



**Sunday, January 23, 2022**

***Third Sunday after the Epiphany***

*Serving us in worship today: Pastors: David Mayer, Lay Reader: Michelle Kuempel;*

*Music: Annette Stout; Children's Church: Laura Beedy;*

*Ushers: Jud Alexander, Mark Herbold Cecil Schulze;*

*AV: Andrew Kuehne, Tim Bogisch*

### **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: *"Here in This Place (Gather Us In)"*   WOV 718**

*(Please see next page.)*



# Here in This Place

## Gather Us In

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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-tery. 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-ish-ed 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-tory,  
 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.

## 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:** *"All Creatures of Our God and King"* LBW 527 Verse 7

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

Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship God in humbleness,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Oh, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One.

*Refrain*

Oh, praise Him! Oh, praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*You may be seated.*

**FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 (ESV)**

And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. <sup>2</sup>So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup>And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law.

<sup>5</sup>And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. <sup>6</sup>And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

<sup>8</sup>They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

<sup>9</sup>And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

**PSALM 19:7-14 To be read responsively (ESV)**

<sup>7</sup>The law of the LORD is perfect,  
reviving the soul;

the testimony of the LORD is sure,  
making wise the simple;

<sup>8</sup>the precepts of the LORD are right,  
rejoicing the heart;

the commandment of the LORD is pure,  
enlightening the eyes;

<sup>9</sup>the fear of the LORD is clean,  
enduring forever;

the rules of the LORD are true,  
and righteous altogether.

<sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold,  
even much fine gold;

sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

<sup>11</sup> Moreover, by them is your servant warned;  
in keeping them there is great reward.

<sup>12</sup> Who can discern his errors?

Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

<sup>13</sup> Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;  
let them not have dominion over me!

Then I shall be blameless,  
and innocent of great transgression.

<sup>14</sup> Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable in your sight,  
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 (ESV)**

<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup> For the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup> If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup> And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? <sup>18</sup> But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup> If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup> As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

<sup>21</sup> The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." <sup>22</sup> On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup> and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, <sup>24</sup> which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, <sup>25</sup> that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup> If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

<sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup> And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup> Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup> Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31</sup> But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

*Please stand for the Holy Gospel.*

**GOSPEL: Luke 4:16-30**

*(ESV)*

<sup>16</sup>And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. <sup>17</sup>And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

<sup>18</sup>“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me

to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives

and recovering of sight to the blind,

to set at liberty those who are oppressed,

<sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

<sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>And he began to say to them,

“Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” <sup>22</sup>And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, “Is not this Joseph's son?” <sup>23</sup>And he said to them,

“Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, “Physician, heal yourself.” What we have heard you

did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.” <sup>24</sup>And he said, “Truly, I say

to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. <sup>25</sup>But in truth, I tell you, there

were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up

three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, <sup>26</sup>and Elijah

was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman

who was a widow. <sup>27</sup>And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet

Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.” <sup>28</sup>When they

heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. <sup>29</sup>And they rose up

and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which

their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. <sup>30</sup>But passing

through their midst, he went away.

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

*You may be seated.*

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

**MESSAGE** “A Healthy Church”

Pastor Mayer

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *"Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"* WOV 783

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness,  
and all these things, shall be added unto you,  
Allelu, alleluia.
2. Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find;  
knock and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia.
3. Man does not live by bread alone, but by ev'ry word  
that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord  
Allelu, alleluia.

**OFFERING**

*(The offering plate will be passed down each pew with the help of our ushers.)*

*Please stand when offertory has begun.*

**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: *"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"* WOVS 780

## What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;  
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;  
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms?



what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.  
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.  
I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.



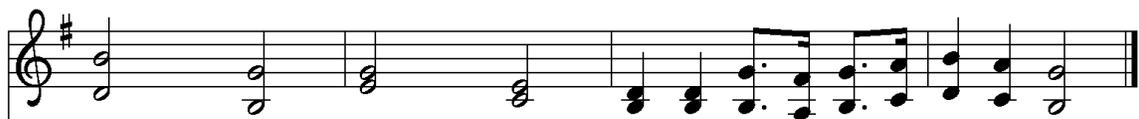
*Refrain*



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a - larms;



Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms.



lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

## **BENEDICTION DISMISSAL**

A: Go In Peace To Love And Serve The Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

## **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

The annual congregational meeting will be held immediately following worship **TODAY**.

## **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~~
- ~~Lifefridge (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 to the glory of God today by Faith Lutheran Church.

## **FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR**

Have been given the glory of God in gratitude to Annette Stout for her continued dedication of almost 50 years of sharing her gift of music with our congregation.

## **WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:**

Attendance on January 16 was 80; Month to Date (January): **\$21,111.00**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$21,111.00** (2022 budgeted offerings is **\$488,775.00**)

## **WORKERS FOR NEXT WEEK**

Sunday, January 30- Ushers: Terry Freeman, Vanita Hodge, Kristy Serold, Joan Vanbeek, Ron Vanbeek; Lay Reader: Fran Braun; Greeters: Dianne Chambers, Gail Herbold; AV: Matt Fransen, Tim Bogisch; Count : Joanne Shanafelt and Dianne Chambers.

## **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
Brad Flippin		

## **PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION**

Registration for the fall 2022-2023 school year is open for church members and returning students. Your deposit of \$200 will secure a place for your child. Contact Lisa Owen at 379-7074.

## **COUNCIL MEMBERS (Including those elected today and present members)**

Please meet immediately after our **Annual meeting** in the small kitchen for a brief meeting to elect new officers for 2022 and receive materials to read before our first meeting on Tuesday, February 8, at 6:30. See you there. Thank you, Fran Braun.

## **COMMITMENT SUNDAY**

Faith will be holding our annual **Commitment Sunday on February 6**. We are all asked to remember to *be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus* (1 Thessalonians 5:18) as we commit to giving back of our time, our talents and our treasure. Pledge cards and Time and Talent sheets will be presented/turned in during the service. Please fill them out and return them, indicating areas in our church ministry in which you would be willing to serve. The Offering Pledge Cards indicate our financial support of Faith Lutheran Church for 2022 and are sealed and placed on the altar on Commitment Sunday. The Pledge Card will remain unopened on the Altar for the year. Extra copies may be found on the Welcome Table in the Narthex.

## **THIS WEEK AT FAITH**

Monday, January 24	Prayer Group	10:15 AM
Monday, January 24	Via De Cristo	6:30 PM
Tuesday, January 25	Staff Mtg.	9:00 AM
Tuesday, January 25	Game Night at SAL	6:30 PM
Wednesday, Jan. 26	Quilters	9:00 AM
Wednesday, Jan. 26	FLY	6-8:00 PM
Wednesday, Jan. 26	Joyful Noise	6:00 PM
Wednesday, Jan. 26	Hand Bells	6:15 PM
Wednesday, Jan. 26	Choir	7:00 PM

## **WE NEED YOUR HELP**

If you have not had an opportunity to sign up for a **Bereavement Team**, please do so on the clipboard found on the Welcome Table in the narthex. You would become a member of a team that would provide food or money to purchase food, and help with serving, cleanup, and setup for the reception after a funeral. This is a show of love and support for families who have suffered the loss of a loved one. Please consider being a member of a team.

## **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.

## **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 January 18, 2022 is 84. 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!

# *SOUPer Bowl of Caring*

**Sunday, February 13, 2022**

We encourage you to wear your favorite sports team's jersey or colors to church February 13!

(Little League/HS/College/NBA/MBA/NFL etc.)

It's Super Bowl Sunday, and we would be participating in **#tacklehunger** by donating more soup to the Christian Cupboard.

All you need to do to participate and help with **SOUPer BOWL OF CARING** is to bring a can of soup with you to worship on February 13!

(Monetary donations will be accepted as well.)

While we might all watch "the game" that afternoon, this is a way to "the full nine yards", by serving God while | serving those in need.

