

# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY JANUARY 18, 2026 10:00 AM

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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.

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*For safety reasons, please do not allow your children to wander unsupervised past the coat racks or downstairs during the church service. Our nursery is open but not staffed. You are welcome to use it, but please do not leave your children unattended.*

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## **PRELUDE**

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

Faith Bells

Douglas Wagner

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
the Creator of heaven and earth,  
the Word who spoke life into being,  
the Wind stirring the waters.

**All: Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Pastor: Mighty God, lover of justice,

**All: you call us to life in community,  
but we have served our own interests  
at the expense of our neighbors.  
We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.  
We say the right words,  
but our hearts are far from you.  
Turn us to seek your face.  
Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,  
that we may do justice, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.**

**All: Amen.**

Pastor: The former things have passed away,  
and new things God now declares:  
Like a spring of water that never fails,  
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,  
and forgives your sin in ✝ Jesus' name.  
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,  
and bless you with the gift of peace.

**All: Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN: Brightest and Best of the Stars (ELW 303)



1 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,  
 2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;  
 3 What shall we give him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion?  
 4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,  
 5 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,



dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.  
 low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;  
 Shall we bring in - cense and of - f'rings di - vine,  
 vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure;  
 dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.



Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,  
 an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,  
 gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,  
 rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion,  
 Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,



guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.  
 mak - er and mon - arch and sav - ior of all.  
 myrrh from the for - est or gold from the mine?  
 dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.  
 guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.

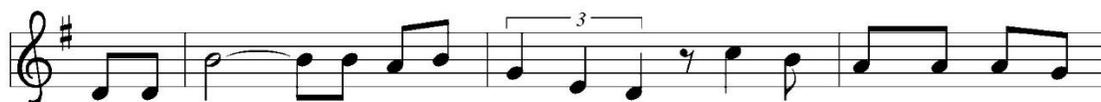
## GREETING

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

All: **And also with you.**

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE: We are Marching in the Light (ELW 866)

*Sing: We are praying...*



*Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -*  
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



*nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',*  
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
we are march - ing in the light of God.



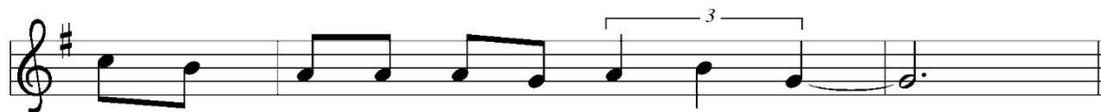
*Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO*  
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
we are march - ing in the light of God.



*Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO*  
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
we are march - ing in the light of God.

*Additional stanzas ad lib.:*

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ...

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Asst: Let us pray. Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: **Amen.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

*Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. The servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of God's victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.*

- <sup>1</sup> Listen to me, O coastlands;  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The LORD called me before I was born;  
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
- <sup>2</sup> He made my mouth like a sharp sword;  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow;  
in his quiver he hid me away.
- <sup>3</sup> And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
- <sup>4</sup> But I said, "I have labored in vain;  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the LORD  
and my reward with my God."
- <sup>5</sup> And now the LORD says,  
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,  
and my God has become my strength—

<sup>6</sup> he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

<sup>7</sup> Thus says the LORD,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
the slave of rulers,  
"Kings shall see and stand up;  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 40:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> I waited patiently upon the LORD,  
who stooped to me and heard my cry.

<sup>2</sup> **The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay,  
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.**

<sup>3</sup> The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;  
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

<sup>4</sup> **Happy are they who trust in the LORD!  
They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.**

<sup>5</sup> Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for  
us, none can be compared with you!  
Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more  
than I can count.

<sup>6</sup> **Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears:  
burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.**

<sup>7</sup> And so I said, "Here I am; I come.  
In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

<sup>8</sup> **'I love to do your will, O my God;  
your law is deep within me.'**"

<sup>9</sup> I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;  
I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.

<sup>10</sup> **I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your  
faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your  
steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.**

<sup>11</sup> You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me;  
may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

*Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

<sup>1</sup> Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

<sup>2</sup> To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind <sup>6</sup> just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you <sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup> He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON



Please stand as you are able.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Halle, Hallelujah (WOV 722)

*Refrain – sung twice each time*



Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -  
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our



bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa  
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your



ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.  
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.

## GOSPEL: John 1:29-42

*John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>29</sup> [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!<sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup> And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.

<sup>33</sup> I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup> And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

<sup>35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup> He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup> He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

**SERMON**

Pastor Megan Floyd

*Please stand as you are able.*

# HYMN OF THE DAY: O, Morning Star, How Fair and Bright! (ELW 308)



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with  
 2 Come, pre - cious dia - mond, light di - vine, and deep with -  
 3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there  
 4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us,



God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!  
 in our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!  
 falls from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.  
 when not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,  
 In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch - es  
 Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls with  
 Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in him here



you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,  
 of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing. Now, though  
 heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure! Let your  
 and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion. Al - le -



ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich  
 dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us and  
 mer - cy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For  
 lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing life



in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!  
 dis - tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.  
 you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.  
 for - ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!

## APOSTLES CREED

Pastor: Joining the saints from every time and place, let us confess our faith.

All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose  
again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the  
right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the  
resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

### Through Our Lives and Our Prayers

*gently*

Through our lives and by our prayers,  
your King - dom come.

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The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The tempo/mood is marked 'gently'. The lyrics are: 'Through our lives and by our prayers, your King - dom come.' The score consists of two systems of music. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the last two lines. A fermata is placed over the final chord of the second system. A rehearsal mark '3' is placed above the first measure of the second system.

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Asst: As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home. *A brief silence.*

...Merciful God,  
All: **Receive our prayer.**

Pastor: Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

All: **Amen.**

*Repeat "Through Our Lives and Our Prayers."*

## **PEACE**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: **And also with you.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

## **OFFERING**

"Precious Jesus"

Jay Althouse

## **LITURGICAL HAND WASHING**

*Pastor and assisting ministers sanitize and wash their hands.*

*"I wash my hands in innocence, and go around your altar, O Lord, singing aloud a song of thanksgiving, and telling all your wondrous deeds." –  
Psalm 26:6*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## OFFERING RESPONSE: As with Gladness Men of Old (ELW 302 vs.2)



1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;  
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to thy low - ly bed,  
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy cra - dle, rude and bare,  
4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day keep us in the nar - row way;  
5 In the heav'n - ly coun - try bright need they no cre - a - ted light;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;  
there to bend the knee be - fore thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore;  
so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,  
and when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last  
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;



so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led by thee.  
so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.  
all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n - ly king.  
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.  
there for - ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our king.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Asst: God of majesty,  
no eye has seen, no ear has heard  
what you have prepared for those who love you,  
yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.  
Use what we have gathered  
to feed us with the reign of God come near,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: **Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **PREFACE**

Pastor: 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, al-mighty 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: You are Holy (ELW 525)



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



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



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



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



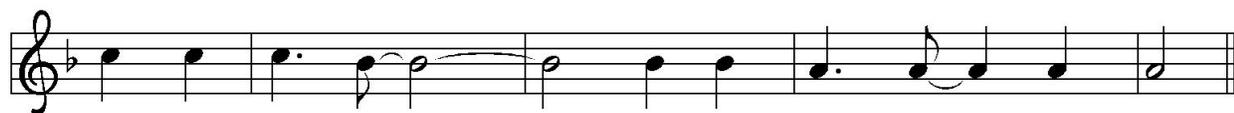
Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,  
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



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



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



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

\* May be sung in canon.

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Pastor: 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.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Pastor: Praying now in whatever language or translation is the language  
of your heart, we pray as children of God:

All: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your  
kin[g]dom 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  
kin[g]dom, the power, and the glory are yours, now  
and forever. Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Pastor: Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!  
Come to the table; taste and see.

*The assembly may be seated.*

*All are invited to come to the table to receive what the Lord offers. If, however, you would prefer not to receive communion, you may still come to the table for a blessing.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available upon request when you come to receive communion at the altar rail.*

*Our trays have wine (darker liquid) in the outer part of the tray, and grape juice (lighter liquid) in the center. Please choose whichever you prefer. Drop your empty cup in one of the baskets on the stands.*

*If it would be easier for you to have communion brought to you, please let an usher know and we will be happy to serve you at your seat.*

*If you have any further questions, please ask an usher.*

## LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## COMMUNION SONG: Lamb of God (ELW 336)



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have  
2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and  
3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y  
scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a  
brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



sod and to be - come the Lamb of God.  
fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God. O Lamb of  
rod and to be called a lamb of God.



God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me



in your pre - cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

*Please stand as you are able.*

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All: **Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Asst:       Radiant God,  
              we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.  
              In the sacrament of his body and blood  
              you have drawn us to your heart.  
              Send us from this table with delight,  
              that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,  
              and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,  
              through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All:         **Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

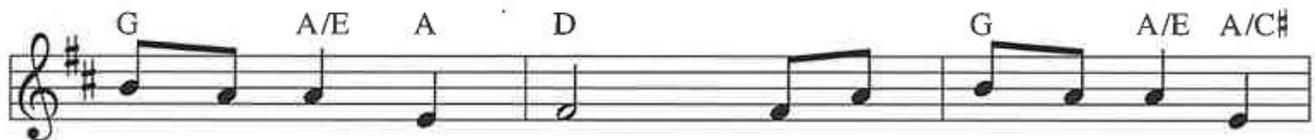
Pastor:     May the triune God,  
              who has put a new song in your mouth  
              and tuned your heart for praise  
              ✠ bless you now and forever.

All:         **Amen.**

## SENDING SONG: We Will Glorify (WP 154)



1 We will glo - ri - fy the King of kings, we will  
 2 Lord Je - ho - vah reigns in maj - es - ty, we will  
 3 He is Lord of heav - en, Lord of earth, he is  
 4 Hal - le - lu - jah to the King of kings, hal - le -



glo - ri - fy the Lamb; we will glo - ri - fy the  
 bow be - fore his throne; we will wor - ship him in  
 Lord of all who live; he is Lord a - bove the  
 lu - jah to the Lamb; hal - le - lu - jah to the



Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.  
 righ - teous - ness, we will wor - ship him a - lone.  
 u - ni - verse, all praise to him we give.  
 Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.

### DISMISSAL

Asst: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

### POSTLUDE

“We Will Glorify”

arr. Fred Bock

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# CHURCH CALENDAR

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## **Sunday, January 18**

Worship Service@10am: **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Epiphany**

Marla Holle Visitation @1pm in Sanctuary

Service @2pm in Sanctuary

Fellowship following service in Narthex

Faith Formation High School Youth Group @5pm in Fellowship Hall

## **Monday, January 19**

Scouts @7pm in Sunday School/Room

## **Tuesday, January 20**

Worship Committee Meeting @11am in Library

Bible Study @12pm in Library and on Zoom

## **Wednesday, January 21**

Quilters@9:30am

FLC Staff Meeting@10:15am

Lunch Bunch@11:45am in Fellowship Hall

Girl Scouts @5:30pm in Sunday School/Youth Room

Faith Bell Choir @6:30pm

Chancel Choir@7:30pm

## **Sunday, January 25**

Worship Service@10am: **RIC Sunday**

Annual Meeting@11am following service

## FAITH VOLUNTEERS

### January 18

Greeter(s): John & Phylis Schleicher  
Usher(s): Doug & Linda Hirt  
Coffee Hour: Bill Floyd  
Counters: Addie Thompson/Matt Schnizlein  
Noisy Offering: N/A  
Acolyte: Kara Floyd  
Reader: John Schleicher  
Lay Assistant: Bill Floyd  
Altar Care: Rich Weingartner

### January 25

Greeter(s): Mike Eschelbach  
Usher(s): Jon & Elaine Harrison  
Coffee Hour: Addie Thompson  
Counters: Kathy Mace/Matt Schnizlein  
Noisy Offering: Matt Schnizlein  
Acolyte:  
Reader: John McCracken  
Lay Assistant: Rich Weingartner  
Altar Care: Cecelia Kramer



*We invite you to hold these people in your prayers each day this week.*

We pray for all longing for sustainable housing, secure employment, access to medical care, and overall health and wellness, especially Barb, Sue, Troy, Krista, Eric, Beth, Logan, Garrett, Melinda, Rick, Kathy, Grace, and Marj.

We pray for all those in military service, especially those connected to our community: Alex, Braxton, Joey, Jon, Landon, Hannah, Joe, Reuben, Lane, and Aiden.

We pray for the larger church, especially Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry and Bishop Julie Schneider-Thomas, our synod prayer partner Harbor of Grace Church in Muskegon, their pastor, Rev. Jake Ferra, and our companion synods in Papua New Guinea and Honduras.

***\*New additions to our prayers are listed in bold; names will remain on the printed list for six weeks. Please contact the church office or Pastor Megan to add or reinstate names to the prayer list.***

### Prayer Partners Letter

We are participating in this activity and would love you to add your signature. The letter is located on the table under the bulletin board entitled "Prayer Partners."

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Things in the office at Faith are changing...**

Our amazing Treasurer, Gwynne Kadrofske, is stepping down from the bookkeeping responsibilities of her position (she will remain as Treasurer, overseeing the big picture of our financials). She has been volunteering her skills to us for many years, and we couldn't be more grateful for her and all she's done. However, that means some things will be changing. The bookkeeping responsibilities and our current administrative assistant responsibilities will be rolled into one position: office manager. As this is a new position, we will be accepting applications and interviewing for the position. Kalea's role with us will sunset when this new position begins, and the current office hours of 9-12 pm will extend to 9-2pm. The new job description is available and will be posted soon!

### **1946: The mistranslation that shifted culture**

Join us at University Lutheran on **Sunday, January 25th** at 4 PM to watch the movie, and then stay for dinner and discussion around this important film. Faith Lutheran, ULC, plus four other area churches are sponsoring this community event, so all may attend at no cost. Invite some friends and join us for what is sure to be an enlightening evening!

### **RIC Sunday... Reception of New Members... and our Annual Meeting!!**

**January 25, 2026...** it is a day you won't want to miss! Wear something colorful and come to worship and celebrate our ministry together.

### **Super Bowl Chili Cook Off – February 8**

The Membership Development Committee and Parish Education Committee will be hosting a Super Bowl Sunday Chili Cook Off right after the church service in the fellowship hall. This will be a fundraiser for the youth (National Youth Gathering, etc.) This will be a free will offering and all participants (chili eaters) will get to cast one vote for their favorite chili. Check the narthex for the sign-up sheet to bring chili, as well as the sign-up sheet for those just wanting to participate in chili consumption.

### **WELCA Triennial Gathering, July 16-19, 2026, Des Moines, Iowa!**

Women of the ELCA are gathering in Des Moines this summer under the theme, "I Am Worthy," based on Psalm 139:14: "I am fearfully and wonderfully made." The conference offers four days of inspirational speakers, workshops, Bible Study, and a quilting exhibit... plus fellowship and more. Pastor Megan is considering going – it is a drivable distance (8-hour drive), and we have money for education available to offset the cost with scholarships. Please let her know if you are interested in going! There are flyers on the information tables with more information.