



February 2, 2020

4th Sunday after Epiphany

Now the Feast and Celebration

***We welcome you
with open arms and open hearts!***

Faith Lutheran Church is a family of God built on love: Worshiping, welcoming, growing and serving in Christ's name.

Young children are welcome in the service. Age-appropriate activity bags are available in the lobby.

If you are new to Faith, please complete a response card (can be found in the pew) and drop it in the offering plate or hand it to the ushers.

We would like to be in touch with you
Evangelical Lutheran Worship: "ELW" refers to the Red Hymnal.
page numbers at the bottom of the page, hymn numbers at the top of the page.

Welcome to Faith and thank you for coming!

God Gathers The Body Of Christ

(Now the Feast Liturgy (NtF) is located inside the back cover of the red hymnal.)

If you have an announcement to share with the congregation, please check in with the assisting minister Rick Brown before the service begins.

Prelude

Susan Peterson, Accompanist

Call to Worship

Welcome

AM: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

All: And also with you.

AM: *Please take a moment to share God's peace with your neighbors.*

Any Prayer requests?

The Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

PM: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the eternal voice from heaven,
the anointed and beloved one,
the Spirit moving over the waters.

All: Amen.

PM: As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession,
trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God who searches us and knows us,

**All: you have shown us what is good,
but we have looked to other lights to find our way.
We have not been just in our dealings with others.
We have chosen revenge over mercy.
We have promoted ourselves
instead of walking humbly with you.
With what shall we come before you?
Forgive us our sin,
and show us your salvation
in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

PM: Beloved of God,
you have not received the spirit of the world,
but the Spirit that is from God,
poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ.
Receive the promise of baptism:

You are God’s child; † your sins are forgiven.

Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.

All: Amen.

The Kyrie

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The Hymn of Praise

“Now the Feast”

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The Prayer of the Day

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(Sung)

AM: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

AM: Let us pray.

(read)

All: Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(AM: please be seated for the readings)

God Speaks To Us In The Word

First Reading

Micah 6:1-8

Lector: A reading from the 6th chapter of Micah:

With the mountains and the foundations of the earth as the jury, God brings a lawsuit against Israel. God has "wearied" Israel with a long history of saving acts. God does not want or expect lavish sacrifices to attempt to earn divine favor. Rather God empowers the people to do justice, to love loyalty to God, and to walk shrewdly in God's service.

¹Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ²Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³"O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD." ⁶"With what shall I come before

the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" ⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Psalm 15

¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

²Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

⁴In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Lector: A reading from the 1st chapter of 1Corinthians:

According to the world's standards of power and might, the message of the cross seems stupid and offensive. Yet this word reveals the paradoxical way God has chosen to work power and salvation through weakness, rejection, and suffering. Hence the message of the cross becomes true wisdom and power for believers.

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is

written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Lector: Word of God, Word of life. **All: Thanks be to God**

Kids’ Talk

Pastor Paul Anderson

(AM: *Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation*)

Gospel Acclamation (*sung*)

(*projected*) NtF p. 7

All: Alleluia, Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. (*Repeat*)

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

Spark Bible page 264

PM: The Holy Gospel according Matthew chapter 5:

All: Glory to you O Lord!

Jesus opens the Sermon on the Mount by naming those who are blessed in the reign of God.

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

PM: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

Pastor Paul Anderson

(AM: Please stand as you are able for the Hymn of the Day)

The Hymn of the Day

"Blest Are They"

ELW #728

We Respond To God's Word

The Apostles' Creed *(AM leads)*

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I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was

conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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 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 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

“Let My Prayer Rise Up” (*projected*) ELW #232

**Let my prayer rise up like incense before you,
The lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.**

(AM: Please be seated for the prayers)

Trusting that God hears us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

God of liberation, you set your people free to serve others. Embolden your church, that we seek justice for the oppressed, share generously your lovingkindness, and live humbly together. Unite us as one people under the foolishness of the cross. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of the nations, you desire peace and justice among all people. Deliver us from systems of fear that seek to divide us. Guide our local and national leaders (*especially*). May their decisions empower and serve the needs of the poor and the disenfranchised. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of the oppressed, you raise up the lowly and comfort those in despair. We lift up to you all who are victims of exploitation, discrimination, and greed. We pray for those who are suffering in any way this day (*especially*). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of love, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to earth in the form of a baby, whose presentation in the temple we celebrate today. Fill our own

house of worship with your presence, that all who enter may encounter Christ. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Confident that you are able to accomplish more than we even dare to ask, we bring these prayers before you, believing in your saving grace revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(AM: We will now receive the offering)

The Offering “As the Grains of Wheat” *(projected)* NtF p.9

The Offering Prayer

AM: Let us pray,

**All: God of wonder,
you formed us in our mother’s womb,
and from mother earth you bring forth this bread and wine.
We place them on your table,
together with our lives and all that you have made.
Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit.
We wait for your mercy;
we long for your peace;
we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ,
our banquet of life. Amen.**

Jesus Comes To Us In His Supper

The Words of Institution

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

The Lord's Prayer

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

PM: Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

**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.**

The Distribution

Jesus Christ is the host of this meal, and he invites you to share a meal with him—an act of friendship, hospitality, and a glimpse of the feast that is to come. The Risen Christ is truly here in the bread and wine, so come, eat, and trust that his promise of forgiveness and everlasting life is for you!

Grape juice is light colored; wine is red.

Bread is nut free wheat bread. Wafers are nut, dairy and gluten free. Communion is by kneeling at the altar.

Distribution

“Lamb of God”

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1) Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

Chorus: Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

2) Lamb of God, you break the chains of hatred and fear: (*chorus*)

3) Lamb of God, you are the way of justice and peace: (*chorus*)

4) Lamb of God, you are the way of mercy and love: (*chorus*)

5) Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

“We Come to the Hungry Feast”

ELW # 479

“Bread of Life from Heaven”

ELW #474

Post Communion Prayer

PM: Faithful God,

**All: you have kept your promise to us in this meal,
nourishing us with the gift of salvation.**

Now send your servants forth in peace,

that we may testify to your goodness

and share the hope that is ours

in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Benediction

**PM: May Christ, the wisdom and power of God,
and the source of our life together, keep you united in mind and
purpose. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father,
the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always. Amen.**



Pray for At-Home Members and Friends...

Battling Cancer: Peter S.

Prayers for: Sandy Drake, Joshua Furniss, Colleen Southwick, Keith Bell, John, Leta and Ray, Kent Belcher, Brian Belcher, Richard Castor, Timothy Hawes, Karl, Shirley Hanson, Dale Hughey, Peggy Lewis, Irene Stengrimson, Victoria Moore, LaVonne Beers,

The Beehive: Morry Mitteness, Yvonne Olson, Bertie Henderson

Valley View: Ruth Dillon

Remington: Betty Swift, Chuck Olson

Home Nursing Care: Virginia Rotering

Incarcerated: Jacob Bachman, George Davis

Please let us know if you are having surgery or know of someone who is, or if you or someone you love is in the hospital. We are here to help support in any way we can, especially with prayers.



Don't forget to take your turn and sign up for our coffee hour treats. Sign up sheet is in the kitchen. We need someone for March 1st and March 29th. Thank you.

*New volunteer opportunity!
Sign up to lead the Kids' Talk worship during the service.
Sign up sheet for every 3rd Sunday in the lobby.*

SENIOR “LEAPING FISH” FELLOWSHIP



Save Saturday afternoon February 29th at 1pm for our Senior Fellowship get-together. We will do a Personal Care Kit project for Lutheran World Relief and then have an Alaskan fish meal (there will be a meat alternative for those who don't eat fish).

Stay tuned for more information.

If you have a question, contact Nancy Osborn at 363-2139 or Linda Beyer at 207-3471.

The Story of the Four Chaplains

The Four Chaplains, also referred to as the “**Immortal Chaplains**” or the “**Dorchester Chaplains**” were four United States Army Chaplains who gave their lives to save civilian and military personnel as the troop ship USAT Dorchester sank on February 3, 1943, during World War II. The vessel was torpedoed during the early morning hours of February 3rd by a German submarine off the coast of Newfoundland in the North Atlantic. The chaplains all held the rank of first lieutenant, and included a Methodist minister, a rabbi, a Roman Catholic priest, and a Reformed Church in America minister. They gave up their lifejackets when the supply ran out, then joined arms, said prayers, and sang hymns as they went down with the ship. Some 230 of the 904 men aboard the ship were rescued.

