

# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## RECONCILING IN CHRIST

**RIC SUNDAY**  
**JANUARY 25, 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**

“Gather Us In”

arr. Mark Himmelman

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GATHERING AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Pastor: Created out of nothing,

All: **We come here to be reminded of who we are.**

Pastor: Created for goodness,

All: **We come with open hearts to be filled with everlasting love.**

Pastor: Created as a beloved child of God,

All: **We come in celebration of the diversity of the body of Christ.**

Pastor: Created with a heart for celebrating the rich diversity of creation, we come trusting in the one who creates, redeems, and sustains us as we acknowledge and honor the Anishinaabe, Ojibwe, Odawa, and Potawatomi peoples upon whose ancestral homelands we gather, as well as all our Indigenous siblings who continue to care for this place – this land – and call it their home.

All: **As we live into the diversity that God has created, may we be bold to tell the whole story, for in knowing the truth of who we have been, we come to know more fully who we are called to be. Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Pastor: We give thanks to God with open hearts that our Creator calls us and provides for us, and we rejoice in the holy promise you made, to claim us through the waters of baptism.

All: **Thank you, O God, for the gift of water and for baptism.**

Pastor: We praise you, O God, for this water that comes to us as a gift, the source of all that is good and life-giving. You are a generous and loving God who blesses us through water and who claims all people in the fullness of sexual or romantic orientation, gender identity, race, ethnicity, gender expression, immigration status, beliefs, and abilities.

May we live as careful stewards, guardians of this precious gift, protectors of the health of this planet, builders of resilient communities, and cultivators of life-giving relationships that promote peace and unity.

All: **Thanks be to God! Amen!**

# GATHERING HYMN: Gather Us In (ELW 532)



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the  
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the  
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the  
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

## 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 singing...*



*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.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Asst: God of Beauty, you gather your beloved children into your care, each one a unique image of you. You claim us as your own and call us to follow in the ways of mercy, justice, and joy. Strengthen our changing hearts and minds to continue the work of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

All: **Amen.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4

*The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced the gloom of defeat by Assyrian military forces, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them.*

<sup>1</sup> There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied exultation;  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup> For the yoke of their burden  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 27:1, 4-9

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>4</sup> One thing I asked of the LORD;  
this I seek:

to live in the house of the LORD  
all the days of my life,  
to behold the beauty of the LORD,  
and to inquire in his temple.

<sup>5</sup> For he will hide me in his shelter  
in the day of trouble;  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
he will set me high on a rock.

<sup>6</sup> Now my head is lifted up  
above my enemies all around me,  
and I will offer in his tent  
sacrifices with shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

<sup>7</sup> Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;  
be gracious to me and answer me!

<sup>8</sup> "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"  
Your face, LORD, do I seek.

<sup>9</sup> Do not hide your face from me.  
Do not turn your servant away in anger,  
you who have been my help.  
Do not cast me off; do not forsake me,  
O God of my salvation!

## SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-2

<sup>1</sup> See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup> Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON (Noisy offering for Holden Village)



*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: Matthew 4:12-23**

*Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

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

<sup>12</sup> Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup> He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup> so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup> "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—  
<sup>16</sup> the people who sat in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
light has dawned."

<sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

<sup>18</sup> As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." <sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup> As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup> Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The assembly may be seated.*

**SERMON**

Rich Weingartner

*Please stand as you are able.*



# HYMN OF THE DAY: Will You Come and Follow Me (ELW 798)



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

## **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.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

## **WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS TO THE CONGREGATION**

*Those being welcomed are invited to come forward.*

Pastor: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Pastor: Siblings in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

New Members: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members, in their life in Christ?

All: **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Pastor: Let us welcome our siblings in Christ to this community of faith!

*Please stand as you are able.*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Through Our Lives and Our Prayers

*gently*

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

The image shows a musical score for two staves, treble and bass clef, in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The tempo/mood is marked 'gently'. The lyrics are: 'Through our lives and by our prayers, your King - dom come.' The score includes a triplet of eighth notes for the word 'your'.

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Asst: Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us, God's children, come near to our Creator in prayer. *A brief silence.*

All: **Intercede for us.**

Pastor: Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy wisdom.

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**

"We are a Rainbow"

David Kai

Chancel Choir

*Congregation is invited to join in singing the Chorus*

# WE ARE A RAINBOW

mm=80

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of nine staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a tempo marking of mm=80. The first four measures of the first staff are whole rests, with chords G, C/G, D/G, and G written above them. The lyrics '1. We're the light of all the world, coat of ma-ny co-hope to still be-lieve face the storms of life,' are written below the staff. The second staff continues the melody with lyrics 'we are a cit-y on a hill, We're a can-dle on a stand lors, sewn from ma-ny dif-frent threads, co-v'ring all in warmth, in wel- in to - mor-row's bet-ter day, We are peace in a world we will ne-ver be a-lone, For our God will be with'. The third staff has lyrics 'pro-claim-ing light, We will not hide our lamp, come and in grace, God said "Let there be light", that's torn a-part, We are joy that will last us on the way, Hand in hand, side by side,'. The fourth staff has lyrics 'be-neath a bush-el an-y more, We will shine a ray of hope cre-a-ted e-v'ry va-ried shade, In the rain-bow each of us in all the strug-gles that we face, We are love that blooms and grows we won't be fright-ened\* a-n-y more, As the mourn-ing night of tears'. The fifth staff has lyrics 'that's burn-ing bright. Chorus: We are a rain-bow, in find a place. in e-v'ry heart. breaks in-to day.' The sixth staff has lyrics 'sign of co-ve-nant and peace For the flood of tears will'. The seventh staff has lyrics 'fin-ly cease to be, Come shine your rain-bow,'. The eighth staff has lyrics 'splash your hues a-cross the sky, Paint the world in co-lors'. The chords for each staff are: Staff 1: G, C/G, D/G, G; Staff 2: D/F#, C/E; Staff 3: C, D7sus4, D7, G; Staff 4: D/F#, Am7; Staff 5: D7sus4, Gsus4, G; Staff 6: D/F#, D, B/D#, Em; Staff 7: Em/D, C, D7sus4, D7, Gsus4, G; Staff 8: D/F#, D7, Am7.

\*alt: clobbered

proud and bold and free.

1, 2, 3.

2. We're a  
3. We are  
4. When we

Paint the world in colors proud and bold and

free.

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## 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.3)



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, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Birthered into your beautiful creation, he taught us to live in harmony and wholeness. By the work of your son, you call us to pursue justice and abundant life for all people.

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: Jesus is made known to us in the breaking of the bread and the  
pouring of wine, and all God's children are welcome. Come and  
eat!

*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: Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table (ACS 977)



1 Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries  
2 Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -  
3 Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand  
4 Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to



that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing;  
ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled  
dif - f'rent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:  
be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,



some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why they're in -  
with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of his de -  
they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has in -  
who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es bread and



vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done. Christ in - sists they  
ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re - lates his  
vit - ed north and south and east and west to con - verge a -  
breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!— and then pass - es



all are wel - come. There is room for ev - 'ry - one.  
fruit - less ef - ferts to ob - lit - er - ate the light.  
round this ta - ble, where all life is fed and blest.  
wine that wa - kens in your heart the taste of love.

*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: Jesus our friend and savior, your life, death, and the resurrection changed our world. May this meal of bread and wine bless us and sustain us in the building of a blessed community which welcomes all people, that sees all people, and that works for justice for all people.

All: **Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

Pastor: May God's face shine upon us, God's love sustain us, and God's grace inspire us and grant us peace.

All: **Amen.**

## SENDING SONG: Bind Us Together (WP 18)

*Refrain*

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that

can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,

bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er in love.

1 There is on - ly one God. There is  
2 You are the fam - 'ly of God. You are the

on - ly one King. There is on - ly one Bod - y;  
prom - ise di - vine. You are God's cho - sen de - sire, . . .

that is why we can sing:  
you are the glo - rious new wine.

### DISMISSAL

Asst: Go in peace to seek justice for all people!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

*The assembly may be seated, and is invited to stay for the Annual Meeting.*

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# CHURCH CALENDAR

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## Sunday, February 1

Worship Service@10am: **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

## Monday, February 2

Scouts @7pm in Sunday School/Room

## Tuesday, February 3

Bible Study @12pm in Library and on Zoom

## Wednesday, February 4

Quilters@9:30am

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

Faith Bell Choir @6:30pm

Chancel Choir@7:30pm

## Sunday, February 8

Worship Service@10am: **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

## FAITH VOLUNTEERS

### **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

### **February 1**

Greeter(s): Rich Weingartner/Paula Pulter

Usher(s): Brenda Kopf/Jane Durga

Coffee Hour: Sollenberger/Lorna Lieske

Counters: Kathy Mace/Matt Schnizlein

Noisy Offering: N/A

Acolyte: Tabitha Richardson

Reader: Warren Heilman

Lay Assistant: Bill Floyd

Altar Care: Tammy Heilman



*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 Trinity Lutheran in New Era, MI, their pastor, Rev. Sarah Samuelson 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**

### **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!

### **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.

### **January Noisy Offering**

January Noisy Offerings will be for Holden Village. Beginning in 2026, we are using our noisy offerings to highlight and support some of our many ministry partners, both locally and beyond. Holden Village is a remote wilderness community, rooted in the Lutheran tradition, that welcomes all people into the North Cascade Mountains. It is a place of radical welcome and belonging. Extreme weather in December caused mudslides that washed out the roads and threatened the camp. All 53 year-round volunteers and paid staff had to be evacuated. Because of ongoing slides and avalanche risks, repairs cannot begin until at least May, and the camp will remain closed. Our funds will primarily support the displaced staff as they pivot into something new.