



**January 5, 2020**

***Epiphany***  
***ELW 3***

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

Faith Lutheran Church is a family of God built on love: Worshiping, welcoming, serving and growing 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!**

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

## **God Gathers the Body Of Christ**

**Prelude**

Amber Richardson, Accompanist

**Call to Worship**

"Arise, Shine"

*(projected)*

**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?*

*(AM: Please stand as you are able for our gathering hymn)*

**The Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness**

S&S

PM: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, Love from the beginning,  
Word made flesh, Breath of heaven.

**All: Amen.**

PM: Let us confess our sinfulness before God and one another,  
trusting in God’s endless mercy and love.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**All: We confess that we are not perfect. We have said and done things we regret. We have tried to earn your redeeming grace, while denying it to others. We have resisted your call to be your voice in the world. Forgive us, loving God. Give us your righteousness, the strength to put aside our failures, and the courage to try again. Amen.**

PM: Dear people of God, hear the good news: Christ the Savior is born!  
You are loved and forgiven in the name of † Jesus, who has come among us. You are freed from proving that you deserve to be loved, because God’s love is given to you as the most precious gift of all. Rejoice in this love and share it with the world.

**All: Amen.**

**The Hymn of Praise**

ELW page 140

**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:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

**AM:** Let us pray.

**All:** **O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **God Speaks To Us In The Word**

### **First Reading**

Isaiah 60:1-6

**Lector:** A reading from the 60<sup>th</sup> chapter of Isaiah:

*Jerusalem is assured that nations will make a pilgrimage to her because the light of God's presence is in her midst. The bountiful food of the sea and the profits of international trade will come streaming to Jerusalem and thereby declare God's praise.*

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. <sup>2</sup>For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. <sup>3</sup>Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

<sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. <sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant; your

heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. <sup>6</sup>A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

### **Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14**

*(Lector: Give response directions to congregation)*

<sup>1</sup>Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;

**<sup>2</sup>that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;**

<sup>3</sup>that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

**<sup>4</sup>Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**

<sup>5</sup>May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

**<sup>6</sup>Let him come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.**

<sup>7</sup>In his time may the righteous flourish; and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

**<sup>10</sup>May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles pay tribute, and the kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts.**

<sup>11</sup>May all kings bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.

**<sup>12</sup>For the king delivers the poor who cry out in distress, the oppressed, and those who have no helper.**

<sup>13</sup>He has compassion on the lowly and poor, and preserves the lives of the needy.

**<sup>14</sup>From oppression and violence he redeems their lives, and precious is their blood in his sight.**

## Second Reading

Ephesians 3:1-12

**Lector:** A reading from the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter of Ephesians:

*What had been hidden from previous generations is now made known through the gospel ministry of Paul and others. In Christ both Jews and Gentiles participate in the richness of God's promised salvation.*

<sup>1</sup>This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—<sup>2</sup>for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, <sup>3</sup>and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, <sup>4</sup>a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. <sup>5</sup>In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: <sup>6</sup>that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

<sup>7</sup>Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup>Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; <sup>10</sup>so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

L: Holy wisdom, holy word...      **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Kid's Time**

Celeste Pogachar

**Gospel Acclamation**

ELW page 142

**All: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

*Spark Bible page 218*

PM: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew chapter 2:

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

*God's promise shines bright in the night as magi follow a star to honor a new king. Strangers from a faraway land, they welcome the long-awaited messiah of Israel.*

<sup>1</sup>In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." <sup>9</sup>When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Sermon

John Marten

**Sermon Song** “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” ELW #310Vv. 1 &4

**The Apostles’ Creed** (*AM leads*) ELW p. 105

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 power of 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

(*before and after prayers*) “Hear Our Prayer” (*projected*) ELW #178

**Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord make us whole:**

**Peace to all people, hope for each soul.**

**God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.**

Gathered with all who seek the Christ child, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

Faithful God, continue to provide dedicated leaders and passionate people for your church, so that wisdom and compassion in all its rich variety may be made known throughout the world. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, your glory shines around us in every star, creature, and person. Liberate us from the ways we destroy your creation. Free us to care for the earth so that all experience your bountiful goodness. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Give your justice to the leaders of the world, O God. Endow them with humble courage to defend the cause of the poor and give deliverance to those in need, so that peace abounds in all countries (*especially*). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

By the guidance of a star, you led the magi to pay homage to the Christ child. Protect new families, those who live alone, travelers, those who suffer loss, and all others in need (*especially*). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Ever-present One, in Christ Jesus we boldly come before you in worship. Nurture and encourage all who gather for worship, those who serve in worship leadership roles, and all who participate in the work of this faith community. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Into your gracious hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord make us whole:  
Peace to all people, hope for each soul.  
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.**

**The Offering**                    “In the Bleak Midwinter”    ELW #294 Vv. 1 & 3

**Offering Prayer**

AM: Let us pray,

**All: Generous God, you have given us life, this community,  
and these gifts of the earth that become the meal of your  
grace. Move in our hearts, that we might use your gifts to  
bring hope and blessing wherever we go, through Christ our  
Lord. Amen.**



# 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.*

***Grape juice is light colored; wine is red.***

***Regular or gluten-free wafers by request.***

***Communion will be by kneeling at the altar***

**Words of Institution**

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

**The Lord’s Prayer**

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

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**

“Lamb of God”

ELW page 146

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Grant us peace.**

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

ELW #815

“Beautiful Savior”

ELW #838

**Post Communion Prayer**

AM: Let us pray.

**All: Emmanuel, God with us, you grace us with life and breath and give us bread for the journey. Send us out in service to this world that you love, telling the amazing news of your coming to be Savior and Lord of all. Amen.**

## Benediction

PM: Grace from God's own heart, peace from the ☩ Child in the manger, and strength from the Spirit of life be blessings for you today and forever. **Amen.**

## God Sends Us Into The World

*(Please come forward if you have an announcement for the congregation)*

### Sending Song

“Christ Be Our Light”

ELW #715

Vv. 1-2, R,3-4, R,5

### Announcements for Congregation

## Dona nobis pacem

1 *Canon*



Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

2



Do - na no - bis pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

3



Do - na no - bis pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Text: Traditional  
Music: DONA NOBIS PACEM, traditional

## Dismissal

AM: Go in peace as a family of God built on love:

**All: Worshiping, welcoming, serving and growing in Christ's name.**

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

**Coffee & Goodies** are provided so we can enjoy conversation and a bite after worship. If you would like to host and/or donate for this, please sign-up on the sheet on the fridge in the kitchen.



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## **Pastor Paul is on vacation Through Jan 8<sup>th</sup>**



*Pray for At-Home Members and Friends...*

**Battling Cancer:** Peter S.

**Prayers for:** Dale Brady, Leta and Roy, Kent Belcher, Brian Belcher, Richard Castor, Timothy Hawes, Karl, Shirley Hanson, Dale Hughey, Peggy Lewis, Irene Stengrimson, Victoria Moore, LaVonne Beers, Susan Wetzsteon, Rochelle Lenz, Patsy & Bill K., Richard Kordsmeir.

**The Beehive:** Morry Mitteness, Yvonne Olson

**Remington:** Betty Swift, Chuck Olson

**Home Nursing Care:** Virginia Rotering, Smitty

**Incarcerated:** Jacob Bachman, George Davis

**Valley View:** Ruth Dillon

**Discovery Care:**

*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.*

**January 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**Youth Praise Service**