

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

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✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

OPENING HYMN The Star Proclaims the King is Here" (LSB 399)

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

Psalm 147:1, 5, 11-12; (antiphon: John 1:14)

P The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,
Glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

C Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

P Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.

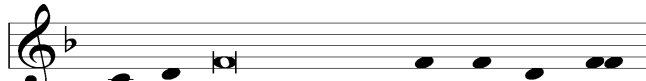
C But the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,
In those who hope in his steadfast love.

P Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!
Praise your God, O Zion!

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.

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Glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

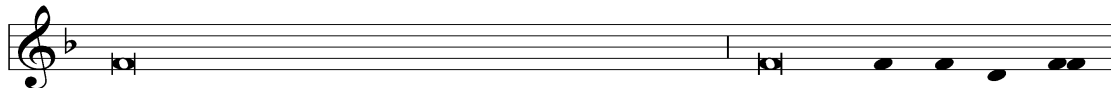
KYRIE



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



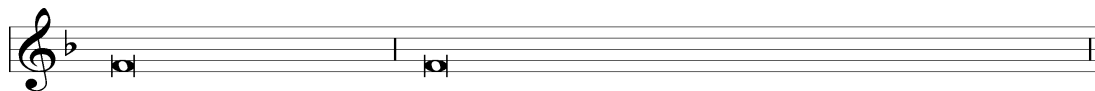
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



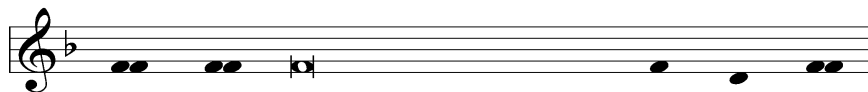
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



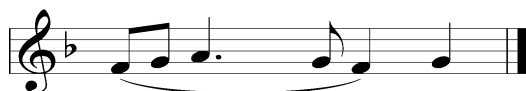
let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C A - men.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS “Glory to God in the Highest”

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.

C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:
 We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.
 Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:
 You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
 You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.
 For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,
 You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. 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.

C Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT*Genesis 1:1–5*

(The beginning of creation)

*After the reading:***L** This is the Word of the Lord.**C** Thanks be to God.**ANTHEM***"Waterlife" (Handt Hanson, arr. Phil Kakikklo)*

Laura Streich, vocal soloist

EPISTLE*Romans 6:1–11*

(Baptism into Christ gives new life.)

*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*Mark 1:4–11*

(The Baptism of Jesus)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first 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***"To Jordan's River Came Our Lord"**(LSB 405)*

SERMON

"A Dying and Rising"
Pastor Sam Handschke

(Romans 6:1-11)

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 Heavenly Father, You revealed Your Son in the wondrous Epiphany in the Jordan. So also You have revealed Your name and blessing to us in Holy Baptism, declaring us Your beloved heirs. Grant that we may daily die to sin and rise to newness of life, living with joy as Your baptized children. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, bless all places where Your people teach and learn. Guide teachers and students, that together we would marvel at Your creation and appreciate the depth of Your wisdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, grant that all those baptized into Christ would receive the boldness of Your servant John to lead faithful and pure lives in this world, ever mindful of our promised heavenly inheritance. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty Lord, Your Son, Jesus, is the Christ and the true King of this world. Grant great humility to the rulers of the nations, [*especially* _____,] that they would submit to the preaching of His Holy Word for the sake of their own souls and for the good of Your holy people. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Give comfort and relief to those who are sick, depressed, tired, confused or in any need [*especially* _____]. Watch over all expectant mothers and their children, [*especially* _____,] that they may have a safe delivery and be brought also to the life-giving waters of Holy Baptism. Lord, in Your mercy,



C hear our prayer.

P O Lord, in Holy Baptism You have opened the heavens to Your children. Grant that all those baptized into Your Son would worthily receive the heavenly feast of His body and blood for their salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Eternal God, You have made us Your own people by Baptism and granted us Your Holy Spirit to confess Christ in word and deed. We remember with thanksgiving those who went before us, who passed the faith on to us and who now rest in Christ from all their labors. Since we have died with Christ through Baptism, grant that we would be raised with Him also. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Almighty Father, as Your Holy Spirit hovered over the face of the deep, You uttered Your Word and the world was created. In the waters of Holy Baptism, You have spoken our names and declared us righteous. You have drawn us to Jesus, the light of life, and saved us. Let His light now shine through us, that others may see our good works and give glory to You; 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

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 11 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 pastors**, 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.

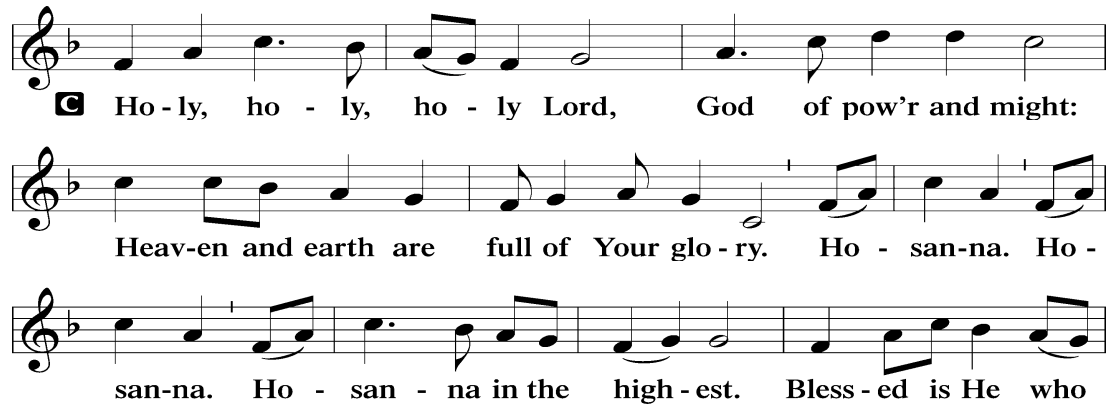
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

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



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

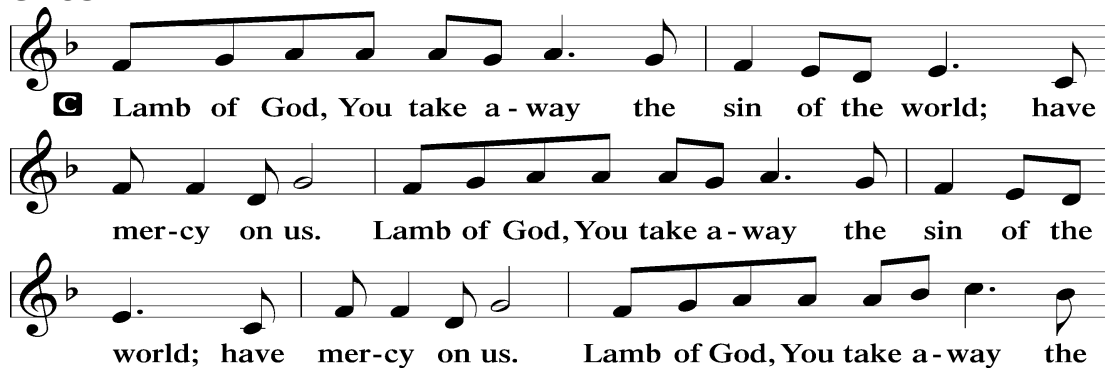
Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI





(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

- "Father Welcomes" (LSB 605)
- "Baptized into Your Name Most Holy" (LSB 590)
- "O Blessed Spring" (LSB 595)



(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.
 He re - calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy
 with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

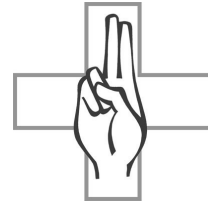
POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- 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.



CLOSING HYMN

"God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"

(LSB 594)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT



AS WE GATHER It has been said that every person has a Jesus-shaped hole in their heart that can only be filled by Him. Though what is stated is not a biblical reference, Scripture does affirm the condition of our hearts: "The heart is deceitful; . . . who can understand it?" (Jeremiah 17:9); "For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander" (Matthew 15:19). Though many try to fill that Jesus-shaped hole with things of the world that may seem to satisfy a short time, we are pointed to what fills our hearts with the things that last through our lives and eternally. As we observe the Baptism

of our Lord, we are also called to remember daily our own Baptism. Through water and the Word, we have been filled with the things needful for our hearts of faith: forgiveness, identity, salvation, and hope.

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. *Romans 6:3–4*

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 First 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 this morning is Rev. Samuel 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. Dec. 27, No Worship Service; Sun., Dec. 31, Att. 215; General Fund \$10,756.00; Sunday School \$0.00; Building Fund \$95.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Organ Fund \$250.00; Christmas Eve \$365.00; Christmas Day \$375.00; New Year's Eve \$1,075.00; Mexico Mission \$550.00; HVAC \$2,500.00; Forever Young \$20.00; Endowment Fund (Future) \$106.63.

Endowment Fund There are lime green envelopes on the back side of the large center support post in the Narthex for your use. Donations do not have to be in memory of someone, they can be in celebration of an event in your lives, to the glory of God, or any number of happenings in your lives. The envelopes have an area where you can designate where you wish the funds to go. Please use a separate **check** for your donation. Where we deposit the funds does not take cash, so it needs to be in the form of a **check**. The counters cannot always find checks to cover when cash is given. Thanks for your help!

LWML Meeting Due to a conflict the January LWML meeting will be **Tuesday Jan. 9th at 7:00**. The meeting will be upstairs in the LWML room, behind the elevator. This will be our regular meeting as well as planning the yearly events. Want to start a new service in this New Year. Visitors welcome.

Main Street Living “Main Street Living” is a liturgical worship service broadcasting a different local pastor each Sunday morning. It airs along with the classic Lutheran Hour program, “This is the Life.” Both can be viewed on KDLT (NBC) & KEVN (FOX) Visit www.mainstreetliving.com to view current and past episodes. **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.

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KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

10:00 AM - “The Other Wiseman” - Another Magi, making his journey to the Christ child, encounters others and shows kindness along the way.

10:30 AM - Rev. Corey Aker, pastor at Faith Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, presents a message titled “Arise, Shine! Your Light Has Come!” This sermon is based on Isaiah 60:1-6. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes “What is it that is essential for your life this New Year? What gifts do you cherish? Certainly, Jesus is the most precious gift we have! Let Him shine through your whole life this year. Take Him with you everywhere. Remember whose family you belong to! Cling to Jesus, our Father’s Son this New Year! Our Father goes with you and promises His blessings, now and forever!” *Rev. Darren Green, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Faith Lutheran Youth

HIGHER THINGS RETREAT - EYES TO SEE

January 14-15

Have you heard about the *Third Eye*? You've probably seen it in jewelry, on clothing and tattoos. Podcaster Joe Rogan claims his ability and expertise comes from the *Third Eye* that has opened up his mind to see and influence people. I think all people, regardless of

their background, want to see what is true and even more than that, know the truth. But the search for knowledge is not knowledge or truth in itself, it's just an experience of walking along a path, searching for truth.

We live in odd, perilous times--the end times. The comfort we have is that Christians have lived in perilous times before and dwelled secure in the faith. Jesus Christ is the Truth we seek after and He is the One who guides us on the narrow road to heaven. However, other guides, blind guides, constantly seek to lead us astray from following Christ.

I encourage all pastors and youth leaders to promote this High School and Young Adult conference where we will learn about the ancient heresy of Gnosticism, Paganism, and the Occult which all claim a secret knowledge of the truth. The purpose of my presentation is to point out the spiritual tracks, signs, and sounds of the devil's work so that we can be aware and guard ourselves against the devil's schemes. The *Third Eye* and other deceptions are the devil's schemes.

Please join us at Faith in Pierre January 14-15 for this very insightful conference.

OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH! Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church of Brookings invites youth from throughout South Dakota to join their youth June 2-7, 2024, for a very special trip. They will be traveling to the Ark Encounter....Join us June 2-7, 2024 for a Youth Trip to the Ark Encounter & Creation Museum in Kentucky (staying 2 nights at nearby Potter's Ranch), with additional overnight stops at Concordia University Wisconsin, Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne, and Concordia Seminary St. Louis. The trip is intended for youth who will have completed 7th grade through those who have completed 12th grade in 2024 & their chaperones. The cost is \$850 per person (everything included except 5 meals). The trip will leave/return from Sioux Falls. More information can be found online at <https://www.mountcalvaryl.org/kentuckytrip>.



This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Jan. 7

8:30 am Communion
9:30 am First Sunday Fellowship
9:45 am Sunday School/Luke Study
9:45 am Board of Missions-Young Rm.
11:00 am Worship
4:30-6:00 pm Softball
5:00 pm Board of Parish Fellowship
6:00 pm Board of Elders
6:30 pm 1, 2, 3 John

Mon: Jan. 8

7:00 pm Men's Club

Tues: Jan. 9

8:00 am Staff Devotions
9:30 am *Truth Project*
9:30 am Circuit Pastors Conference
5:30-6:45 pm Soccer
6:15 pm Board of Property Mgt.
7:00 pm LWML

Wed: Jan. 10

6:00 pm Midweek/Catechism
6:00 pm *Luke Bible Study*
6:00 pm *Bible Study*
6:30 pm *John* (in homes)
7:00 pm Chapel/Communion
8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: Jan. 11

8:00 am Staff Devotions
11:00 am Ministerium
5:30 pm MOPS in Jon's Place
5:30-6:45 pm Soccer
7:00 pm Faith Circle

Sun: Jan. 14

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School/Luke Study
11:00 am Communion
1-4 pm Am. Legion Oratory Contest
6:00 pm Higher Things Retreat thru
Monday, Jan. 15, at 3 pm
6:30 pm 1, 2, 3 John

