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Faith Lutheran Church is a family of God Built on love: worshipping, welcoming, learning, and serving in Christ's name. (1John 4:19) We are a Christ centered, Bible reading, welcoming spiritual home for seekers, believers, and everyone in between. Because you are here, you are part of the Family. WELCOME!

If you are new, visiting, or curious, please get in touch with us, by filling out one of the cards in the pews.

Time After Epiphany



"Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. "
~ Romans 5:1-2

The season after Epiphany sits between the Advent, Christmas, Epiphany cycle and the Lent, Easter cycle. The number of Sundays in this season changes to fit the days between Epiphany and Easter. (*Easter does not have fixed day on the Julian calendar, it is based on a Lunar calendar*)

The Season can be described as a movement from the individual and into community, then out into the world. The season begins with the Baptism of Jesus. This gives us a moment to reflect on our adoption into this movement, this community. Baptism-intimate, worship-community, service/evangelism-the world.

The term Epiphany, within the church, is a moment of divine revelation. That aha moment crafted by God where you recognize the divine active in this world. That moment crafted by God where God reveals Godself or Jesus or the Spirit active in this world.

We just left a season defined by the pre-dawn glow, now the sun/Son is over the horizon shining down upon all of creation. A simple spiritual practice for the season is to take the time during your morning commute or coffee and bask or wonder in the light, heck take a cat-nap in the sunlight streaming in and revel in the comfort of its warmth.

We call our form of worship "liturgical" coming from the Greek word 'leitourgia' which means "the work of the people."

We begin worship by taking the time to remember our baptism: what it means to us personally, what it means to this congregation, and what it means to the world.

Prelude
Call to Worship

Greeting

A: Beloved of God, who are called to be saints: grace and peace be with you from the one who was, who is, and who is to come.
C: And also with you.

Prayer requests

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Stand and face the font

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation

C: Amen

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism..

Water is poured into the font

**C: We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the
waters and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight**

P: Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

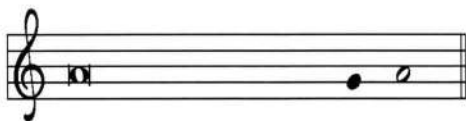
C: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

All: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Kyrie



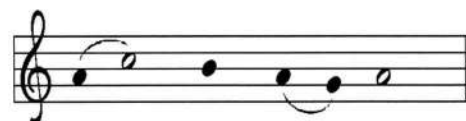
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

The Kyrie is the Greek word for, 'O Lord'. The biblical roots of the Kyrie are found in 1 Chronicles 16:34 It is an acknowledgment of what God has done, what God is doing, and what God will continue to do.

Canticle of Praise

Assisting minister

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All

Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High. Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

For the Word we hear four readings.

The first is often from the Old Testament.

The next is from the Psalms.

Prayer of the Day

A: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

A: Let us pray.

ALL: Amen

*The next is from
the New
Testament.*

*The congregation
acknowledges the
presence of the
Lord in the
proclamation of
the Gospel by
acclamations
before and after*

*The Gospel
occupies the last
place, the place of
honor, it tells us
of Jesus' life,
ministry and
deeds while on
earth.*

Word

You may sit for the readings

First Reading

Psalm

Second Reading

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Children's Lesson

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand



Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel according to ___, the __chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Please sit

Sermon

Stand

Hymn of the Day

Apostles' Creed

A: Let us confess together the faith of the Church,
using the words of the Apostles' Creed

**C: 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

A: Merciful God,

C: Receive Our Prayer

A: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God,
trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ
crucified.

C: Amen

*The Apostles creed
dates to the C.E. It
3rd century in the
Latin church. It
became a regular
part of liturgy in
the 8th century. It
is an explicitly
Trinitarian confes-
sion.*

These words or
similar are used to
pray together. Here
we gather the
Prayer desires of
the community,
local, national and
world wide and
petition God to
hear our joined
voices.

Our offering is another response to God's Word. We give of ourselves, and our money out of thankfulness for all that God has given us, our life and our salvation..



Sharing of the peace

A: The peace of the Lord be with you all

C: and also with you

Extend a word or gesture of peace to those around you

Presentation of Gifts (offering)

We Come to the Hungry Feast

1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
 2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
 3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,

To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
 from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
 and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay

not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

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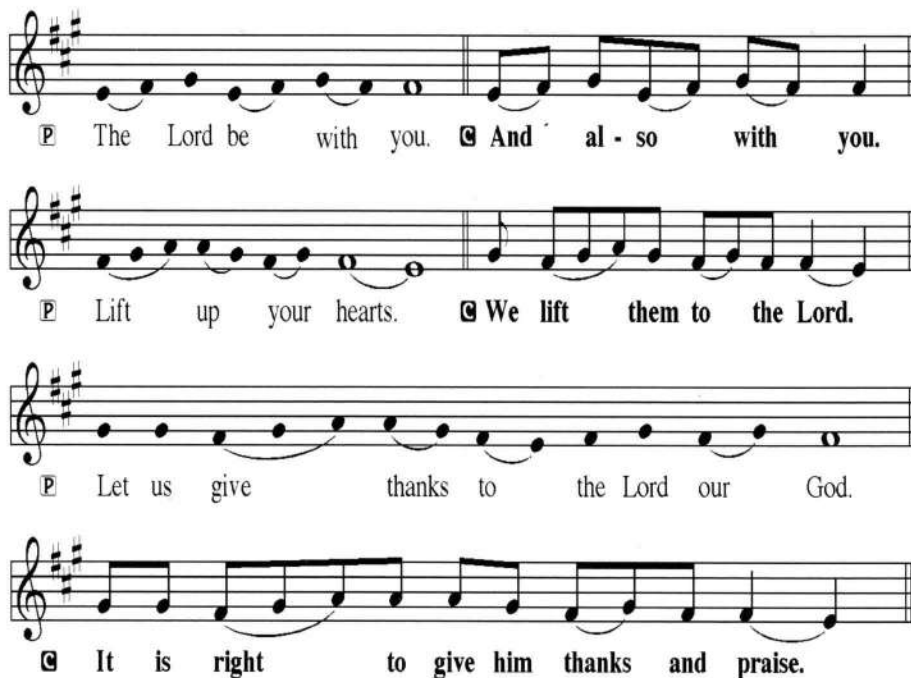
After the gifts have been presented, an offertory prayer is said.

A: Let us pray...

**C: Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. YOU we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,
Amen**

Meal

Great Thanksgiving



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

In the Great Thanksgiving, we are invited to thank God for his creation and all good things he has given us, especially the meal we are about to share



*The Preface
which begins
with, "It is indeed
right and
salutary"
expresses why we
should give
thanks.*

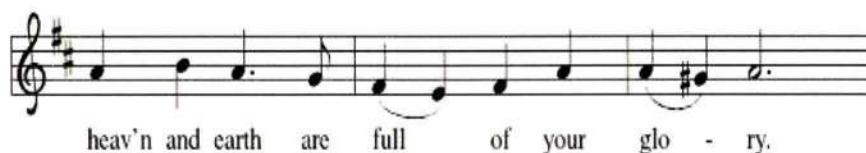
*The Sanctus
contains words
from Isaiah's
vision of God
Isaiah 6:3
(‘Sanctus’ is the
Latin word for
'holy'.)*

P: 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 be-
loved 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:



P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints. To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C: Amen

The Eucharistic prayer begins with an echoing of the Sanctus, continuing its praise.

*The Words of Institution recalls the act which was commanded by Jesus at the last supper with his disciples.
1 Cor. 11:23-26*

The 'Anamnesis' comes from the Greek word 'to remember'. In it we remember all that God has done for us; the work of Jesus "who is and who was and who is to come"

The Lord's Prayer is the prayer Jesus taught his disciples when they wanted to know how to pray; found in Matthew 6:9-13,



The Agnus Dei is a Latin term meaning 'Lamb of God', and is used to refer to Jesus Christ. We sing the Agnus Dei as we move toward the altar.

Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C: **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**

Distribution

P: Come to the Lord's Table, for all is ready and all are welcome.

We sing communion hymns during distribution starting with

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Stand

Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

Post-Communion Canticle



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

The Post-Communion canticle is a song known as the "Nunc Dimitis." It is the song sung by Simeon when he beholds the infant Jesus in the temple. (Luke 2:28-32)

Our meal being ended, we continue giving thanks, knowing that God's grace is freely and lovingly given to us.

The Benediction is a short blessing which is lifted up at the end of worship service.

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

C: Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.
Amen.

Sending

Benediction

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod, bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

C: Amen

Announcements

Sending Hymn

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus

C: Thanks be to God.

Epiphany

prophecy

sign inspiration announcement

endsend

display astonishment publication

proclamation unexpected uncovering

foreshadowing

discovery phenomenon news manifestation

miracle unearthly astonishment

jolt divulgement fortune

exhibit

Epiphany is a time of wonder and AHA! Light is often a theme for the season. It is a season to reflect on the mystery of your baptism. It is a time to relish the ways God has personally revealed Godself to us. It is a time to share those stories to the baptized and unbaptized. It is a time to find God in the ordinary around us.