

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

OPENING HYMN

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

(LSB 873)

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

EXHORTATION

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.
Amen.
P 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.
C Amen.

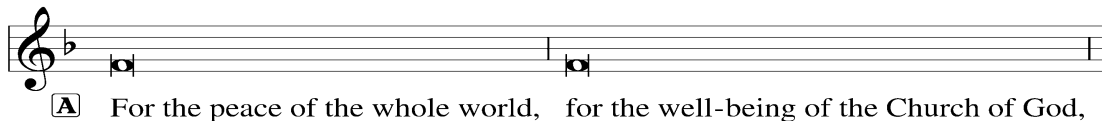
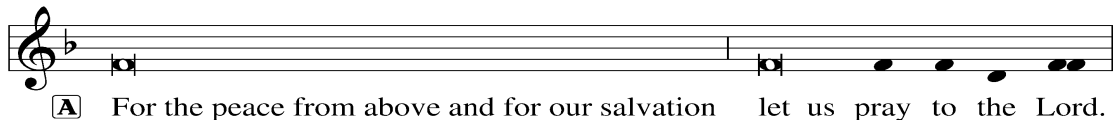
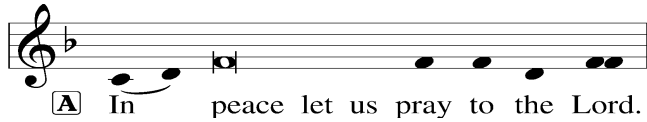
✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT

Ps 71:15-18; (antiphon: Ps. 71:12)

- P** O God, be not far from me;
O my God, make haste to help me!
- C** **My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all the day,
for their number is past my knowledge.**
- P** With the mighty deeds of the Lord God I will come;
I will remind them of your righteousness, yours alone.
- C** **O God, from my youth you have taught me,
And I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.**
- P** So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me,
until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come.
- C** **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** O God, be not far from me;
O my God, make haste to help me!

KYRIE



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise

let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

C A - men.

THIS IS THE FEAST

Refrain

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -
 blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*
Final Refrain
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray. Almighty God. You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 58:3–9a

(True fasting, true faith)

After the reading:

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

ANTHEM

"Arirang" ...KOREAN (setting by Mateo James)
Andrew Wulf, flute soloist

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16) (God's wisdom revealed by the Spirit)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

ALLELUIA and VERSE

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 5:13-20 (The fulfillment of the Law)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth 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 "Thy Strong Word" (LSB 578)

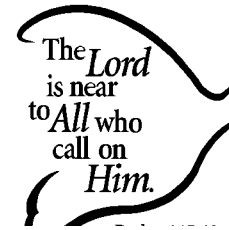
SERMON "Not-so-secret and Not-so-hidden" (1 Corinthians 2:1-12)
Pastor Paul Winckler

CREED 8:30 *Nicene* *Inside back cover of the
Lutheran Service Book*

 11:00 *Apostles'* *Inside back cover of the
Lutheran Service Book*

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Please stand)



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, You delight to loose the bonds of wickedness and undo the straps of the heavy yoke that freed from sin's bondage, we may gladly receive Your blessings. Preserve us from the lie that You are a cruel oppressor, and give us thankful hearts to rejoice that You are the Giver of all good gifts. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful God, preserve Your Church by Your life-giving Word. Open the lips of pastors to declare Your just decrees and store them up in the hearts of Your people, that we may delight in Your promises and abound in good works. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, give wisdom and courage to parents as they teach their children Your ways. Make our homes havens of peace in a quarrelsome, self-seeking world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, You declare that a young man may keep his way pure by guarding it according to Your Word. Protect children and youth against the siren calls of the devil, the world and their own sinful nature. Grant delight in Your testimonies as much as in all riches. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, according to Your wisdom You establish rulers of this age for a time. Remember Joseph, our president; _____, our governor; and all those You have placed in authority, that they might fulfill their duties with wisdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Holy Father, cause healing to spring up speedily for the sake of Your Son. Have mercy upon those who suffer afflictions of sin in mind and body [*especially* _____]. Where You permit trial to remain, preserve Your people in faith until the day when Your light breaks forth like the dawn. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Holy Spirit, that delivered from the spirit of this world, we may hold fast in faith to what You freely give us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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 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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

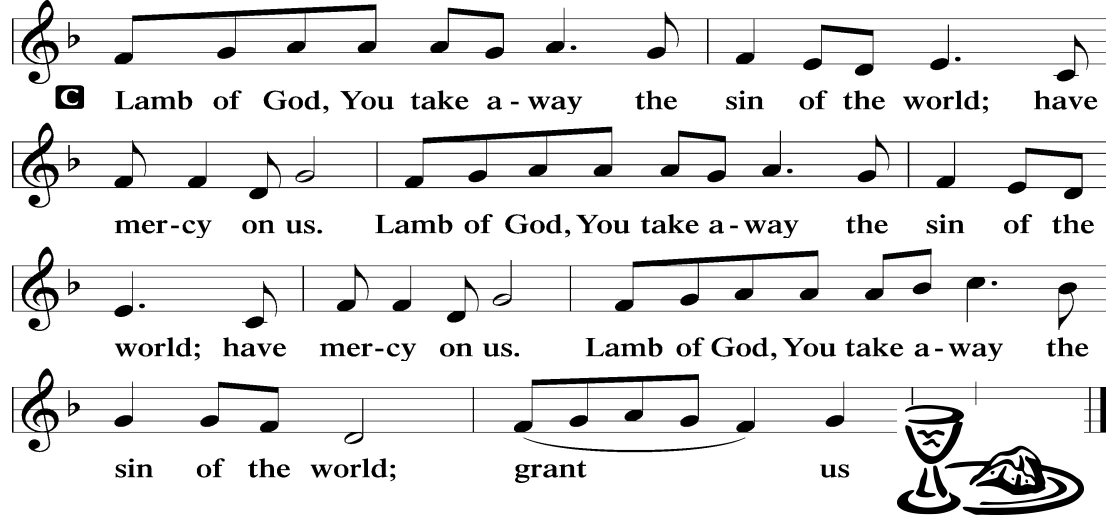
Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI


P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI



C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us



(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

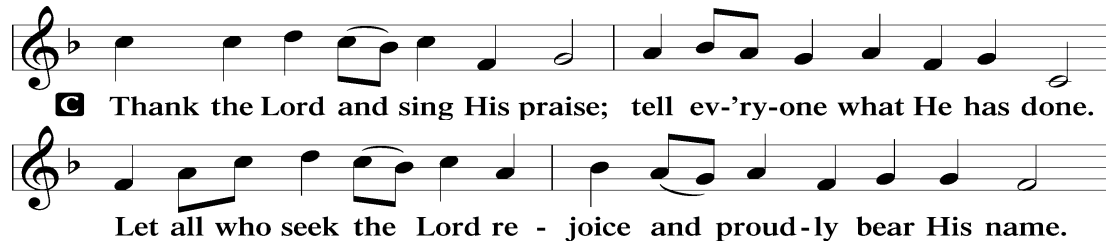
"I Come, O Savior, To Thy Table" (LSB 618)

"Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness" (LSB 563)

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" (LSB 702)

(Please stand)

THANK THE LORD



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

P 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.

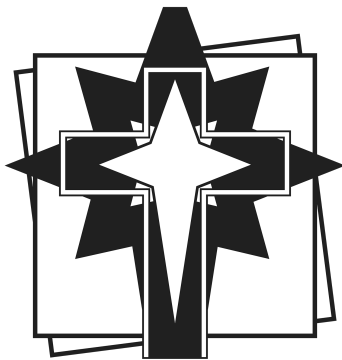
CLOSING HYMN

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

(LSB 411)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



AS WE GATHER The Epiphany season continues to illuminate the miracle of Christmas shining its light forward to the goal and purpose of Christ’s coming to us in the flesh. That purpose is the salvation of the world through the forgiveness of our sins. That forgiveness can and will happen only through the sacrifice on Christ’s cross. As often as we Christians have heard this Gospel and believe it, however, the more often we tend to forget that this knowledge, this faith, remains a hidden mystery to the world, which ignores, rejects, or explains away “Jesus Christ and Him crucified.” Many really don’t get

it! Yet, here through the Divine Word and Sacraments, God the Holy Spirit, the Lord and

giver of life, enlightens minds and hearts to a spiritual epiphany.

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. *Matthew 5:14–16*

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the back of the blue attendance/communion 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 Fifth 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 Paul Winckler. Pastor Paul Winckler has served at the District Office since October 2022 as Assistant to the President with special emphasis on supporting the mission, ministry, and stewardship of the congregations of South Dakota. Previously, he served in Rapid City at Zion Lutheran Church, School, and Preschool for 11 years as Vicar, Assistant Pastor, and Lead Associate Pastor. He and his wife Laura have three children, two grown and one high schooler. A life-long South Dakotan born and raised in Tripp, Pastor Winckler loves the infinite variety all the beautiful corners of our state have to offer! Rev. Sam Handschke is our Liturgist.

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.

First Sunday Morning Fellowship Please join us after first service, in the Fellowship Hall for our First Sunday Fellowship hosted by our Mary/Martha Circle. Thanks so much for the treats ladies!

1, 2, 3 John Bible Study resumes this evening at 6:30.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Wed. Jan. 25, Att. 61; Offering \$60.00; **Sun., Jan. 29, Att. 264;** General Fund \$7,984.78; Sunday School Offering \$5.25; Building Fund \$60.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Mexico Mission \$200.00; Utecht Ministry \$194.00; Broadcasts \$65.00; Forever Young \$55.00.

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.

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) **TODAY and the following 2 Sundays, 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.



Church Photo Directory



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 on the table in the Living Room. Please pick yours up today. Your name will be on the envelope so it should be easy to find.

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!



Couple's Retreat at Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

- On **February 10 and 11** Lutheran Family Service will be offering a Marriage Retreat, hosted by Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church in Blackhawk. This retreat is open to all couples. **There is no cost for this event.** Details can be found on the bulletin board in the Narthex.
- On the evening of **February 9** LFS and Divine Shepherd will be hosting a Marriage Retreat Event **specifically for church workers.**

As church workers you are welcome to attend just this Thursday night program OR you can stay for the full event. **Again, there is no cost.** Details can be found on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Please RSVP for these events by February 5.

Friendship Sunday On Sunday, Feb. 12th, bring a friend to church with you. Immediately following the late service bring a friend young or old to Friendship Sunday to engage in Faith, Friends, Fellowship, a meal, and some entertaining trivia. You are invited to wear your favorite jersey to the late service and/or to Friendship Sunday event. The most unique jerseys will win parting gifts. This meal and fellowship will be hosted by the Board of Missions. We can't wait to see you there!

Interested in the Mexico Mission Trip? Are you interested in going on the Mexico Mission trip in 2023? If so, we need to hear from you soon. There will be a meeting on Sunday, January 29 at 7:00pm to share information. Please contact Dennis or Carolyn Ryckman (605-280-6347) for more information.

Faith Lutheran Youth

High School Girls Bible Study – All High School girls are invited to join in on this Bible Study. Come and bring friends! This study will begin Monday, February 6, 2023. The study will be every Monday at 7:00 PM. Please contact Cassandra Ryckman for details - 222-4895.

2023 Higher Things Summer Conference “Beyond Reasonable Doubt” July 18-21, 2023 The conference is generally planned for high-school aged youth, but it is recommend that registrants are confirmed before the conference date. There is more information on the orange insert on the oak table in the Narthex. Contact the church office or Dennis Ryckman (605-222-7713) soon if you are interested in attending.

2023 Bible Bowl

The 2023 Bible Bowl is scheduled for March 25, 2023 at Faith Lutheran Church in Pierre from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

The topic will be Genesis 37-50 and Exodus 1-20 (English Standard Version) and the Ten Commandments from Luther’s Small Catechism (pp. 52-127; **2017 version – notice this a change from past years!**).

The schedule begins with a brief judges’ meeting at 9:00 am. Then we begin with an opening devotion at 9:30 am. The individual competition will take place at approximately 11:00 am.

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Feb. 5

8:30 am Communion

9:30 am First Sunday Fellowship

9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study

11:00 am Worship

2-4 pm BoPF Dance Lessons in Gym

6:30 pm 1, 2, 3, John Bible Study

Mon: Feb. 6

6-9 pm Pickleball

7:00 pm Men’s Club – Jon’s Place

Tues: Feb. 7

8:00 am Staff Devotions

10:30 am Women’s Bible Study

6-8 pm Fastpitch

Wed: Feb. 8

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: Feb. 9

8:00 am Staff Devotions

11:30 am Ministerium

5-8 pm MOPS in gym

7:00 pm Faith Circle
7:00 pm Psalms Bible Study in Sanct.
Sun: Feb. 12
8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study

11:00 am Communion
12-2 pm Souper Bowl Meal & Activities
2-4 pm BoPF Dance Lessons in Gym
5-8 pm Oahe Riding Club Banquet
7:30 pm Board of Missions