



**Sunday, January 2, 2022**

***Second Sunday of Christmas***

Serving us in worship today: Pastor David Mayer;  
Lay Reader: *Brenda Bloch*; Music: *Annette Stout*;  
Children's Church: *Kim Kauitzsch*; Ushers: *Tim Bogisch, Albert Menn,*  
and *John Taddy*; AV: *Matt Fransen and Diane Gwyther*

### **Welcome to Worship!**

Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church, a people who love and follow Jesus Christ, our Lord! We are blessed and honored that you chose to be with us today!

As we worship today, we encourage you to fellowship with other believers in a manner in which you are comfortable. Children will come forward for a special blessing before meeting for Children's Church.

(Ages Pre-K through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade)

### **Visitor / Prayer Cards**

We invite guests to fill out a visitor card found in the back of the pew in front of you. The back of the visitor card also has a place for prayer requests for anyone needing special prayer. Please place cards in the box located on the Welcome Table in the Narthex. First time visitors, be sure to pick up a red welcome bag in the narthex.

### **WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND OPENING PRAYER**

*Please Stand*

**OPENING HYMN:** *"The First Noel"* LBW 56 Verses 1, 3 & 5

1) The first Noel the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!  
Born is the King of Israel.

3) And by the light of that same star  
three wise men came from country far;  
to seek for a king was their intent,

and to follow the star wherever it went. *Refrain*

5) Then entered in those wise men three,  
full rev'rently upon their knee,  
and offered there in his presence  
their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. *Refrain*

## **BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:**

*The sign of the cross may be made in remembrance of your Baptism.*

**P:** In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

**P:** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C:** Amen.

**P:** *If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1: 8-9, ESV)*

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**P:** Most Merciful God,

**C:** We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

**P:** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all of our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

## **HYMN OF PRAISE: *"This is the Feast,"* pg. 81 LBW**

**A:** This is the feast of victory of our God. Alleluia.

**C:** ♪ Worthy is Christ, the lamb who was slain, Whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and Lamb forever. Amen.  
This is the feast of victory of our God, for the Lamb who slain  
Has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia. ♪

*You may be seated.*

**FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:4-15 (ESV)**

<sup>4</sup>And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. <sup>5</sup>At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." <sup>6</sup>And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. <sup>7</sup>And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup>And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. <sup>9</sup>Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?" <sup>10</sup>It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup>And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup>behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. <sup>13</sup>I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. <sup>14</sup>And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days." <sup>15</sup>And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

**PSALM 119: 97-104**     *(To be read responsively) (ESV)*

<sup>97</sup> Oh how I love your law!

It is my meditation all the day.

<sup>98</sup> Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies,  
for it is ever with me.

<sup>99</sup> I have more understanding than all my teachers,  
for your testimonies are my meditation.

<sup>100</sup> I understand more than the aged,  
for I keep your precepts.

<sup>101</sup> I hold back my feet from every evil way,  
in order to keep your word.

<sup>102</sup> I do not turn aside from your rules,  
for you have taught me.

<sup>103</sup> How sweet are your words to my taste,  
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

<sup>104</sup> Through your precepts I get understanding;  
therefore I hate every false way.

**SECOND READING:** Ephesians 1:3-14     *(ESV)*

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup> which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

<sup>11</sup> In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup> so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

*Please stand for the Holy Gospel.*

**GOSPEL: Luke 2:40-52**

**(ESV)**

<sup>40</sup> And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

<sup>41</sup> Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. <sup>43</sup> And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, <sup>44</sup> but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, <sup>45</sup> and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. <sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup> And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." <sup>49</sup> And he said to them, "**Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?**" <sup>50</sup> And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. <sup>51</sup> And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

<sup>52</sup> And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

A: The gospel of our Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

*You may be seated.*

## **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

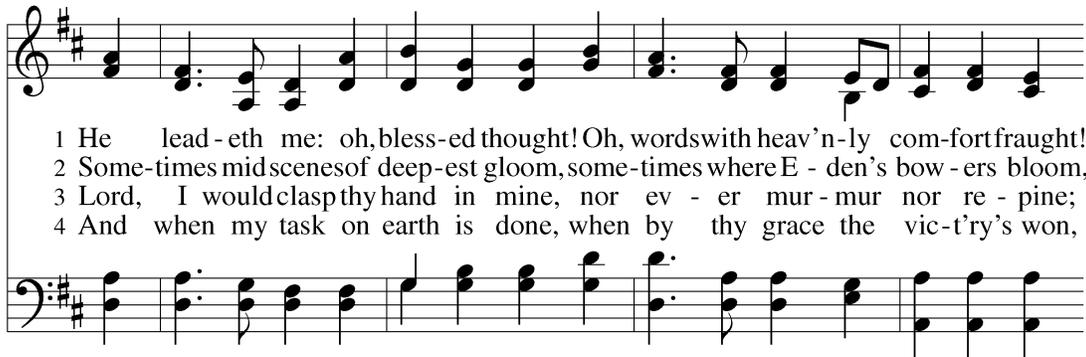
**MESSAGE**

Pastor Mayer

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** "*He Leadeth Me: Oh, Blessed Thought*" LBW 501

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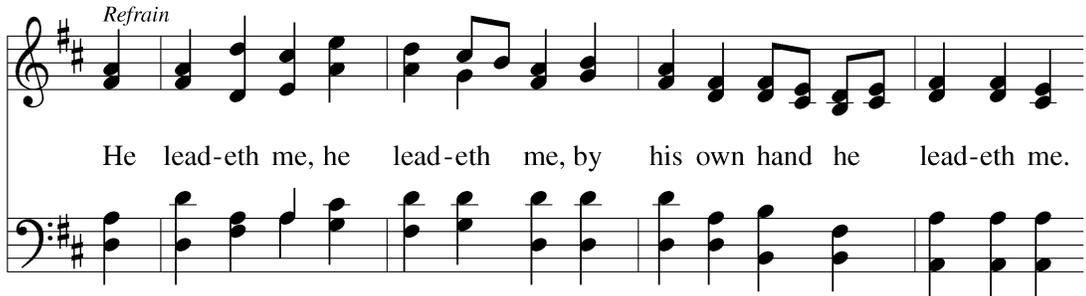
# He Leadeth Me



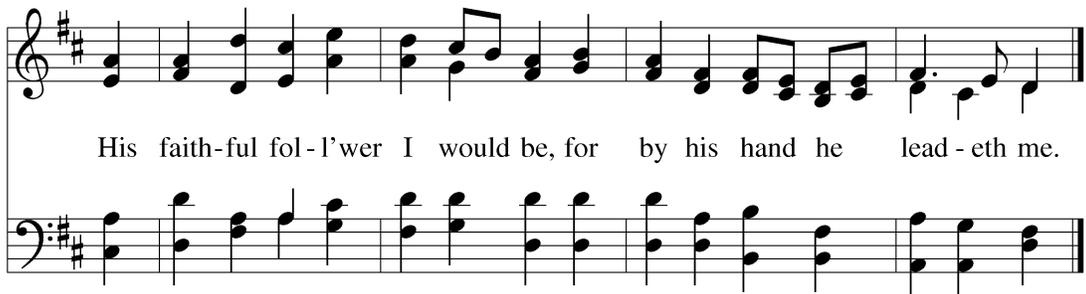
1 He lead-eth me: oh, bless-ed thought! Oh, words with heav'n-ly com-fort fraught!  
2 Some-times mid scenes of deep-est gloom, some-times where E - den's bow - ers bloom,  
3 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ev - er mur - mur nor re - pine;  
4 And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the vic-t'ry's won,



What - e'er I do, wher - e'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.  
by wa - ters calm, o'er trou-bled sea, still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.  
con - tent, what - ev - er lot I see, since 'tis my God that lead - eth me.  
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jor - dan lead - eth me.



*Refrain*  
He lead-eth me, he lead-eth me, by his own hand he lead-eth me.



His faith-ful fol-l'wer I would be, for by his hand he lead - eth me.

## OFFERING

P: Blessed be the Lord our God of all faithfulness. By your grace we receive all that we need, and in this abundance may we faithfully share with all in good stewardship, this that you have first given us. Receive this offering to the glory of your Holiness and the work of Jesus Christ in the world. Amen.

**OFFERTORY: "Let the Vineyards be fruitful"** pg. 86 LBW

*Please stand.*

**C:**     ♪ Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come. ♪

**P:**     Let us pray. Most merciful God,

**C:**     We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us: ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **NICENE CREED**

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 the 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, died, 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 the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall 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.*

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION and THE LORD'S PRAYER**

## CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*If you feel comfortable, you are invited to come to the altar rail for Holy Communion. Please bring your communion kit with you. If you would prefer to remain in your seats, you are welcome to celebrate Holy Communion in place.*

**COMMUNION HYMNS:** *"Let Us Break Bread Together"* LBW 212

*"Of the Father's Love Begotten"* LBW 42 Vs. 1, 3 & 5

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

C: We give you thanks almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

*Please stand.*

**CLOSING HYMN:** *"Go Tell it on the Mountain"* LBW 70

### Go Tell It on the Mountain

*Refrain*



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



- 1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
- 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth
- 3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum-ble Christ was born;

*Refrain*



be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.  
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

## **BENEDICTION DISMISSAL**

A: Go In Peace To Love And Serve The Lord!  
C: Thanks be to God!

### **SUNDAY MORNINGS AT FAITH**

Worship Service – 9:00 AM

*Fellowship on Patio following worship*

Sunday School – 10:15-11:15 AM

- Pre K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade in Educational Wing
  - Adult Sunday School in Activity Center
  - Lifebridge (Young Adult) meets in the Life Enrichment Center.
- Confirmation Class – 10:15 -11:15 AM in the small kitchen

### **“WORDS OF FAITH” BROADCAST SUNDAYS AT 8 AM ON KWED 1580 AM RADIO**

Has been sponsored the glory of God by Faith Lutheran Church.

### **FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR**

Have been given the glory of God by Faith Lutheran Church.

### **WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:**

Attendance on December 24 (two services 285); December 26 was 70; Month to Date (December): **\$74,985.00** YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$502,654.41** (2021 budgeted offerings is **\$470,000**)

### **PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:**

Julie Sagebiel	Judy Saunders	Nora Lavelett
Carolyn Sagebiel	Walt Fruehling	Ronnie Glenewinkel
Kelton Lange	Gladys Fruehling	Dot Day
Sandy Wille	Coreen Dube	Teresa Kiel
Donald Jackson	Harold Bogisch	Carolyn Westerholm
Fred Blumberg	Brad Flippin	

### **PRAYERS REQUESTED**

For the family of Jo Ann Lange, wife of Kelton Lange, and a member of Faith Lutheran. Jo Ann passed through death into eternal life on Thursday, December 23, here in Seguin. Please remember her family in your prayers in the days and weeks to come. A memorial service will be held here at Faith on Saturday, January 22, 2022, at 10:00 AM.

### **COMMUNION and ALTAR GUILD**

The Altar Guild and Worship committee are in need of more volunteers to assist with communion preparation, clean up and during worship. Please contact Susan Foerster at 830-305-2035 if you are able help.

## THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Monday, January 3	Church office Closed for New Year Holiday	
Tuesday, January 4	Men's Bible Study	7:30 AM (AC)
Tuesday, January 4	Staff Mtg.	9:00 AM
Tuesday, January 4	COMMITTEE Mtgs.	7:00 PM (AC)
Wednesday, Jan. 5	Quilters	9:00 AM
Wednesday, Jan. 5	FLY	6-8:00 PM
Wednesday, Jan. 5	Hand Bells	6:15 PM
Wednesday, Jan. 5	Choir	7:00 PM
Saturday, Jan. 8	<b>TAKE DOWN Christmas Decorations</b>	9:00 AM

### AV HELP

The worship committee is looking for interested people to volunteer during worship and special services running the AV equipment. Don't worry, you will be trained... and it's not that hard! **WE NEED YOU!** See Roxanne or Andrew Kuehne if interested!

### ONLINE GIVING

Faith has teamed up with a service to give you the ability to send your offering online in the same way that many of you already pay bills and purchase products. We offer this service as a convenience to you - you can stop writing checks or having to remember to bring cash every Sunday. Simply log in to our service and set up your offering. We have had this in place for some time now. A link is available right on our website:

<https://faithsequin.org/online-giving/> Or you may click here

[https://members.myeoffering.com/#/landing?church\\_id=5083](https://members.myeoffering.com/#/landing?church_id=5083) to go directly to myEoffering site to sign up. Even better – scan this QR code with your camera!



### CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD

Thank you to those of you who have been dropping off items for the Christian Cupboard. The January item is **soup**, any variety or brand. Total number of items collected as of December 14, 2021 is 107. Keep up the great work!

### USHER TEAMS

Our worship usher teams are looking for new members! If you would be willing to volunteer your time once a month, please contact Bill Ermel. Thank you in advance!

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