



## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

**January 19, 2025**

**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**

The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of God’s glory to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan’s banks at Jesus’ baptism—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God’s people as those being married rejoice over one another. By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.

## **PRELUDE**

“The Heavens Declare the Glory of God”      Marcello, arr. Martha Lynn Thompson  
Faith Bells

## **VERSE OF THE DAY**

[Read in Unison]

**Let the words of our mouths and the thoughts of our hearts be pleasing to you,  
God, our rock and our redeemer.**

Psalm 19:14 Common English Bible

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
our creator,  
our protector,  
our wellspring of life.

**Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**you speak blessing and compassion into the world.**

**Forgive us for the ways we act  
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.**

**We ignore the needs of our neighbors;  
we resist your call to oppose injustice;  
we give in to scarcity and fear;  
we assume the worst about one another.**

**Cleanse us from our faults  
and release us from their grasp.**

**Show us your loving kindness.**

**Restore our hearts and repair your world,  
that we may live in Christ's ways.**

**Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name. You are mine.”

In ✝ Christ, you are forgiven.


In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy,  
live anew as beloved children of God.

**Amen.**

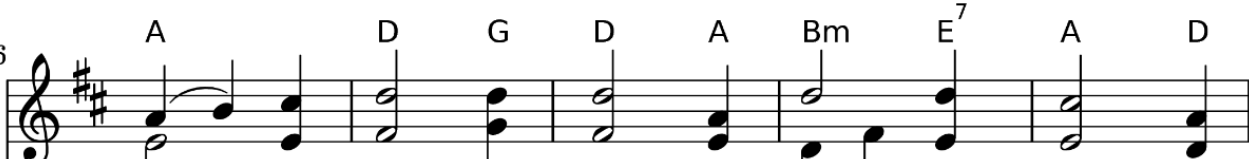
## GATHERING SONG – WHAT STAR IS THIS

D Bm A D G D A D G D



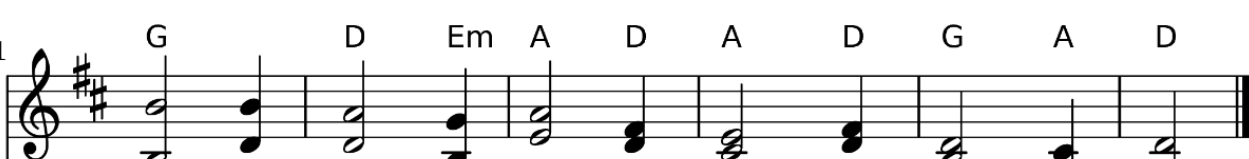
1 What star is this, with beams so bright, more love - ly  
 2 'Tis now ful - filled what God de - creed, "From Ja - cob  
 3 While out - ward signs the star dis - plays, an in - ward  
 4 O Je - sus, while the star of grace im - pels us

A D G D A Bm E<sup>7</sup> A D



6 than the noon - day light? 'Tis sent to an - nounce a  
 shall a star pro - ceed;" and lo! the east - ern  
 light the Lord con - veys and urg - es them, with  
 on to seek your face, let not our sloth - ful

G D Em A D A D G A D



11 new - born king, glad ti - dings of our God to bring.  
 sa - ges stand to read in heaven the Lord's com - mand.  
 ten - der might, to seek the giv - er of the light.  
 hearts re - fuse the guid - ance of your light to use.

(alternate harmonization, 254)

Glory to God 152

TEXT: Charles Coffin, 1736; trans. John Chandler, 1837, alt.

MUSIC (PUER NOBIS NASCITUR, LM): Trier ms., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1609; harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward, 1910

## 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

♩ = 112



1. Lord, the light of Your love is shin - ing,  
 2. Lord, I come to Your awe - some pres - ence,  
 3. As we gaze on Your king - ly bright - ness,



in the midst of the dark - ness, shin - ing;  
 from the shad - ows in - to Your rad - i - ance;  
 so our fac - es dis - play Your like - ness;



Je - sus, Light of the world, shine up - on us, set us free by the  
 By the blood I may en - ter Your bright - ness, search me, try me, con -  
 Ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry, mir - rored here may our



truth You now bring us. Shine on me, shine on me.  
 some all my dark - ness. Shine on me, shine on me.  
 lives tell Your sto - ry. Shine on me, shine on me.

**(SONG CONTINUES ON NEXT PAGE)**

13 A E/A A D A Bm Bm/A Esus E  
Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;

17 A E/A A D A Bm Bm/A G Esus E  
Blaze Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

21 A E/A A D A Bm Bm/A  
Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with

24 Esus E A E/A A D A  
grace and mer - cy; Send forth Your word, Lord, and

27 Bm E7 A D/A E/A D/A *Last time*  
let there be light.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **FIRST READING ISAIAH 62:1-5**

*The people's return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices over the bride, and the people are called to the celebration.*

- <sup>1</sup> For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.
- <sup>2</sup> The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
- <sup>3</sup> You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
- <sup>4</sup> You shall no more be termed Forsaken,  
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;  
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,  
and your land Married;  
for the LORD delights in you,  
and your land shall be married.
- <sup>5</sup> For as a young man marries a young woman,  
so shall your builder marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
so shall your God rejoice over you.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 36:5-10**

*We feast upon the abundance of your house, O LORD. (Ps. 36:8)*

<sup>5</sup> Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens,  
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

<sup>6</sup> **Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep;**

**you save humankind and animals, O LORD.**

<sup>7</sup> How priceless is your love, O God!

All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

<sup>8</sup> **They feast upon the abundance of your house;  
you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

<sup>9</sup> For with you is the well of life,  
and in your light we see light.

<sup>10</sup> **Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you,  
and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

## **SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-11**

*The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing their spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust that God's Holy Spirit has gifted them all perfectly for their mission together.*

<sup>1</sup> Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup> You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. <sup>3</sup> Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

**Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.**



## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.  
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.  
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### GOSPEL: JOHN 2:1-11

*Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative power and joyful presence into the world.*

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

<sup>1</sup> On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup> When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." <sup>6</sup> Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. <sup>9</sup> When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup> and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." <sup>11</sup> Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

# SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY – SONGS OF THANKFULNESS & PRAISE (ELW 310)



- 1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
- 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;
- 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint - ing soul;
- 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,  
and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;  
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;  
grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:  
that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,  
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.  
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,  
and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

## CREED

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father [and the Son],  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

In your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people. **Amen.**

## PEACE

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

## OFFERING

“Good and Simple Gifts”

Natalie Sleeth

Chancel Choir

## OFFERING PRAYER

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,  
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.

Bless what we offer to your service:  
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.

Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,  
now and always.

**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,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;  
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;  
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho-  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us,  
full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.

We look with hope for his coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us. Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people.

Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate,  
Power of the Most High, one God, 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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

The joy of the Lord is our strength.

Come, eat this meal of gladness.

## **COMMUNION**

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

# COMMUNION SONG – THY WORD (W&P 144)

*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

1 When I feel a-fraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right be -

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

side me, and noth-ing will I fear as long as you are near.

B $\flat$  C Dm D A/C# Csus C<sup>7</sup> *Refrain*

Please be near me to the end.

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# Csus C<sup>7</sup> *Refrain*

I will love you to the end.



## **INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC**

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

arr. Aaron D. Miller

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

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Nourishing God,  
at this table you have refreshed us  
with holy gifts of food and drink.  
Strengthen us for service,  
and send us out to embody your good news  
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.  
In the name of Christ we pray,  
**Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

The Spirit of the triune God  
✝ bless you with joy,  
anoint you with compassion,  
and send you in love.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG – THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE (ELW 677)



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
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ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,



let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope.

Thanks be to God.

### POSTLUDE

“Prelude and Fugue in F Major”

J. S. Bach

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**You are welcome to remain in the sanctuary to enjoy the postlude or you may leave during the music. All are welcome in Narthex for coffee & conversation after the service.**

## FLC SCHEDULE

### Sunday, January 19

- No Sunday School
- Worship Service @ 10:00 am: **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

### Monday, January 20

- Boy Scouts @7pm in Fellowship Hall
- Council Meeting @7pm in Library

### Tuesday, January 21

- Bible Study @12pm in Library – Hybrid
- Girl Scouts Meeting @5:30pm in Old Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, January 22

- Quilters Meet @ 9:30 am
- Faith Bells rehearsal @ 6:30pm
- Chancel Choir rehearsal @ 7:30pm

### Thursday, January 23

- Pantry Meeting @6:30pm in Library

### Friday, January 24

- Youth Game Night @7pm in Sunday School/Youth Room

### Sunday, January 26

- Sunday School @9am in Sunday School/Youth Room
- Worship Service @ 10:00 am: **RIC SUNDAY**
- Annual Congregational Meeting following service

## FAITH VOLUNTEERS

### January 19

Greeter(s): Ken & Ellen Milne  
Reader: John McCracken  
Lay Assistant: Ray Herek  
Ushers: Doug & Linda Hirt  
Altar Care: Diane Hill  
Sunday School: No Class  
Coffee Hour: Sanford Family  
Counters: Kay Hillberg/Kathy Mace  
Acolyte: Marilyn Hartwick

### January 26

Greeter(s): John & Ramona Backman  
Reader: Warren Heilman  
Lay Assistant: Rich Weingartner  
Ushers: John McCracken/Ken Milne  
Altar Care: Diane Hill  
Sunday School: Heidi Bowers  
Coffee Hour: RIC Sunday  
Counters: Jack Dingedine/Randy Royalty  
Acolyte: Andrew Herek

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONTRIBUTION REPORTS

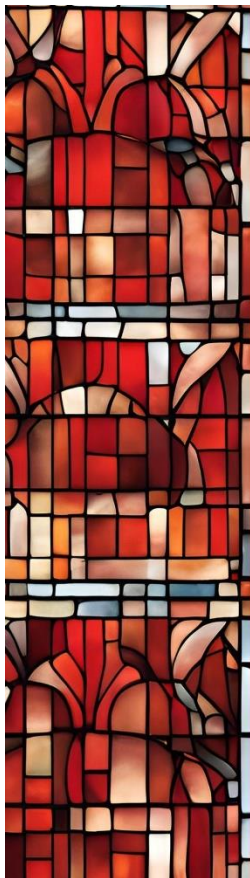
2024 Contribution Reports are available for pickup and are in your mailbox. If you are unsure if you have a mailbox or not, new ones were recently added. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Jon Harrison or the office.

### YOUTH GAME NIGHT

Leave your phones and portable electronic devices at home! A Youth Game Night will be held on **Friday, January 24 from 7 to 10 pm**, in the old fellowship hall. **ALL youth are welcome!!** Ping pong, air hockey, and foosball are available. You can also bring playing cards and your favorite board game! Popcorn, beverages and other snacks will be provided.

### WELCOME POTLUCK

Membership Development will be hosting a Welcome Potluck for Pastor Megan on her first day at Faith, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> following the service. The committee will be providing the main meal (various pasta dishes) and we are asking for anyone attending to bring either a salad, garlic bread, dinner rolls or a dessert. A signup sheet is in the narthex.



You are invited to  
**the ordination of**  
*Megan Floyd*



**Saturday, February 1st, 2025 at 2:00 PM**

**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**

1747 W Milham Ave, Portage, MI 49024

A taco bar and dessert reception will follow

*The color of the day is red*

Please RSVP to Megan if you plan to attend, either through the Facebook event, or by emailing [pastormegcfloyd@gmail.com](mailto:pastormegcfloyd@gmail.com)