



January 31, 2021

*4 Epiphany
ELW 3*

*We welcome you with open arms
and hearts to Faith
and thank you for worshipping
with us!*

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.

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, or office@faithlutheranhamilton.org.

God Gathers The Body Of Christ

Prelude

Lina Gyles, Accompanist

Call to Worship

Mendenalls

Welcome

AM: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you!**

AM: Prayer Requests? Please notify the church office to submit names of those you wish us to include in the prayers.

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

Dearest Jesus, at Your Word



1 Dear - est Je - sus, at your word we have come a -
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est
 3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of Light from
 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and



gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
 dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night,
 God pro - ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light;
 ad - o - ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most:



and in glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is -
 fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and
 help our hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and
 all your gos - pel's con - so - la - tion while we here on



es here giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.
 all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.
 songs may please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.
 earth a - wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–1684, sts. 1–3; *Gesangbuch*, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt.
 Music: LIEBSER JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673

The Kyrie (*Spoken*)

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

All: And also with you.

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

All: Lord have mercy.

AM: For the peace from above, and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord have mercy.

AM: For the peace of the whole world, the well-being of the church of
God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord have mercy.

AM: For Faith Lutheran Church, and for all who offer here, their
worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord have mercy.

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

All: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

AM: Let us pray,

**ALL: Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your
radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior.
Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in
our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

God Speaks To Us In The Word

Preface to the Word (*sung*)

ELW# 512

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word.

**Lord, let my heart be good soil,
where love can grow and peace is understood.**

When my heart is hard, break the stone away.

When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.

When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Lector: A reading from , Deuteronomy, Chapter 18:

Today's reading is part of a longer discourse in Deuteronomy, an updating of the law for the Israelite community as the people wait to enter the promised land. Here Moses assures the people that God will continue to guide them through prophets who will proclaim the divine word.

[Moses said:] ¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." ¹⁷Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

Psalm 111 (*Lector: Give directions for psalm responses.*)

¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

²**Great are your works, O LORD,
pondered by all who delight in them.**

³Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,
and your righteousness endures forever.

⁴**You cause your wonders to be remembered;
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

⁵You give food to those who fear you,
remembering forever your covenant.

⁶**You have shown your people the power of your works
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

⁷The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;
all of your precepts are sure.

⁸**They stand fast forever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.**

⁹You sent redemption to your people and commanded your
covenant forever; holy and awesome is your name.

¹⁰**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's
praise endures forever.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Lector: A reading from First Corinthians, Chapter 8:

Paul is concerned about the way some Corinthian Christians use their freedom in Christ as license to engage in non-Christian behavior that sets a damaging example to other, impressionable believers. Christians have a responsibility to each other that their behavior does not cause another to sin.

¹Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him.

⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸“Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Kids’ Talk

Rick Brown

Gospel Acclamation

ELW p.142

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

Gospel (SPARK Bible pp. 254 & 255)

Mark 1:21-28

PM: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, Chapter 1:

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Forces that would bring death and disease have taken hold of a man, yet they recognize Jesus and know what his power means for them. Jesus commands these forces to leave and people are amazed at his authority.

²¹[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught.²² They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.²³ Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit,²⁴ and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.”²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!”²⁶ And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him.²⁷ They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.”²⁸ At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Sermon

Rick Brown

Sermon Song

“We Are Called ”

ELW #720

We Are Called

G C C/D D

1 Come! Live in the light!
 2 Come! O - pen your heart!
 3 Sing! Sing a new song!

G C D

Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are
 Show your . . . mer - cy to all those in fear! We are
 Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will

Em Em7/D C G/B

called to be light for the king - dom, to
 called to be hope for the hope - less so
 reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as

Am7 G/B C C/D D

live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.
 sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain
 Am7 G C D C/G G

We are called to act with jus - tice, we are

C D Em Em7/D C

called to love ten - der - ly; we are called to

D G C D C/G G

serve one an - oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

C D G

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 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.

Confession

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

**PM: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
whose voice is upon the waters,
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,
whose goodness cascades over all creation.**

Amen.

PM: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

PM: Holy God,

ALL: you search us and know us.

You are acquainted with all our ways.

**We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin-
our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.**

We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love.

We distrust those who are not like us.

**We exploit the earth and its resources
and fail to consider generations to come.**

Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone.

Even before the words are on our tongues,

you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.

PM: How vast is God's grace!

Through the power and promise of ✠ Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

Amen.

The Prayers of the Church (*AM reads*)

AM: Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

“O Lord, Hear My Prayer” ELW#751

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:
when I call, answer me.**

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:
come and listen to me.**

For all who share the gospel and proclaim freedom in Christ throughout the world: prophets, teachers, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders; for the church and its ministries, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For all God's works in creation: plants and animals, water and soil, forests and farms; and for those tasked with protecting our natural resources and all that exists, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For government and leaders: cities and nations, rescue professionals and legal aid attorneys, elected officials and grassroots organizers; for all responsible for the well-being of civil society, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit: those who are sick and hospitalized, those living with HIV/AIDS, those struggling with mental illness, those who are hungry or homeless, and all in any need (*especially*); for caregivers, hospice workers, and home health aides, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the concerns of this congregation: those who travel, those absent from worship, those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries; for the people of God in this place and for other needs in our community (*especially*), let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the covenant God made with us in the waters of baptism, in thanksgiving for the baptized who have died in the Lord, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Pass the Peace

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

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.

The Offering “Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring” ELW# 691 Vv. 1&3

Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place upon your table.

We do not worship as we ought but only as we’re able.

Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares

we lift in prayer before you.

Lord, by your grace now come to us, as humbly we adore you.

Offering Prayer

AM: Let us pray.

All: O God, receive these gifts as you receive us:

like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide.

Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in

faithful service to tend to others with this same love,

through Jesus Christ, our saving grace. 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
Communion will be served in individual portions.

Directions for communion.

Words of Institution

WOV page 37

PM: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit,
that by this Holy Communion we may know
the unity we share with all your people
in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

All: Amen

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.

Invitation to Communion

PM: Beloved: here is bread; here is wine.
Here is Jesus. Come and be fed.

Distribution

Post-Communion Blessing

PM: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace now and forever!
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

PM: Let us pray,

All: Christ Jesus, at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened for our journey. Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name. Amen.

Benediction

PM: May the peace of God be in your heart,
The grace of God be in your words,
The love of God be in your hands,
The joy of God be in your soul, and in the song
that your life sings. Amen.

Announcements for the congregation

Sending Song “Son of God, Eternal Savior” ELW #655 Vv. 1,3,4

Son of God, Eternal Savior



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
 2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
 Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
 hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
 Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
 Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
 By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
 by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
 we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
 quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.
 grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855–1932

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710

AM: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;
be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted;
support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people;
love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God

**Please plan to join us for our annual meeting, immediately following
worship next Sunday, February 7th.**

Postlude

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Pray for our Members and Friends...

***Please call or email us with your prayer requests. This list will be refreshed
monthly. Please feel free to resubmit.***



Prayers for healing: Celeste Pogachar, Pastor Paul's daughter, Rachael Lasy and family, Morry Mitteness, Millie and Erv Unruh, Bonnie Montgomery, Linda Bentz, Pastor Dale Meador, Amber Wood, Amber Lynch.

Prayers for comfort: for family and friends Betty Swift; for family and friends of Ken Cathey.

At Home: Bertie Senn

Discovery: Clara Felton

The Beehive: Morry Mitteness, Yvonne Olson

Valley View: Ruth Dillon

Remington: Chuck Olson

Home Nursing Care: Virginia Rotering, Smitty

Incarcerated: Jacob Bachman, George Davis

Thanks to our Worship Assistants.

Today January 31st

Accompanist	Lina Gyles
Usher	
Lector	Mendenalls
Assisting Minister	Scott Southwick
Call To Worship	Mendenalls
Video	Tommy Denney
Projection	Rod Pogachar

February 7th

Accompanist	Susan Peterson
Usher	Susan Wetzsteon
Lector	John Trangmoe
Assisting Minister	Celeste Pogachar
Call To Worship	Celeste Pogachar
Video	Cole Kimzey
Projection	Will Heitmann