long-er: I am bap-tized  
 3 Sa-tan, hear this proc-la-ma-tion: I am bap-tized  
 4 Death, you can-not end my glad-ness: I am bap-tized  
 5 There is noth-ing worth com-par-ing To this life-long



in-to Christ! He, be-cause I could not pay it,  
 in-to Christ! I have com-fort e-ven strong-er:  
 in-to Christ! Drop your ug-ly ac-cu-sa-tion,  
 in-to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad-ness  
 com-fort sure! O-pen-eyed my grave is star-ing:



Gave my full re-demp-tion price. Do I need earth's  
 Je-sus' cleans-ing sac-ri-fice. Should a guilt-y  
 I am not so soon en-ticed. Now that to the  
 To in-her-it par-a-dise! Though I lie in  
 E-ven there I'll sleep se-cre. Though my flesh a-



trea-sures man-y? I have one worth  
 con-science seize me Since my Bap-tism  
 font I've trav-eled, All your might has  
 dust and ash-es Faith's as-sur-ance  
 waits its rais-ing, Still my soul con-



more than an-y That brought me sal-  
 did re-lease me In a dear for-  
 come un-rav-eled, And, a-gainst your  
 bright-ly flash-es: Bap-tism has the  
 tin-ues prais-ing: I am bap-tized



va-tion free Last-ing to e-ter-ni-ty!  
 giv-ing flood, Sprin-king me with Je-sus' blood?  
 tyr-an-ny, God, my Lord, u-nites with me!  
 strength di-vine To make life im-mor-tal mine.  
 in-to Christ; I'm a child of par-a-dise!

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body  
 and soul to life everlasting. Depart  $\dagger$  in peace.

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**C** Amen.

*Please rise.*

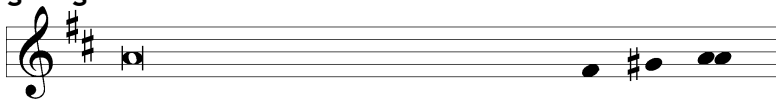
**Nunc Dimittis**

*Luke 2:29–32*

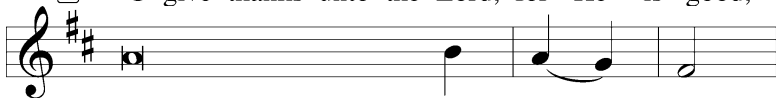
**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving

*Psalm 107:1*



**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**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** A - men.

## Salutation

*2 Timothy 4:22*



**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

*Psalm 103:1*



**A** Bless we the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

*Numbers 6:24–26*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

# 604 I Bind unto Myself Today



1 I bind un - to my - self to - day The  
 2 I bind this day to me for - ev - er, By  
 3 I bind un - to my - self to - day The  
 4 A - gainst the de - mon snares of sin, The  
 5 I bind un - to my - self the name, The



strong name of the Trin - i - ty By  
 pow'r of faith, Christ's in - car - na - tion, His  
 pow'r of God to hold and lead, His  
 vice that gives temp - ta - tion force, The  
 strong name of the Trin - i - ty By



in - vo - ca - tion of the same, The  
 Bap - tism in the Jor - dan Riv - er, His  
 eye to watch, His might to stay, His  
 nat - ural lusts that war with - in, The  
 in - vo - ca - tion of the same, The

*Repeat after st. 1 only.*



Three in One and One in Three.  
 cross of death for my sal - va - tion,  
 ear to hear - ken to my need,  
 hos - tile foes that mar my course;  
 Three in One and One in Three,

*Stanzas 2-5 continue on the next page*

(2) His burst - ing from the spic - ed tomb, His  
 (3) The wis - dom of my God to teach, His  
 (4) Or few or man - y, far or nigh, In  
 (5) Of whom all na - ture has cre - a - tion, E -

rid - ing up the heav'n - ly way, His  
 hand to guide, His shield to ward, The  
 ev - 'ry place and in all hours, A -  
 ter - nal Fa - ther, Spir - it, Word. Praise

com - ing at the day of doom,  
 Word of God to give me speech,  
 gainst their fierce hos - til - i - ty,  
 to the Lord of my sal - va - tion;

I bind un - to my - self to - day.  
 His heav'n - ly host to be my guard.  
 I bind to me those ho - ly pow'rs.  
 Sal - va - tion is of Christ the Lord!

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**FELC ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK IN PERSON AND THROUGH ZOOM**

Sunday	9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Christian Education - Sunday School / The Revelation Divine Service
Monday	10AM-2PM 3:30 PM	Piece Makers @ Schumacher's House Zoom Bible Study
Tuesday	9AM-2PM	Pastor's Conference @ Salem
Wednesday	9AM-11AM 12:00 PM 1:00 PM 6:00 PM	MOPS Hebrew Widow's Lunch @ The Hub Paint with Martha
Thursday	9:00 AM	Ezra and Nehemiah
Friday	12:00 PM	Greek
Saturday	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Men's Club Prayer Breakfast Elder's Meeting Fun & Fellowship @ Boat Town Brewing, Lebanon
Sunday	9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Christian Education - Sunday School / The Revelation Divine Service

**JOIN MARTHA STRONG FOR A PAINT CLASS** in the Fellowship Hall on January 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. You will be painting this beautiful winter chapel scene. Cost for the class is \$20 which covers all your supplies and snacks. Please let Martha know if you plan to attend.



**YOUTH RALLY** If you are planning on attending the Youth Rally on April 5-7 at Crosse Pointe Retreat Center, Rocky Mount, please let LuAnn Clark know by Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>.

**THE BIRTHDAY LUNCH** will be at Ichiban's on January 18<sup>th</sup>. They prefer reservations of at least 25 people so please let LuAnn Clark know if you will be attending so she can make the proper arrangements.

**THE BIRTHDAY POTLUCK** will be Jan 21<sup>st</sup> after worship. Please bring a dish to pass and share in celebrating the birthdays for the upcoming year!

**CHILI COOK OFF** The Stewardship Board is hosting the annual Chili Cook-Off on January 28<sup>th</sup> following the worship service. Sign up to bring a pot of your best chili! We will accept 10 recipes to allow for enough time for tasting & room on the plates. Sign up as an individual or team up with someone and combine your culinary skills!

Bring your dollar bills (or \$5s or \$10s) 😊 and let's see who can get the most votes! All chili cook-off proceeds will be donated to the Board of Education's Scholarship Fund.

The proceeds from the Silent Auction will go toward scholarships for our two Saint Paul's Lutheran High School students, Eden and Finlay.

The church will furnish the drinks & desserts. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Requesting Prayers

### Pray for Our Servicemen and Missionaries we support

†Devin Houser†Franklin LaLonde†Chris MacMurray†Jacob Gan†Anthony Isaac  
†Laramie Yancey †Geoff Gronewold†  
†Nathaniel & Emma Jensen (Kaiserslauten)†  
†Michael Parris (China) †Rev. Dr. David Preus & family (Romania)

#### Current Events

†Pray that we and the nations  
put away false gods, but know,  
trust, love, and follow Jesus  
†Natural disasters recovery  
†Prayers for Peace and Justice  
†Prayer for Nation's Leaders  
and illness; prayer for the Lord  
to do His will through local,  
state, and national elections  
†Health Workers  
†Educators & Students  
†All new military visitors and  
families

#### Thanksgivings

†Ethyn & Hanna Boorum –  
Graham Alexander born July 22  
†Dylan & Angie Cleeton –  
twins born in March  
†Geoff & Brittany Gronewold  
– Benjamin born Aug 17  
†Anthony & Nicki Isaac –  
Twins born in April  
†Nathan & Rebekah Pauls –  
Eden born May 15  
†Samantha  
†Shelby  
†Colin & Christine Strange –  
Clark born August 1  
†Free Women's Center

#### COVID-19 Thanksgivings

†Thankfulness for Vaccine

#### Immediate Needs

†Kenneth Drees  
†Marcia Euren  
†George Garber  
†Peggy Gregor  
†Mary Jones  
†Judy Keeth  
†Dawn Kubinski  
†Tim Matthews  
†JD Mattison  
†Ingrid Ozee  
†Karl Sutterfield  
†Richard Teague  
†Roberta Thornsberry  
†Jami Turner  
†Chaya Velasquez  
†Dave Wainio  
†Timothy Wolf  
**Long Term Needs**  
†Kristine  
†Sheri  
†Ann Marie Boerner (Capps)  
†The Boettger Family  
†Barb BonGiovanni  
†Dan Boorum  
†Ray Crosby  
†Madison Ford  
†Duane Green  
†Finnigan Heine  
†Mary Jones  
†Liz Joyce  
†Marge Kohl  
†Irene Leitgeb

†Marie Matthews  
†Ken Merrill  
†Sydney Merrill  
†Jenny Miessler  
†Marion Munson  
†Judy Neff  
†Lili Osorio  
†Dwayne Richard  
†Susan Rostad  
†Helen Rostad  
†Melvin Rust  
†Pastor Ben Schumacher  
†Ben Paul Schumacher  
†Mary Smith  
†Donna Thomas  
†Becky Vogel  
†Ron Weaver  
†Jerome Welliver  
†Lisa Weinhold  
**Comfort Facing Death**  
†The Family of Allan Brown  
†The Family of Karen Garber  
†The Family of Sharon Greene  
†The Family of Herb Houser  
†The Family of Marian Kubinski  
†The Family of Clark Mullins  
†The Family of Steven Munsie  
†The Family of Velda Myers  
†The Family of Renate Phillips  
†The Family of Gisela Sundell  
†The Family of Donna Wogan