

February 6th, 2022

ELW Setting 3
5th 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!

God Gathers the Body of Christ

Prelude
Call to Worship

Accompanist Colleen Southwick

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 中 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 "Let the whole Creation cry" ELW #876

- 1 Let the whole creation cry,
 "Glory to the Lord on high!"
 Heav'n and earth, awake and sing,
 "Praise to our almighty king!"
 Praise God, angel hosts above,
 ever bright and fair in love;
 sun and moon, lift up your voice;
 night and stars, in God rejoice.
- 2 Servants striving for the Lord,
 prophets burning with the word,
 those to whom the arts belong
 add their voices to the song.
 Pow'rs of knowledge and of law,
 to the glorious circle draw;
 all who work and all who wait,
 sing, "The Lord is good and great!"
- Men and women, young and old, raise the anthem loud and bold,

and let children's happy hearts in this worship take their parts; from the north to southern pole let the mighty chorus roll: "Holy, Holy, Holy One; glory be to God alone!"

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

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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.

Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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: Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]

Lector: A reading from Isaiah:

Through a vision in the temple, the eighth-century prophet Isaiah is called by God to announce judgment against Israel. Aware of his sinfulness and shortcomings, Isaiah is initially hesitant. But when God calls, Isaiah responds, "Here am I; send me!"

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" [⁹And he said, "Go and say to this people:

'Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.'

10 Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed."

11 Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said: "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant.

and houses without people,
and the land is utterly desolate;

12until the Lord sends everyone far away,
and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.

13Even if a tenth part remain in it,
it will be burned again,
like a terebinth or an oak
whose stump remains standing
when it is felled."

The holy seed is its stump.

Psalm 138

¹I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;

before the gods I will sing your praise.

²I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;

for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

³When I called, you answered me;

you increased my strength within me.

⁴All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth.

⁵They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.

⁶The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;

you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

⁸You will make good your purpose for me;

O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Lector: A reading from first Corinthians:

Paul delivers in a nutshell the story of the gospel that was given to him. In the lineage of the Christian faith, we have received the good news of God's love from generations of believers before us, and we continue to tell this story to the world.

1Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, 2through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

L: The word of the Lord....

C: Thanks be to God.

Kids' Talk

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia"

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(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 5:1-11

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus' teaching of God's word has begun to draw great crowds. For Simon, James, and John, Jesus' teaching inspires hospitality, then obedience, and then risk. After Jesus' creative power is revealed, fear and amazement leads these three fishermen to leave everything behind to become apostles.

¹Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ²he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." 5Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" ⁹For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." 11When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

L: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon Pastor Paul

HYMN OF THE DAY

"You have come down to the lakeshore"

ELW#817

1 You have come down to the lakeshore

seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy, but only asking for me to follow.

Refrain

Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes; kindly smiling, you've called out my name. On the sand I have abandoned my small boat; now with you, I will seek other seas.

- You know full well what I have, Lord: neither treasure nor weapons for conquest, just these my fish nets and will for working. Refrain
- You need my hands, my exhaustion, working love for the rest of the weary--a love that's willing to go on loving. Refrain
- 4 You who have fished other waters; you, the longing of souls that are yearning: O loving Friend, you have come to call me. Refrain

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.

Equip your church to proclaim the good news that we have first received: the forgiveness and grace shown to us through Jesus Christ. Send us out as apostles, sharing the hope of your salvation with a waiting world. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Holy are you, O God of hosts. Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Reveal your splendor in fiery sunsets and in deep blue twilights. Teach us to recognize you in the beauty of our natural world.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Soften the hearts of rulers and governments that they perceive and tend to the needs of their people. Remove corruption and the impulse toward violence. Protect first responders and military personnel who risk their lives in service of others. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon those who look to you for hope and healing. Bless doctors, nurses, social workers, therapists, and all caregivers. Draw near to those who are scared, sick, or in pain (especially). God of grace,

hear our prayer.

The disciples received help from partners as they brought in an abundant catch of fish. So strengthen this congregation's partnerships with community organizations and ministries (especially). Multiply our shared efforts and bring joy to our relationships. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for our ancestors in faith who boldly answered your call. By their example give us courage to live in faith and to proclaim your mercy until the day that you gather us into your 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

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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 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.

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.

PM: 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

"In Christ Called to Baptize"

ELW #575

- 1. In Christ called to baptize, we witness to grace and gather a people from each land and race. In deep, flowing waters, we share in Christ's death, then, rising to new life, give thanks with each breath.
- 2 In Christ called to banquet, one table we share,

a haven of welcome,
a circle of care.
Although we are many,
we share in one bread.
One cup of thanksgiving
proclaims Christ, our head.

- 3 In Christ called to witness, by grace we will preach the life-giving gospel;
 God's love we will teach.
 By grace may our living give proof to our praise in costly compassion reflecting Christ's ways.
- 4 Unite us, anoint us,
 O Spirit of love,
 for you are within us,
 around us, above.
 Equip us for service
 with gifts you bestow.
 In Christ is our calling.
 In Christ may we grow.

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:

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!

| <u>Today</u> | Feb 6th | Feb 13th |
|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Accompanist | Colleen Southwick | Amber Richardson |
| Call To Worship | | |
| Ushers | Sandy Russ | Susan Peterson |
| Lector | Nancy Osborn | Emma |
| Assisting Minister | John Marten | Carl Russ |
| Projection | Scott Southwick | Will Heitman |
| Video | Rick Brown | Rick Brown . |