

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

January 2, 2011 A.D.

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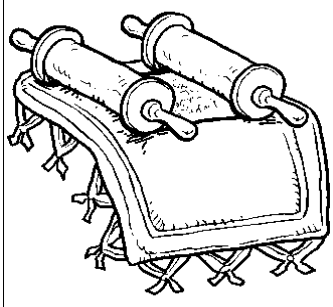
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*A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament,
Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in World Wide Missions*



As We Gather As our children do not remain so small for very long but grow up quickly, so our celebration of our Lord's nativity moves on quickly. On this ninth out of twelve days of Christmas, Luke has us fast-forward twelve years and Jesus is already well versed in the Scriptures. The main issue is His growth and increase not only physically but especially in the wisdom of God. As Solomon prayed for wisdom as God's greatest gift, today we are given a glimpse into God's wisdom. It is the greatest and highest wisdom that a person is not and cannot be saved by his own works or actions, but solely by faith in the gift of Jesus Christ. We become God's children, God's

family by God's action of adopting us. For all who may doubt this wisdom or their salvation, here the Bible teaches that God has chosen you in Christ. It is totally God's action and gift, not ours. Therefore, our salvation is completely in God's hands.

THE WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the blue information card. Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.

“The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.” James 5:16b

THE RINGING BELL CALLS US INTO THE PRESENCE OF OUR HEAVENLY FATHER

DIVINE SERVICE - SETTING FOUR

THE OPENING HYMN *“Now Sing We, Now Rejoice” LSB 386*
(We cheerfully rise and sing)

THE INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

In the name of the Father and of the **T**on and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

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If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

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Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His Grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

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Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[John 20:19-23]

C Amen.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE "Rejoice, Rejoice This Happy Morn" LSB 391 (Tune LSB 395)

*Rejoice, rejoice this happy morn, A Savior unto us is born.
The Christ, the Lord of glory! His lowly birth in Bethlehem
The angels from on high proclaim And sing redemption's story!
My soul, extol God's great favor;
Bless Him ever For salvation;
Give Him praise and adoration!*

THE SALUTATION (Spoken)

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2 Timothy 4:22

The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT *1 Kings 3:4-15 (Solomon asks not for riches but wisdom.)*

THE SPECIAL MUSIC *"Sing We Now of Christmas/God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"
traditional French/traditional English, arr. Brant Adams
Andrew Wulf, bassoon*

THE EPISTLE READING *Ephesians 1:3-14 (God chose us in wisdom.)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that
Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL *St. Luke 2:40-52 (Jesus grew in stature and wisdom.)*

THE SERMON HYMN *"From East to West" LSB 385
We rise for Verse 5*

THE SERMON *"I Guarantee It"
Ephesians 1:3-14
Pastor Levi Willms*

THE CREED *Nicene* 8:20 *Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*
Apostles' 11:00 *Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING OF ONE ANOTHER

THE OFFERING *We gather our tithes, gifts of love, and our “Building Together in Faith” gifts.*

THE OFFERTORY *“It Came upon the Midnight Clear” LSB 366*

We thank the many, many families who have already returned the Faith Promise “The Lifestyle of Faithful Stewards” cards. We will continue to receive the responses for the balance of 2010 until Sunday, January 9, the First Sunday of Epiphany, when we will dedicate them to God’s glory.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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Blessed be You, O God our Father, for in Your great wisdom, mercy, and love You have chosen us to be Your own children by faith in Christ. Grant to Your whole Church Your light, love, and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

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hear our prayer.

Give wisdom, O God, to all preachers of Your Word, to all pastors and leaders in Your Church wherever they may be, that they may rightly divide Your Word, proclaim it with power, and administer Your Holy Sacraments according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

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hear our prayer.

Let Your Holy Spirit seek out and reveal Your salvation for those who hear and believe Your saving Gospel. Cast away all doubt, and strengthen the faith of Your people everywhere. Lord, in Your mercy,

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hear our prayer.

Give peace among the nations, O Lord, that Your Word may not be bound but be proclaimed freely and boldly to all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

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hear our prayer.

We pray for our Faith family and its friends in the midst of life's joys and struggles...Lord, in Your mercy,

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hear our prayer.

Let the body and blood of Your Son strengthen faith and grant the wisdom that comes down from above, that all who commune may be one in confession and faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

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hear our prayer.

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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 11:00 service concludes on page 7 with The Benedicamus and The Benediction

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

8:20

THE PREFACE

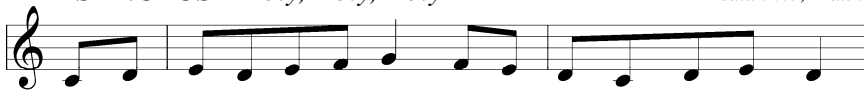
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It is truly good, right, and salutary ...evermore praising you and saying:



THE SANCTUS ~ Holy, Holy, Holy

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

THE PAX DOMINI

John 20:19

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The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

AGNUS DEI



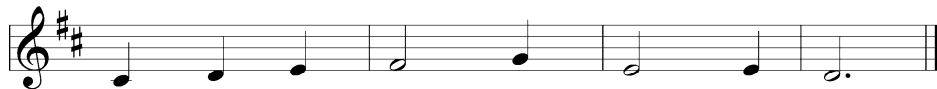
1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

THE COMMUNION HYMNS

"Two French Carols" traditional French, arr. Brant Adams (8:20 only)

Andrew Wulf, flute

"A Great and Mighty Wonder" LSB 383

"God Loves Me Dearly" LSB 392

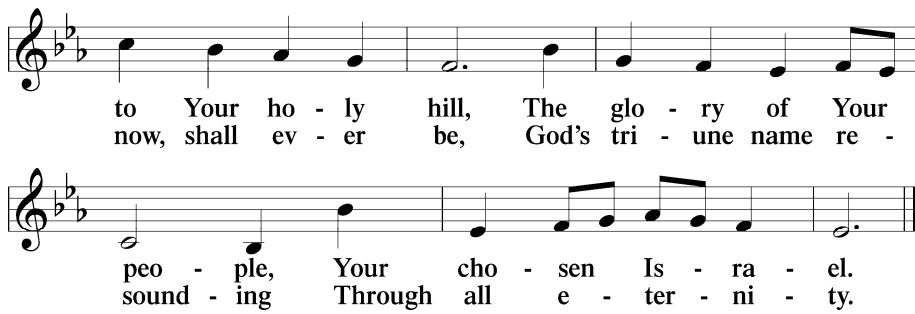


Crossed Hands – The Board of Elders would find it helpful that when you desire to receive the communion wafer in your hand that you extend your hands in front of you. It is a nice tradition that you cross your hands simply placing your top hand crossed in the palm of the lower hand.

NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is



to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

THE BENEDICAMUS

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Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE BENEDICTION (*With Sung Amens*)

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The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.



A A-men, a-men, a - men.

THE CLOSING HYMN “Go Tell It on the Mountain” *LSB 388*

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Second Sunday after Christmas!

We are delighted to have you in worship with us. If you are visiting from out of town, we bid you welcome and God-speed on your journey. Should you be from our community, and have no church home, we invite you to make Faith your church home. Greeting you this morning:

Before Early Service
Terry & Claren James
Cordell & Judy Costar
After Early Service
Phil & Michelle Rose
Ryan & Ann Noyes



Before Late Service
Jim & Char Russell
Paul & Lurene Denke
After Late Service
Chris & Sheri Kaus
Tony & Mrlissa Neyhar

Preaching this morning is Pastor Levi Willms who will also preach at Trinity Lutheran in Blunt between our morning services. Pastor Brad Urbach is our Liturgist.

Holy Communion is celebrated at our 8:20 service this Sunday. In this Sacrament, our Lord brings us strength and forgiveness to be about His vision and mission. Those confirmed Lutherans who come to the Sacrament of the Altar today are asked to read the communion side of our information card found in the pew rack and to sign the bottom of the reverse side so that our communion records might be complete.

Our First Sunday of the Month Morning Fellowship is moved in January to the third Sunday, the 16th. It will be a congregational “send off” for the Wulf family. Jerry will begin his service as Chief Financial Officer of the LCMS on January 31. It will be hosted by Berea Circle.



Blood Pressure! Is also moved to the third Sunday this month. Stop by the Living Room between 9:20 and 11:00 to get your blood pressure checked by one of Faith Lutheran’s own health professionals. Helping you on the 16th will be Rebekah Lindbloom and Carla Heller. You will even get a Scripture mint.

Sunday School There will be NO Sunday School today. Sunday School will resume next Sunday. It is for all children age 3 by September 1, 2010 through our High School, who meet in the Great Room. You can register for Sunday School in the Narthex, it is especially important in early years to make sure kids are in the same class as they are in school.

Sunday Morning Adult Class There will be NO Adult Study today. It will resume next Sunday. Class will continue with a great verse-by-verse study of the Gospel of Matthew in the Fellowship Hall.

Nursery There is NO Nursery this morning.

Nursing Moms can find a comfortable rocker in the Daycare. This is NOT a Nursery for young children, just a quiet, private place for nursing moms.

God Be With You!

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Our Broadcasts Our Sonrise and Cable Broadcast are made possible this morning by the Harmon family in honor of Justin’s 18th birthday today. We thank the Harmon’s for their generosity and wish Justin a very blessed 18th birthday.

Our Cable Broadcast is also on our Website which Dennis and Carolyn Ryckman keep very current for us. Take a look at www.faihluth.com. **COST:** You may sponsor the radio broadcast of Sonrise for \$30.00. This radio broadcast is on 1240 AM KCCR at 6:40 a.m. on Sunday morning. The cost of sponsoring the cable broadcast of our worship service is \$35.00. This cable access broadcast is televised on Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. on Channel 8. If you choose to sponsor both, the cost is \$60.00.

Dec: 24, 2010, Att. 809; Dec. 25, Att. 172; Dec. 26, Att. 206; General Fund \$8,352.64; Building Fund \$5,425.00; Christmas Eve \$5,538.00; Christmas Day \$1,961.00; New Year's Eve \$10.00; Thrivent Automatic Withdrawal \$838.85 (General \$673.85; Building Fund \$165.00); Love Fund \$750.00; Homes for Haiti \$75.00; Forever Young \$50.00; Hong Kong Trip \$50.00; Flowers \$192.00.

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Jan. 2

8:20 am Communion
11:00 am Worship

Tues: Jan. 4

8:25 am Staff Devotions
7:30-9:00 pm Pickleball in the Gym

Wed: Jan 5

6:30 pm Midweek
6:30 pm Christianity – 1st 3 Centuries in the
Preschool Room

Thurs: Jan. 6

8:25 am Staff Devotions

11:30 am Ministerium at Faith

1:30-3:00 pm Pickleball in the Gym

6:30 pm Christmas Committee

Sat: Jan 8

9:30-11:30 am All Boards Meet

Sun: Jan. 9

8:20 am Communion
9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study
11:00 am Worship



Building News

Gifts – We thank you for your gifts of \$5,590.00 to the Building/Debt fund over the Christmas celebration weekend. Gifts included principal payment on the Bank West loan, gifts for the elevator fund, the LWML gifts for 2 new white boards and 2 chair racks.

Different Gifts/Equal Sacrifice

Pastoral Call Pastor Willms received a call from Bethany Lutheran in Kaukauna, Wisconsin.

Needless to say he has also received our call to serve as Pastor. We remember Pastor Willms in our prayers.

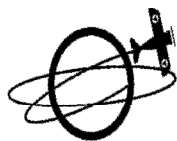
2011 Envelopes Please help us with our space in the Narthex by picking up your 2011 envelopes today. Thanks! *Please save us the postage as these will be mailed out after today.*

YOUTH NEWS

LYF Meetings: Our LYF will meet from 8:00-9:00 on Wednesday nights in January on the 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th. Enjoy Christmas with your family and make sure to check the acolyte schedule.

JYM Bowling Our JYM kids will go bowling on January 16th from 3:00-5:00 at the bowling alley. Bring \$5 to help cover some of the cost.





Hong Kong Bound Nick Hill, Jeff Logan, and Jared Doud are a part of a February 17-27, 2011 short-term Mission trip with others from our South Dakota District.

**MISSION
TRIP**

Our Board of Missions is hosting a Pancake Feed on Sunday, January 23 from 7:00-12:30 in the Christian Family Life Center. This is a Fund Raiser to raise significant gifts to assist Nick, Jeff, & Jared in their trip. The cost is about \$2,000.00 per person, which includes their air-fare, lodging, and food while in Hong Kong.

They do need to get air tickets soon so we would appreciate any gifts of generosity that could be given now to help them with that expense.

It has been noticed that we have already been receiving some gifts.

Lutherans For Life Chapter Our new Lutherans For Life Chapter will meet on Monday, January 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Matthew Room.

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Main Street Living may be seen each Sunday morning at 10 AM on KDLT-NBC Sioux Falls and at 9 AM on KEVN-FOX Rapid City. Mailing address is Main Street Living, 1400 S. Duluth Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57105.

Viewers, area churches, and memorial gifts provide the support for Main Street Living. The

program is interpreted for the hearing impaired. The program may be viewed on the web at www.mainstreetliving.com. E-mail vicrames@sio.midco.net.

Jan. 02, 2011 – Kid’s Crossing introduces Epiphany with the retelling of the Wise Men’s visit and our need to seek Jesus.

The featured speaker is Rev. Joshua Jones from Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Rapid City, SD. The sermon theme is “Are You “In” or “Out”?” The hymns are All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name; Angels We Have Heard on High; and What Child is This.’ The Main Street Living choir will provide the hymns. The program is interpreted for the hearing impaired.

Jan. 09, 2011 – Kid’s Crossing looks at baptism as Simon asks the usual silly questions.

The featured speaker is Rev. Randy Sturzenbecher from Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church in Black Hawk, SD. The sermon theme is “Remember Your Baptism.” The hymns are Come Thou Almighty King; Jesus Sinners Doth Receive; and Savior Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise. The Main Street Living choir will provide the hymns. The program is interpreted for the hearing impaired.

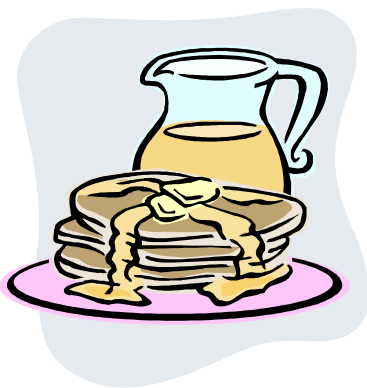
Life Quote “There are many of you in this congregation who think to yourselves: “If only I had been there! How quick I would have been to help the baby! I would have washed His linen! How happy I would have been to go with the shepherds to see the Lord lying in the manger!’ Yes you would! You say that because you know how great Christ is, but if you had been there at that time you would have done no better than the people of Bethlehem. Childish and silly thoughts are these! Why don’t you do it now? You have Christ in your neighbor. You ought to serve Him, for what you do to your neighbor in need you do to the Lord Christ Himself.” *Martin Luther* This “Life Quote” is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.

Milk Jug Lids When saving the 5¢ milk jug lids *please save the whole lid*. If the 5¢ sticker is taken off the lid we get no credit for them. We have received two sheets of 5¢ stickers that we can not get credit for. It seems to make more sense to just save the stickers, but this is not what the company wants. Thank you for your efforts in this project.



Board of Missions Benefit Pancake Feed Sunday, January 23 7:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the

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Christian Family Life Center

This is a fundraiser to raise significant gifts to assist Nick Hill, Jeff Logan and Jared Doud in their short-term mission trip to Hong Kong.

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**Come and enjoy some pancakes,
great fellowship with other members,
and help get three great guys
to Hong Kong!**