SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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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



→ DIVINE SERVICE →

OPENING HYMN

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

(LSB 398)

INVOCATION

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

EXHORTATION

- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **©** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- E Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the gifts of our Lord Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament, 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.

CONFESSION and **ABSOLUTION**

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

C Amen.

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INTROIT

Psalm 36:5-9, (antiphon: Song 2:4)

- [The Lord] brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love.
- Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.
- Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your judgements are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O LORD.
- How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
 The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
- P They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.
- For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- P [The Lord] brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love.

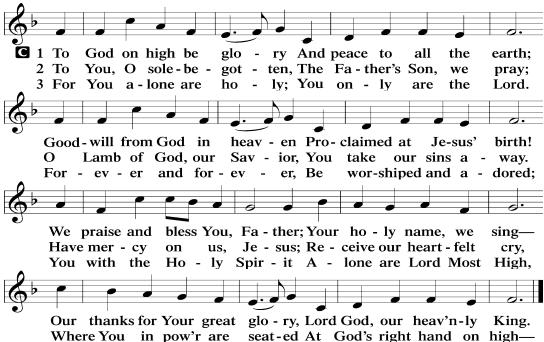
KYRIE



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.







SALUTATION and **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

God the Fa-ther's glo-ry. "A-men!" our glad

C Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 49:1–7 (God's Servant is to be light for the nations.)

After the reading:

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "I Saw Three Ships/Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella" (arr. Kathleen M. Basi)

Andrew Wulf, flute soloist

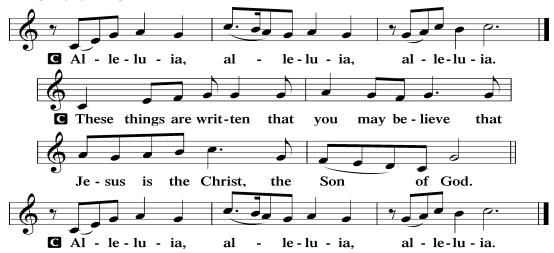
EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 1:1–9 (God is faithful; He called you into the fellowship of His Son.)

After the reading:

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

ALLELUIA and **VERSE**



HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:29-42a

(Jesus invites two disciples to stay with Him.)

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.
- **C** Glory to You, O Lord.

After the reading:

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

BIBLE LESSON

SERMON HYMN "Lord, Enthroned in Heav'nly Splendor" (LSB 534)

SERMON "Who? What?" (John 1:29-42a)

Pastor Sam Handschke

CREED 8:30am Nicene Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book
11:00am Apostles' Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book

The Lord is near to All who

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Please stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- P O Lord, let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to You, for You are our Rock and our Redeemer. Answer us according to Your promises and for the sake of Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Merciful God, You formed Your Son in the womb of Your servant Mary to be a light for the nations. Preserve that light among Your people. Gather us around Your Word and Sacraments, enlighten and strengthen us by Your grace, and grant that we might reflect the light of Christ to those around us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P God of glory, the heavens declare Your handiwork, and each day and night testify to Your majesty. Bless all teachers and students, that in their explorations of the arts and sciences they may see Your creativity and glorify You. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Almighty God, You watched over the tribes of Jacob, providing them both daily bread and redemption in abundant measure. Watch over the homes of Your people. Bless them with all that they need for this body and life, and preserve them in the glad confidence that Christ is their strength and their salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Holy God, Your Son consented to be the servant of rulers and to be abhorred by the nations so that He might redeem the world. Fortify all in authority with courage and wisdom to govern justly, and cultivate penitent hearts among them so that they may gladly prostrate themselves before their Redeemer on the Last Day. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

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- P Lord God, John the Baptist first revealed Your incarnate Son as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and foretold His victory over sin by the sacrifice of His body and blood on the cross. Prepare the hearts of all who receive that same body and blood of our resurrected Savior this day that they would welcome Him in repentance and faith. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Grant that we who have celebrated the incarnation of our Lord, Jesus Christ, may die to sin and rise to new life, that we may treasure up and ponder in our hearts the Christ announced by Your forerunner; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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 am service continues on page 10 with the Benedicamus and Benediction.

IN REGARD TO HOLY COMMUNION: According to Scripture, Holy Communion should be celebrated by those who are: **United in a common faith** (1 Cor. 10:16-17, 21-22; Rom. 16:17); **Repentant of sins** (1 Cor. 5:11, Matt. 18:17-18); **Able to examine their lives** (1 Cor. 11:27-29); and believe that in this precious meal they **receive the true body and blood of Jesus** given and shed for the forgiveness of their sins (Luke 22:19-22).

Since Scripture teaches that those people who do not fully understand the meaning of this meal eat and drink to their own harm (1Cor. 11:27-29), and because the Lord's Supper is the supreme act of stating our unity in faith and doctrine, we would ask those people who are visiting with us to **please speak with our pastor**, before communing, in order that we might fulfill our responsibility of properly instructing people in the right use of the precious Sacrament.

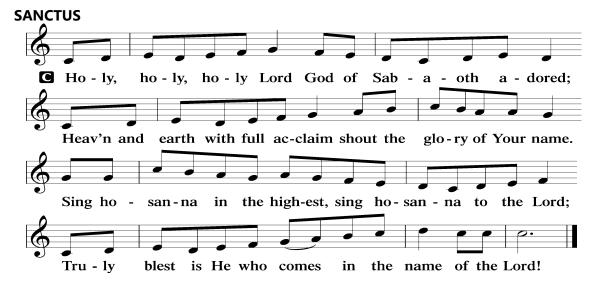
★ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ★

8:30 am Service

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

- C And also 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.
- P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

C Amen.

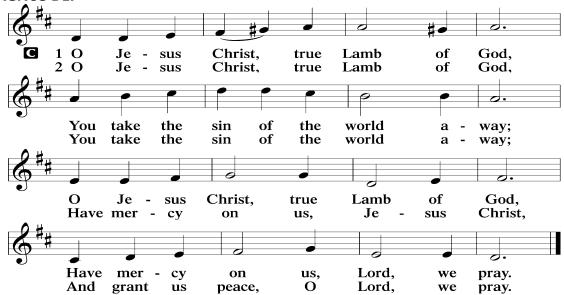
WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

AGNUS DEI



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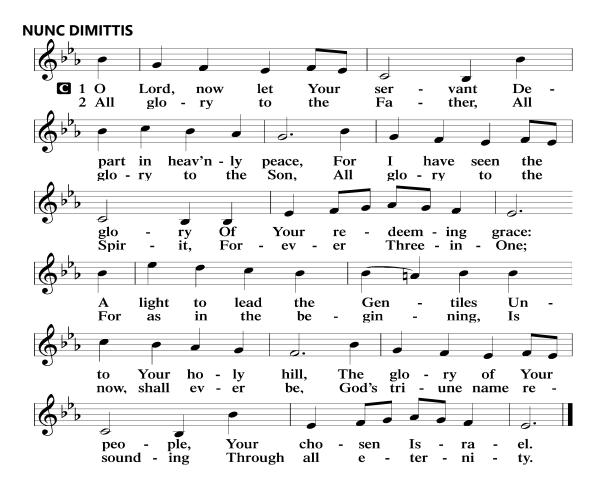
DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"On Eagles' Wings"
"What a Friend We Have in



(Please stand)





POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS and **BENEDICTION**

Numbers 6:24-26

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.
- 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.
- C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"All Glory Be to God Alone"

(LSB 948)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



AS WE GATHER When Jesus asked His two potential disciples what they were seeking, it was a most important question. People look for power and importance for themselves, relief from certain circumstances, and a host of other agenda items. But our Lord came with one overarching goal: He was needed as light for this dark world (as Isaiah wrote) and the only one who could take away the sin of the world (as John the Baptist announced). After seeking Christ's help in our sinful condition, we hear that other great question, "Who do you say that I am?"—and when each of us answers it,

then, as Paul told the Church in Corinth, we have all the spiritual gifts we need to ask the people around us, "What are you seeking?"

The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as



He walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to Him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are You staying?" He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where He was staying, and they stayed with Him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. *John* 1:35–39

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the yellow prayer request 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

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Second Sunday after the Epiphany! 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.

Preaching today is Reverend Sam Handschke.

Holy Communion is celebrated at our 8:30 service this Sunday. In this Sacrament, our Lord gives His true body and blood for our forgiveness. Those who confess the faith declared at this altar and who desire to receive communion today are asked to read our communion statement found in the bulletin. Thank you.



Want to listen to our worship service via livestream? Go to: www.faithluth.com. Click on livestream and it will take you to the service or if you have missed the service it will take you to the archived services. We livestream our 8:30 service each Sunday.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Wed. Jan. 4, Att. 89; Offering \$265.00; Sat., Jan. 8, Att. 223; General Fund \$7,917.59; Sunday School Offering \$7.75; Building Fund \$45.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Mexico Mission \$100.00; Broadcasts \$60.00; Endowment Fund (Generations) \$102.75.

Endowment Fund When giving to the Endowment Fund **PLEASE** make it a **SEPARATE CHECK**. Must be a **CHECK** as the account doesn't accept cash for the

deposit. It is not always easy to find a check for the correct amount to substitute for cash or for a check made out for multiple purposes that includes an Endowment donation. The counters would greatly appreciate your help in this matter. Thank you.

Attendance Jan. 4 Catechism – 51

Jan. 8 Sunday School – 32

Jan. 8 Adult Bible Study - 17

Men's Club Our Men's Club will be meeting Monday, January 16, at 7:00pm for our usual meeting in Jon's Place upstairs in the older section of the church.

Dance Lessons Want to get out and do something fun on a Sunday afternoon? The Board of Parish Fellowship will be offering dance lessons for the Jitterbug from 2 pm-4 pm in the Fellowship Hall (Gym) the following 4 Sundays, Jan. 29, Feb. 5, Feb. 12, and Feb. 19. Please sign up for the lessons. There is a sign-up sheet on the large table in the Living Room. Each class builds on the prior class, but if you miss a class that is okay. Singles are welcome. Two left feet are welcomed too. Invite your friends. Even if you know how, it would be awesome to have you there. Come for the fellowship, learn a fun way to exercise and enjoy the laughter.





We have received a number of 8 x 10 photos in the church office. If you have had your photo taken for the Church Directory (and did not order extras, maybe even if you did order) your FREE 8 x 10 is in the church office. Stop by the office and Helen will be glad to give you your photo.



If you were unable to make an appointment to have your picture in our church directory, you may submit a photo that we can scan and put in the directory. We would love to have all of our members in the directory. This is a wonderful way for our congregants to get to identify one another and to match a face to a name. It is especially helpful to new members. If any of your contact numbers have changed please let us know so our directory can be as complete as possible. Thanks!

2023 Offering Envelopes are now on tables in the Narthex. **Please pick yours up today.** They are arranged numerically and semi-alphabetically. **If you give automatically by EFT or phone you still need to pick up your envelopes.** There are special envelopes for Missions, Advent, Lent, Christmas, Endowment, etc. that may be used. If you cannot find your envelopes let Helen know. She will find them or if you do not already have envelopes, she will issue you a number. Thanks!

Main Street Living Did you know the Main Street Living program is broadcast throughout South Dakota and into bordering states on two TV stations: KDLT in Sioux Falls at 10:00 AM central and KEVN at 8:00 AM mountain in Rapid City? **Did you know** you can see the Worship Service and Kid's Crossing on our website at anytime? All programs are streamed on www.mainstreetliving.com, and are available the day before they are broadcast.

KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

10:00 AM - "The Deadly Pen" - A businessman struggles with the guilt of another man's death.

10:30 AM - Rev. Brian Lemcke, pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Delmont, presents a message titled "The Things We Seek." This sermon is based on Matthew 4:12-25. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: **www.mainstreetliving.com**

Life Quotes "Christians are to love their neighbors, including the unborn ... (Proverbs 24:11, 29:8-9) ... This means we can and ought to pray for the unborn, for women who have the choice of preserving or ending the life of their unborn child, for women who have had abortions and who need forgiveness in Christ—freely given through faith, for abortion doctors who are directly responsible for killing these children, and for our governing officials." *Pastor David Thompson, St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Lombard, Illinois – A Life Ouote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



Annual February is the month for the Annual Report. All boards, **Report** circles, preschool, daycare, and other entities of the church

need to have their reports turned in to Helen by **January 23rd.** Email your reports to faith@faithluth.com. Please be punctual. If you need a copy of a previous report as an example for your report let Helen know.



On The Lighter Side-Puns for Fun

Q: -What do you call a sleepy pastor?

A: -Pastor Bedtime.

Q: Did you hear about the crab that went to the seafood disco?

A: He pulled a muscle.

Q: Did you hear about the carrot detective?

A: He got to the root of every case.

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Jan. 15

8:30 am Communion

9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study

11:00 am Worship

1:00 pm Am. Legion Oratory Contest

1:00 pm Board of Stewardship/Endow.

5:00 pm Board of Education

Mon: Jan. 16 M. L. King Day

Office Closed

6-9 pm Pickelball

7:00 pm Men's Club in Jon's Place

Tues: Jan. 17

8:00 am Staff Devotions

10:00 am Women's Bible Study

5:30 pm Board of Early Education

Wed: Jan. 18

6:00 pm Midweek/Catechism

6:00 pm Lamentations Study

6:00 pm Romans Bible Study

7:00 pm Chapel/Communion

8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: Jan. 19

8:00 am Staff Devotions

12:00 pm Forever Young

6:00 pm Rebekah Circle

7:00 pm Psalms Bible Study in Sanct.

Sat: Jan. 21

1-3 pm JYM

Sun: Jan. 22 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study 11:00 am Communion 1-4 Am. Legion Oratory (Optional)