



*January 23rd, 2022*

*ELW Setting 3  
3rd Sunday of epiphany*

*We welcome you with open  
arms and open hearts*

Faith Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered, Bible-reading, welcoming spiritual home for seekers, believers, and everybody between. We're a family of God "because God first loved us." (1 John 4:19) Because you're here, you're part of the family—welcome Young children are welcome in the service. If you are new to Faith we would like to be in touch with you. Please share your contact information with the church office, 406-363-2964,

**Welcome to Faith and thank you for coming!**

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## **God Gathers the Body of Christ**

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

**Accompanist  
Amber Richard**

**Am:** The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you!**

*(AM: Any prayer requests? Please notify the church office to submit names of those you wish to be included in the prayers. No formal offering will be taken today. Please leave in the offering plate on the table in the narthex.)*

## **GATHERING/ Confession & Absolution:**

**PM:** The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

In the name of the Father,

and of the ✠ Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**PM:** 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.

**ALL: Amen.**

**PM:** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*(The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.)*

**PM:** Most merciful God,

**ALL:** we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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.**

**PM:** God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.  
Amen.

**Gathering Hymn**

“Dearest Jesus, at Your Word”

ELW #520

1. 1 Dearest Jesus, at your word  
we have come again to hear you;  
let our thoughts and hearts be stirred  
and in glowing faith be near you  
as the promises here given  
draw us wholly up to heaven.
  
- 2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight  
lie in deepest darkness shrouded  
till your Spirit breaks the night,  
filling us with light unclouded.  
All good thoughts and all good living  
come but by your gracious giving.
  
- 3 Radiance of God's glory bright,  
Light of light from God proceeding,  
Jesus, send your blessed light;  
help our hearing, speaking, heeding,  
that our prayers and songs may please you,  
as with grateful hearts we praise you.

**4 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
praise to you and adoration!  
Grant us what we need the most:  
all your gospel's consolation  
while we here on earth await you,  
till in heav'n with praise we greet you**

## **Greeting**

**ELW p.138**

**PM:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the unity  
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All: And also with you!**

## **Kyrie**

**AM:** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

**AM:** For the peace from above,

and for our salvation,

let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

**AM:** For the peace of the whole world,

for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the unity of all,

let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

**AM:** For this holy house,

and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

AM: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

**ELW# 139**

**ALL: This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength,  
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God,  
and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.**

**Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

AM: Let us pray.

**Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written  
for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them,  
read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your**

**promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

*(A brief silence is kept before the prayer. The assembly is seated.)*

AM: Please be seated for the readings

## **God Speaks to Us in The Word**

**First Reading: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

Lector: A reading from Nehemiah:

*(The exiles have returned and rebuilt Jerusalem. Now Ezra, the priest, reads the law of Moses to them in the public square. When they hear it, they weep for their sins and for the long years in exile, but Ezra reminds them that “the joy of the Lord is your strength.”)*

1All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. 2Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. 3He 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. 5And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. 6Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. 8So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. 9And 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 when they heard the words of the law. 10Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

## **Psalm 19**

*( The teaching of the Lord revives the soul. (Ps. 19:7))*

1The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

**2One day tells its tale to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

3Although they have no words or language,  
and their voices are not heard,

**4their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

5It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

**6It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

7The teaching of the Lord is perfect and re-vives the soul;  
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

**8The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

9The fear of the Lord is clean and en-dures forever;  
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**10More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

11By them also is your ser- vant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**12Who can detect one's own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

13Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get  
dominion over me;

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

**14Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable  
in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

## **Second Reading**

## **1 Corinthians 12:12-31a**

Lector: A reading from first Corinthians:

*(The apostle and pastor Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately connected we are in the church. For this struggling congregation in Corinth, Paul delivers a vital message of unity that is a mark of the church today.)*

12For 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. 13For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

14Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. 15If the foot would 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. 16And if the ear would 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. 17If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? 18But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. 19If all were a single member, where would the body be? 20As it is, there are many members, yet one body. 21The 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.” 22On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; 24whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, 25that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. 26If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

27Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. 28And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. 29Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? 30Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? 31aBut strive for the greater gifts.

**L:** The word of the Lord....

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Kids' Talk**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**“Alleluia”**

**ELW p.142**

*(The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.)*

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia. Alleluia.**



## Gospel

Luke 4:14-21

### **PM: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.:**

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

*Near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.*

14Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. 15He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

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

18“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,

19to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

20And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. 21Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

**L: The Gospel of the Lord.**

**C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

## Sermon

Pastor Paul

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## **“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”**

**ELW# 310**

- 1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;  
manifested by the star  
to the sages from afar,  
branch of royal David's stem  
in thy birth at Bethlehem:  
anthems be to thee addressed,  
God in flesh made manifest.**
  
- 2 Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
prophet, priest, and king supreme;  
and at Cana wedding guest  
in thy Godhead manifest;  
manifest in pow'r divine,  
changing water into wine;  
anthems be to thee addressed,  
God in flesh made manifest.**
  
- 3 Manifest in making whole  
weakened body, fainting soul;  
manifest in valiant fight,  
quelling all the devil's might;  
manifest in gracious will,  
ever bringing good from ill:  
anthems be to thee addressed,  
God in flesh made manifest.**
  
- 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,  
present in thy holy word;  
grace to imitate thee now  
and be pure, as pure art thou;  
that we might become like thee  
at thy great epiphany,  
and may praise thee, ever blest,  
God in flesh made manifest.**

**Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885, alt.**

## **The Apostles Creed.**

AM: Let us Confess our faith with the words of The Apostles Creed.

**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 Prayers of the Church**

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

*(A brief silence.)*

You reveal yourself to us in the reading of scripture. Fulfill your word through the faithful witness of your church. Send us out to bring your liberating good news to all people.

God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

All creation proclaims your handiwork. Teach us to love the intricate and beautiful bodies that you have created. Bless tiny insects, enormous whales, and every creature in between. Sustain species at risk of extinction.

God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

You desire that there be no dissension among us. Where we are divided in our society, nation, or world, come quickly to reunite us into one body. Ease conflict, dispel violence, and bring an end to war.

God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Anoint with your Spirit all who seek your favor. Grant provision and justice for people living in poverty, people living with disability, those living with pain, or those living under oppression (especially).

God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Build up the body of Christ in this place. Bless the variety of ministries in this congregation (especially). Empower us to freely welcome and deeply value each person who enters into worship and ministry among us.

God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

*(Here other intercessions may be offered.)*

In thanksgiving we lift before you the saints for whom the promise of salvation has now been fulfilled. Tend to those who mourn (especially). Bring us together in your everlasting glory. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **Pass the Peace**

PM: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**ALL: And also with you.**

*Take a moment to pass the peace with those around you,  
and send a message of peace to those listening and watching with you.*

## **Jesus Comes to Us in His Supper**

*Dear members and friends of Faith: as you trust the God you see in Jesus, please be welcome to share his meal. Christ offers here and now his body and blood, his death and resurrection, as a demonstration that God “loves you to death” and is present to, in, and through you now and forever. Communion will be served in individual portions*

### **MEAL**

#### **Offering**

**ELW# 182:**

**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 the 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.**

#### **Offering Prayer**

**AM: Let us pray,  
All: Blessed are you, O God,  
Sovereign of the universe.  
You offer us new beginnings  
and guide us on our journey.  
Lead us to your table,  
nourish us with this heavenly food,  
and prepare us to carry your love  
to a hungry world,  
in the name of Christ our light.**

**Amen.**

**Great Thanksgiving**

**ELW p.144**

*The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.*

PM: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

PM: Lift up your hearts.

**ALL: We lift them to the Lord.**

PM: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**PREFACE**

PM: 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.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;  
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;  
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.

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:

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of pow'r and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:  
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.  
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.  
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.  
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.  
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.  
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,  
the Word made flesh.

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.

Pm: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

**PM:** With this bread and cup  
we remember your Word dwelling among us,  
full of grace and truth.  
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.  
We look with hope for his coming.

## **Come, Lord Jesus.**

**PM:** Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us.

Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people.

Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

**PM:** All praise and glory are yours,

Holy One of Israel,

Word of God incarnate,

Power of the Most High,

one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

Matthew 6:9-13 & Luke 11:2-4

**PM:** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## **Invitation to the Meal**

**PM:** Come, taste, and see that the Lord is good.

## **Distribution**

**PM:** The body of Christ, given for you.



The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
Amen.

## **Blessing/Prayers**

**PM:** And now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior,  
keep you in His grace.....

Let us Pray

**ALL: We give you thanks, gracious God,  
for we have feasted on the abundance of your house.  
Send us to bring good news  
and to proclaim your favor to all,  
strengthened with the richness of your grace  
in your Son, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

## **Announcements**

## **Benediction**

**PM:** God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,  
who rejoices over you,  
and who calls you by name,  
✠ bless your going out and your coming in,  
today and forever.

**ALL: Amen..**

## Sending Song

Arise, Your Light Has Come!

ELW #314

- 1 Arise, your light has come!  
The Spirit's call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God  
which shines on you today.
- 2 Arise, your light has come!  
Fling wide the prison door;  
proclaim the captive's liberty,  
good tidings to the poor.
- 3 Arise, your light has come!  
All you in sorrow born,  
bind up the brokenhearted ones  
and comfort those who mourn.
- 4 Arise, your light has come!  
The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing,  
God's pow'r will make us strong

## God Sends Us into The World

### Dismissal

AM: Go in peace. Share the good news.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

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***Pray for our Members and Friends...***



*Please call or email us with your prayer requests.*

**Prayers for safety and healing:** Carl Russ, Micha, Karla West,  
Kenny Senn,

**Prayers for comfort:.**

**Discovery:**

**Beehive:** Yvonne Olson, Chuck Olson

**Valley View:** Ruth Dillon

**Remington:** Kathleen Gazzara

**Sapphire:** Bertie Senn

**Incarcerated:** George Davis

**Thanks to our Worship Assistants!**