



Sunday, December 26, 2021

First Sunday of Christmas

*Serving us in worship today: Pastors: David Mayer, Rusty Bailey;
Lay Reader: Avis Herrick; Music: Annette Stout, Andrew Cave,
and Roxanne Heckmann; Children's Church: Kim Kautzsch;
Ushers: Ed Engelhardt, Missy Sagebiel, Pat Sagebiel, Brandon Westerholm,
and Ben Weise; AV: Roxanne Heckmann and Andrew Kuehne*

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 3rd 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: *"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"* LBW 50

- 1) Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Once you sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.

- 2) Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
yonder shines the infant light.

Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.

3) Sages, leave your contemplations,
brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great desire of nations,
you have seen his natal star.
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.

4) All creation, join in praising
God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising
to the eternal Three in One.
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.

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: *"Lord God, heavenly king..."* pg. 80 LBW

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

♪ Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father. Amen ♪

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15 (ESV)

The LORD said to Moses, ² "Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine."

³ Then Moses said to the people, "Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the LORD brought you out from this place. No leavened bread shall be eaten.

¹¹ "When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, ¹² you shall set apart to the LORD all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the LORD's. ¹³ Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. ¹⁴ And when in time to come your son asks you, 'What does this mean?' you shall say to him, 'By a strong hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. ¹⁵ For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.'

Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

²Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.

³Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.

⁵He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.

⁶He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

⁷The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy;

⁸they are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

⁹He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is his name!

¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever!

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:12-17*(ESV)*

¹²Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Please stand for Holy Gospel.

GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40

(ESV)

²² And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." ²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶ And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷ And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸ he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, ²⁹ "Lord, now you are letting your servant^[a] depart in peace, according to your word; ³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation ³¹ that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel." ³³ And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴ And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵ (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed." ³⁶ And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷ and then as a widow until she was eighty-four.^[b] She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹ And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

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

You may be seated.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

SERMON

Pastor Bailey

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"Crown Him" (Christmas)*

- 1) Crown Him with many crowns
The King who left His throne
Creator of the universe
Born to the world He holds
And with that first drawn breath
The Word has become flesh
Emmanuel has come to us
O crown Him all the earth
- 2) Crowned by the angel choir
They tell His royal birth
Sing glory in the highest height
And peace upon the earth
They break the silent night
Announcing endless worth
The King of grace and love is here
O crown Him all the world
- 3) Crowned by their royal gifts
Gold frankincense and myrrh
Wise men approach this manger throne
With honors from afar
Behold the Son of God
And bow down in this place
The Prince of Peace has come to us
O crown Him with your praise
- 4) Crown Him with many crowns
The Lamb upon His throne
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own
Awake my soul and sing
God sent His Son for me
Now hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity

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.

Please stand.

OFFERTORY: *"Create in Me a Clean Heart..."* pg. 96 LBW

C: ♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, And uphold me with your free Spirit. ♪

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.

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Please stand.

CLOSING HYMN: *"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"* LBW 55

- 1) Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.

Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!

2) Good Christian friends, rejoice!
With heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door,
And we are blest for evermore.
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!

3) Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave;
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!

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-5th 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 Willie and Brenda Bloch for the world to be reminded of our Christmas gift—the birth of Jesus!

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Have been given the glory of God by the Schulze families and the Burress family, in thanksgiving for the birth of our dear savior and in memory of loved ones.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Attendance on December 19 was 196; Month to Date (as of Dec. 22): **\$42,353.00** YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$470,022.41** (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	Laurie (Bogisch) Perryman
Teresa Kiel	Donald Jackson	Harold Bogisch
Carolyn Westerholm	Fred Blumberg	Leia Hill
Brad Flippin	Jo Ann Lange	

PRESCHOOL CLASSROOM OPENINGS

We currently have **ONE** opening in our **Mother's Morning Out class**. MMO class is held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings (8:30-11:30). To enroll in the MMO class, students must be two years of age (before Sept. 1st). Please call 830-379-7074 if interested.

CUSTODIAN NEEDED FOR PRESCHOOL

Our preschool is in desperate need of a part-time custodian. Please spread the word and pray that we fill this position. The hours are late afternoon/evening, about three hours a day, five days a week.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Faith is in need of help to staff the nursery during worship and Sunday school hours. **PLEASE** consider volunteering your time for this ministry. There will be one paid attendant there every week. We are looking for congregation members to volunteer to **help on a rotating schedule, no more than once every 4-6 weeks**. There is a **sign-up sheet located on the kiosk** in the narthex. Let's fill the list! What a blessing it is to our congregation to be in need of this service!

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, Dec. 27	Church office Closed for Christmas	
Tuesday, Dec. 28	Men's Bible Study	7:30 AM (AC)
Tuesday, Dec. 28	Staff Mtg.	9:00 AM
Tuesday, Dec. 28	Staff Christmas Lunch	11:00 AM
Tuesday, Dec. 28	Game night at SAL	6:30 PM
Friday, Dec. 31	Church office Closed	12:00 PM

SAVE THE DATES

Mark your calendars for events happening at Faith!

- Sunday, January 23rd – Annual Congregational meeting following worship.

THANK YOU FROM SANTA SHERIFF

Thank you, Faith Family - You have been very generous in supporting a worthy cause. Your donation of \$2,005 helped Santa Sheriff give a Christmas gift to every nursing home resident Guadalupe County. The Sheriff's office and the Social Concerns team are very grateful for your generosity.

2022 FLOWER CHART AND WORDS OF FAITH

Is now posted in the hallway outside of communications office. Please sign up for dates you would like to sponsor altar flowers or our Words of Faith Broadcast in 2022.

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 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 December item is **canned or boxed food items**, 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!

AV HELP

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

POINSETTIAS ARE PLACED IN LOVING HONOR OF:



Our Faith Lutheran Family – by Mike and Candi Andrews

Our mothers, Clarice Ullrich and Janet Koenig –by Andrew and Kim Koenig.

Our children and grandchildren – by Steve and Susan Foerster

Carolyn Westerholm and Charlotte, Clark and Cooper Koehler – by Kerry and Mary Koehler



Amelia Ramos and our grandchildren – by the Manuel Ramos Family

Julie Sagebiel – by Pat and Missy Sagebiel

My children and grandchildren – by Sharon Stollewerk

To the glory of God in thankfulness of all His blessings – by Ed and Joyce
Engelhardt

Our children, Reagan and Ryder – by Andrew and Kelli Cave



POINSETTIAS ARE PLACED IN MEMORY OF:



Our parents and loved ones – by Spitzie and Jeanine Ullrich

Saralyn and Jim Pietsch and Ted Andrews – by Mike and Candi Andrews

Our parents, Jim and Ruby Linsey – by Roxanne Heckmann and Mona Kuehne

Ralph & May Sagebiel and Adolph & Olga Ermel – by Bill and Rose Mary Ermel

Dorothy & Paten Burris – by Mike Burris

Dickie Ullrich and our parents – by Clarice Ullrich

Lee Herrick – by Avis Herrick

Our parents, Dickie Ullrich and Danny Koenig - by Andrew and Kim Koenig

Our parents and grandparents – by Steve and Susan Foerster

Our loved ones, Gordon Seidel and Lee Herrick – by Joyce Seidel and
Family

Kermit Westerholm, Thelma and Donald Koehler – by the Kerry Koehler Family

Juan Ramos, Alvis Talley, B.B. and Estella Schraub – by the Manuel Ramos Family

Our parents, Luther & Dorothy Sagebiel and our son Boyd Harrison – by
Pat and Missy Sagebiel

Basil & Marie Karm, Missy Laird Behrendt, Claudia Beason and Lane Thomas
Graves – by Sharon Stollewerk

Norwood & Rhea Wensinger and Judy Boggs – by Cathy Wensinger