



Sunday, December 25, 2022
Christmas Day

Serving us in worship today: Pastor: David Mayer; Message: Andrew Cave; Lay Reader:
Tim Bogisch; Ushers: Mike Burris, Pat and Missy Sagebiel, Ben Weise;
AV: Diane Gwyther, Matthew Fransen

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! Our guests are encouraged to sign the red guestbook located at the Welcome Table in the entry hall. First time visitors, be sure to pick up a red welcome bag in the narthex.

We ask everyone to please complete the attendance sheet in the black folder and then pass it down the pew.

Children are invited to come forward for a special blessing before meeting for Children's Church. (Ages Pre-K through 3rd grade)

Prayer Cards

You will find prayer request cards on the back of the pew in front of you. We ask that anyone needing special prayer please fill them out and place cards in the box located on the Welcome Table in the Narthex.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION and OPENING PRAYER

Please Stand

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

C: Amen.

P: Let us pray,

OPENING HYMN: *"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"* LBW #50 Vs. 1, 2, 4

- 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.

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.

You may be seated.

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

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: *"The First Noel"* LBW #56

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.

FIRST READING: Micah 5:2 (NIV)

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
though you are small among the clans of Judah,
out of you will come for me
one who will be ruler over Israel,
whose origins are from of old,
from ancient times."

SECOND READING: Isaiah 7:14 (NIV)

14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

GOSPEL: Luke 2: 8-20 (NIV)

8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

14 "Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. 17 When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

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

You may be seated.

MESSAGE: *"Go, Tell It!"*

Andrew Cave

"O Little Town Of Bethlehem"

1) O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

2) For Christ is born of Mary, And gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the king, And peace to all the earth!

"Oh, Come, Oh, Come Emmanuel"

1) Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

2) Oh, come, oh, come, great Lord of might,
Who to your tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times once gave the law
In cloud, and majesty, and awe. *Refrain*

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

Refrain

Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and ev'ry where;
God tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born!

- 1) While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens There shone a holy light. *Refrain*
- 2) The shepherds feared and trembled When, lo, above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain*
- 3) Down in a lonely manger The humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC: *"Mary Did You Know?"*

*Gina Mannel
Emma Jean Becker
Brad Bettis*

Please stand as the gifts are presented.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please stand.

CLOSING HYMN: *"Angels We Have Heard on High"* LBW #71

- 1) Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply,
echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain

Gloria in excelsis Deo;
gloria in excelsis Deo.

- 2) Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heav'nly song? *Refrain*

- 3) Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn king. *Refrain*

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 – 10:30-11:30 AM~~

- ~~• Pre K-1st Grade in Educational Wing~~
- ~~• 2nd-5th Grade in Education Wing~~
- ~~• 6th-12th Grade in LEC Loft~~
- ~~• Adult Sunday School **That The World May Know* class in Activity Center~~
 - ~~* New Testament Class in Sanctuary~~
- ~~• Lifebridge (Young Adult) meets in the Life Enrichment Center.~~

"WORDS OF FAITH" BROADCAST ON KWED

Has been sponsored to the glory of God today by Willie and Brenda Bloch–May His love always bless you...His joy always fill you...His presence always keep you close to all that is good! Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! II Corinthians 9:15 NKJV

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Have been given to the glory of God by George and Gina Mannel in celebration of Jesus' birth and in thankfulness of the many blessings bestowed on their Faith family.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Attendance on December 18 was 224; Month to Date (December): **\$37,987.00**;
YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$459,563.15** (2022 budgeted offerings is **\$488,775.00**)

SAVE THE DATES

- **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** – January 22

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Monday, December 26	Church Office Closed	
Monday, December 26	Via De Cristo Ultreya	6:30 PM (AC)
Tuesday, December 27	Men's Bible Study	7:30 AM (AC)
Tuesday, December 27	Staff Mtg.	9:00 AM
Tuesday, December 27	GAME NIGHT at SAL	6:30 PM
Wednesday, Dec. 28	Memorial Service Reception Michael Bloch	12:00 PM (LEC)
Friday, December 30	Office Closes at Noon	

WORKERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sunday, January 1: Ushers: Fred Blumberg, Brett Owen, Bryan Terp, David Moltz; Lay Reader: Jan Quello; Greeters: Dianne Chambers, Kim Koenig; AV: Matthew Fransen, Diane Gwyther; Count: Lisa Owen, Dianne Chambers; Lock Up: _____; Security: Ted Engelhardt; Communion set up: Sharon Westerholm, Susan Foerster; Communion clean up: Gail Herbold, Cathy Wensinger; Communion Servers: Fran Braun, Gail Herbold, Carolyn Zipp; Communion Aid: Elaine Bennett.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Julie Sagebiel	Judy Saunders	Nora Lavelett
Carolyn Sagebiel	Ronnie Glenewinkel	Kelton Lange
Gladys Fruehling	Sandy Wille	Donald Jackson
Harold Bogisch	Brad Flippin	Steve Foerster
Georgie Dittrich	Lillian Lippe	Clara Fischer
Birdie Kuempel	Doris Rinn	Willie Bloch
Irene Menn	Tom Stout	Candi Andrews
Paul Quello		

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION ARE REQUESTED FOR

The family of Willie and Brenda Bloch. Willie and Brenda's son, Michael, passed through death into eternal life on Saturday, December 16 in Odessa. The Blochs also lost Willie's brother, Clarence, and their nephew Jared the same weekend. A memorial service for Michael Bloch will be held on Wednesday, December 28, at 11:00 AM at Tres Hewell. A reception will follow in Faith Lutheran's Life Enrichment Center. Please keep their family in your thoughts and prayers in the days and weeks to come.

Prayers are also requested for the family of Kenneth Robinette, brother of Janet Wolber. Kenneth passed through death into eternal life on Saturday in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Please keep Janet and the rest of his family in your prayers in the days and weeks to come.

PRESCHOOL STAFF NEEDED

Faith Lutheran Church Preschool is in need of a part-time teacher's aide for a Pre-K class. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00-12:00, with flexibility to also work some afternoons.

2023 FLOWER AND WORDS OF FAITH CHARTS

Are 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 2023.

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP AT FAITH?

If you are interested in finding out more information on Faith, please see or contact Pastor at 830-426-9146.

PHOTO DIRECTORY

Faith has prepared (and will continue to update) an online/printable church membership directory. This includes not only our members, but families and individuals who have been active and participating in services and events with us. We are asking members to submit a photograph of yourself or your family that you would like to appear next to your name and information in the directory.

We are still missing **several PICTURES** for our printable/digital Church Directory! Please send your family or individual pictures to communications@faithsequin.org to get them included! You are also free to just grab Roxanne after service and have her take a quick photo of you!

CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD

Thank you to those of you who have been dropping off items for the Christian Cupboard. Our December items are **any non-perishable food items you would like to give. This includes canned or boxed food items. (canned vegetables, beans, meat, meal helpers, etc.)** any variety or brand. Total number of items collected as of December 20 is 182.



POINSETTIAS ARE PLACED IN LOVING HONOR OF:



Julie Sagebiel, our children and grandchildren – by Pat and Missy Sagebiel

Our children, grandchildren – by Steve and Susan Foerster



POINSETTIAS ARE PLACED IN MEMORY OF:



Our parents and loved ones – by Spitzie and Jeanine
Ullrich



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

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

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

Our parents and grandparents – by Steve and Susan Foerster

Our beloved husband, fathers and grandfathers, Gordon Seidel and
Lee Herrick – by Joyce Seidel & Family

Dawn Kremer – by Jessie Garcia, Malerie & James Eichenholz and Family

Henry and Verlene Kuntschik- by Alan & Nicole Kuntschik and Family

Dickie Ullrich and our parents – by Clarice Ullrich

Our parents, Evelyn and Werner Hoffman and Al, Erna and Gladys Terp – by Bryan
and Diane Terp

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

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

Larry Rosenblad and David Kautzsch – by Kim Kautzsch and Marilyn Rosenblad

Lee Herrick and Gordon Seidel – by Avis Herrick