

# THE THIRD 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 Worldwide Missions*



## † DIVINE SERVICE †

**OPENING HYMN**      "Father, We Praise Thee"      (LSB 875)

### INVOCATION

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

### EXHORTATION

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.  
**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**  
**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

### CONFESION and ABSOLUTION

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your**

**boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the **†** Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### **† WORD †**

#### **SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; 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 9:1–4* (The light of God's reign breaks into the world.)

*After the reading:*

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**ANTHEM** "All Is Well" ...Kirkpatrick & Michael W. Smith, arr. Larson  
*Tim Larson, vocal soloist*

**EPISTLE***1 Corinthians 1:10–18*

(Divisions in the church)

*After the reading:***L** This is the Word of the Lord.**C** Thanks be to God.*(Please stand)***ALLELUIA****HOLY GOSPEL***Matthew 4:12–25*

(Jesus begins calling the first

disciples.)

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth 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***"The Summons"...* Scottish trad., arr. J. Bell  
Led by Tim Larson**SERMON***"Here to Follow: A New Way"* (Matthew 4:19)  
*Pastor Sam Handschke*

## CREED

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

## OFFERTORY



The musical notation consists of six lines of music in common time, with a key signature of two flats. The lyrics are as follows:

C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

## OFFERING AND 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.

O Lord, You gather us by the work of Your Spirit and dwell in our midst by Your Means of Grace for the sake of Your Son.

The Lord  
is near  
to All who  
call on  
Him.

Open our mouths to tell of Your name and declare Your praises to all who will hear. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Merciful Lord, graciously allow Your Church to enjoy unity of doctrine and a spirit of harmony in the work that You have given her to do. Prosper this work and supply us with faithful pastors and church workers. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son as the Savior of the world, that all the families of the nations might worship before You. Bless the families of this congregation with Your grace and protection, that they might remember You in both joy and trouble and worship before You forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O God, grant peace to the nations. Give good and faithful leaders in our land. Grant them wisdom and integrity for the good of all people, that justice may be served in every place and for the protection of the unborn and the weak. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Holy Lord, Your Son welcomed the sick, the afflicted and those oppressed by demons, and He healed them. Have mercy upon all whom we bring before You in prayer, *[especially \_\_\_\_\_,]* and deliver them according to Your gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Almighty God, Your kingdom is at hand wherever Jesus, our King, dwells. Bless those who receive Your Holy Supper today, that they may rejoice that the King draws near with His body and blood for their salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Gracious Lord, be present with the lonely. Work through us, that they may find welcome and consolation within the fellowship of God's people. Grant that those who sorrow may not despair but find hope in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord God, heavenly Father, You raised Your Son, Jesus, from the dead as the firstfruits of the new creation. In reverence, we glorify Your name for the hope and promise of the resurrection. We give You thanks and praise for all those who have departed from this mortal life in faith. Preserve us also in Your Word and faith until we die. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God 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).

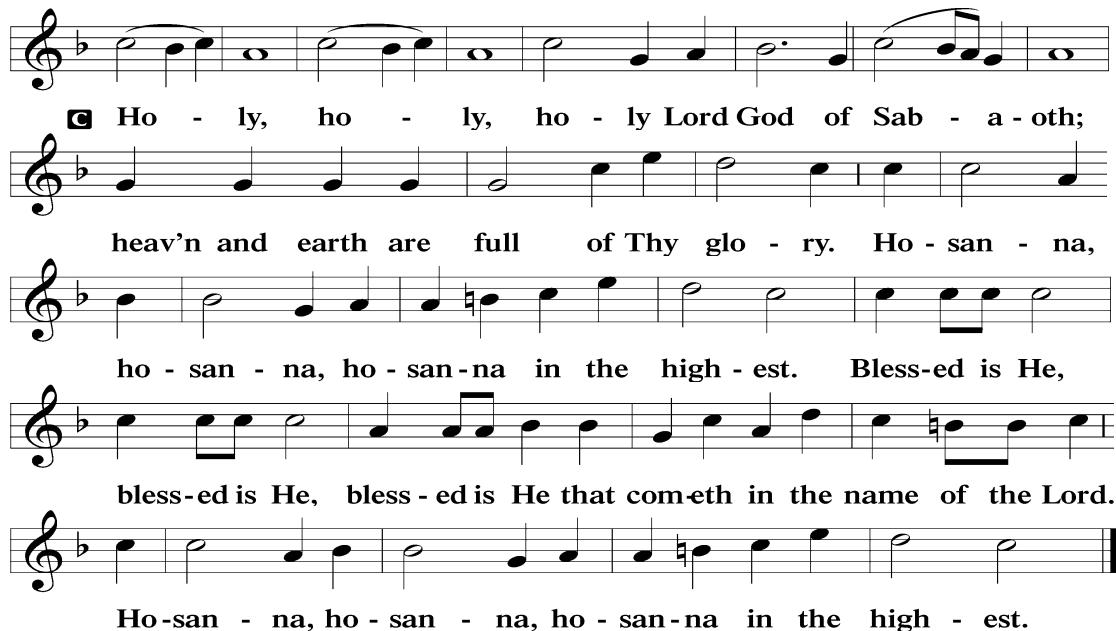
Since Scripture teaches that those people who do not fully understand the meaning of this meal eat and drink to their own harm (1Cor. 11:27-29), and because the Lord's Supper is the supreme act of stating our unity in faith and doctrine, we would ask those people who are visiting with us to **please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

### **PREFACE**

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them up unto the Lord.  
**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.  
**C** It is meet and right so to do.  
**P** It is truly meet, 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 accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tress of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. 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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,  
bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.  
Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the  
world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" (LSB 550)

"Sent Forth By God's Blessing" (LSB 809)



*(Please stand)*

## NUNC DIMITTIS

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A-men.

## THANKSGIVING

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

## 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.

## SALUTATION

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

## BENEDICAMUS

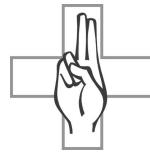
**P** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## 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 "The Church's One Foundation" (LSB 644)

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## THE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



**AS WE GATHER** The Epiphany season proclaims and celebrates the salvation of God coming into the world as a light shining in a dark place. Matthew quotes the prophet Isaiah predicting the dawning of that light into the darkness of unbelief, separation from God, sin, and “the shadow of death” (Matthew 4:16). That light was and is Jesus and His message: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (v. 17). It may seem like a minor detail that Matthew says

Isaiah’s prophetic words were fulfilled when Jesus left His hometown of Nazareth to live “in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali” (v. 13). Yet even this little fact testifies to how real the words of the Old Testament are and how they are fulfilled in Jesus, the Christ.

Likewise, it may at times seem insignificant and even unimportant when the light of the Gospel is preached in our hearing and in our world today. How

many of us have heard God's voice directly saying, "Follow me"? Those who were baptized as infants have no memory of ever being apart from God or His church. The life of faith in God may just seem normal or even routine to us—nothing out of the ordinary. Still, our sins remind us of the temptation to ignore God. Like the Christians in Corinth, we have sinful pride that causes divisions and quarreling among us. And while that's no different than anywhere else in our world, to be a disciple of Jesus means to be truly different than the world. Repentance means being transformed by love of God and love of neighbor. Today, Jesus truly is saying to you, "Repent" and "Follow Me," even in the ordinary details of life.

*The people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.*  
*Matthew 4:16*

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 Third 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. Pastor Handschke will preach at Blunt between our worship services.

**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](http://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.

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## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

**Wed. Jan. 14, Att. 70;** Offering \$0.00; **Sun., Jan. 18, Att. 210;** General Fund \$11,286.91; Sunday School \$0.00; Building Fund \$590.00; Love Fund \$174.08; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Mexico Mission \$575.14; Bible Studies \$20.00; Bus Maintenance \$50.00; Organ Fund \$50.00; Forever Young \$110.00; Endowment Fund in memory of Eldon Lindquist (Blessings) \$100.00, (Generations) \$250.00.

**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!

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**Birthday Cake Kit Project** There is one week left to shop for items for the birthday cake kit project. Take the insert home with you so you will know what is needed for each kit and when you go shopping you can pick up a few items. You may also donate money if you would rather the LWML finish getting items to fill out the kits. This is a wonderful gift to those in our community who don't have the ability to provide this for their own families.



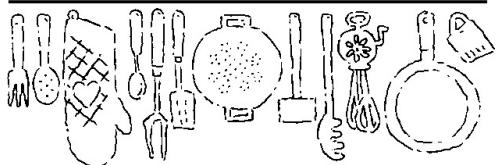


**Greeters** Faith Lutheran is wanting to get our greeters crew up and going again. If you are willing to greet on Sundays please sign the sheet in the Narthex. We need many more to volunteer so the same people don't get burned out because they are the only ones greeting.

**Let's make a new cookbook!** It has been 29 years since we have had a new cookbook. There is a table in the Narthex with forms for your recipes. Take as many as you like. We need your favorite recipes, old and new! Please write legibly so recipes may be printed accurately. It is nice for relatives to see your names and recipes in the cookbook. Sometimes they find just the recipe they remembered and were looking for. We will take our time assembling this cookbook but please start submitting recipes so we can get started.



## FROM THE KITCHEN COMMITTEE



If you have furnished food for a funeral or other event, thank you so much!!! Would you please pick up your containers, cake pans, bowls, soup ladles, etc. by the end of this month?

Any items left after that will be taken to hospice. This also applies to anything in the lost and found box on the shelf above the coat rack in the Narthex. We want our facilities to look clean and cared for to those who visit.

**Lenten Meals** We will be having meals the Wednesdays during Lent from 5:15 pm - 6:30 pm beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. Below are the Wednesdays.

February 18 – Noon after the 11:00 am service – Forever Young Potluck

February 18 – Evening - LWML

February 25 – Board of Parish Fellowship

March 4

March 11 – Board of Education

March 18

March 25 – Board of Early Education



## Newsletter **DEADLINE**

All items to be included in the March Newsletter must be to Helen by **Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**. This includes any educational items, youth news, parish fellowship events, Bibles studies, etc., etc. Anything that you want the congregation to be informed about during the month of March should be included.

**Friendship / 'Soup'er Bowl Sunday** February 8th, bring a friend to church with you. Immediately following the late service, you are invited to the gym for a soup meal, fellowship, and some good Bible based trivia. You are invited to wear your favorite jersey to worship and/or to the Friendship Sunday event. This meal will be hosted by the Board of Missions and the Board of Parish Fellowship. We can't wait to see you there!



**Building Healthy Families:** Our culture encourages us to see the world and our relationships through a lens of individualism, in which we make decisions based on the question: "How will this affect ME?" How would our world be different if we returned to a faith, family, and community-centered lens, in which decisions are instead based on this question: "How will my actions effect my children, my

spouse, my parents, my congregational family, my community?" Give it a try this week and see what a difference it makes! **Lutheran Family Service** [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)

**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](http://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](http://www.mainstreetliving.com), and are available the day before they are broadcast.

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*KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1*

**10:00am - "Missing Ingredient"** - Bob (Jack Nicholson) and his fiancée Lynn (Susan Crane) are planning their wedding when she overhears her parents planning to separate shortly after.

**10:30 AM - Rev. Norman Wacker**, pastor at Mount Calvary and Bethlehem Lutheran Churches in Sundance and Moorcroft, WY, presents a message titled "The Word Brings Light!". The 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](http://www.mainstreetliving.com)

**Life Quotes** "The One who gives us our new beginning in Baptism is the same God who fashioned us and gave us our first beginning in the womb. It is God who brings forth life. It is God who created us, who 'knits us together,' so that we are 'intricately and wonderfully made.' Some say that the Bible never mentions abortion, and thus we should not speak against it. How far from the truth! The decisive moral truth of what Scripture teaches is this: Human beings are such from fertilization. And—it is a sin to shed innocent blood." *Rev. Paul Clark, Lutherans For Life of Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

## *This Week at Faith Lutheran*

### **Today: Jan. 25**

8:30 am Worship  
9:30 am Rebekah Circle  
9:45 am Sunday School/*Revelation*  
11:00 am Communion  
1-4:30 pm Am. Legion Oratory  
contest (weather alternate date)

### **Mon: Jan. 26**

5:45-6:45pm 3<sup>rd</sup> grade boys BB

7:00 pm Priscilla Circle

### **Tues: Jan. 27**

8:00 am Staff Devotions  
10:30 am "Joshua" Women's Sdy  
7:00 pm 5<sup>th</sup> grade Girls Basketball

### **Wed: Jan. 28**

1:30 pm Peaceful Pines Chapel

5:45 pm *Revelation* at Wulf's

6:30 pm Midweek

6:30 pm *Galatians* in homes

7:00 pm Chapel/Communion

8:00 pm LYF

### **Thurs: Jan. 29**

1:30 pm Lincoln Apts. Chapel

8:00 am Staff Devotions

5:45-6:45 pm 3<sup>rd</sup> grade boys BB

6:30 pm Church Council

### **Fri: Jan. 30**

5:30-6:30 pm 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls BB

### **Sun: Feb. 1**

8:30 am Communion

9:30 am First Sunday Fellowship

9:45 am Sunday School/*Revelation*

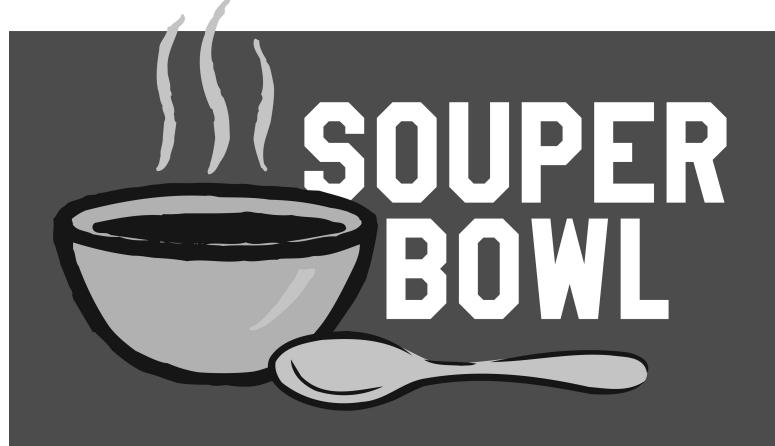
11:00 am Worship

5:00 pm Bd. of Parish Fellowship

6:00 pm Board of Elders



# FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY



## MEAL FEBRUARY 8<sup>th</sup>

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