

CHRISTMAS DAY

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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*



The Gift of Glory

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory. John 1:14

“What Child Is This?” LSB 370

What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet While shepherds watch are keeping?
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mary!

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peasant, king, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high, The virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mary!

THE OPENING LITANY

- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**
P Every good and perfect gift is from heaven above,
C **Coming down from the Father of lights.**
P We gather to celebrate the good and perfect gift of glory.
C **Every valley shall be raised up.**
P Every mountain and hill made low.
C **The rough ground shall become level**
P And the rugged places a plain.
C **And the glory of the Lord will be revealed.**
P And all people will see it together.
C **For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.**
P The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.
C **And we have seen his glory!**

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

LSB 380

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

- P On this Christmas Day we light the Christ candle and call it Glory.
(The acolyte lights all of the candles.)
P Because we have been raised with Christ,
C **We set our hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.**
P When Christ, who is our life, appears,

- C **Then we will appear with him in glory.**
- P The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.
- C **And we have seen his glory!**

LSB 380

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ the everlasting Lord;
 Late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
 Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,
 Pleas'd with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus our Immanuel.
 Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P Holy Lord, merciful God, John writes, "We have seen his glory."
- C **But we have not always looked fully upon it.**
- P For all too often we only glance at your glory.
- C **Then our hearts become hard and our words harsh. Forgive us, Father.**
- P For all too often we only glimpse your glory.
- C **Then our thoughts become selfish and our judgments sinful. Forgive us, Father.**
- P For all too often we only preview or peek at your glory.
- C **Then our minds become darkened and our motives deceitful. Forgive us, Father, and fix, focus and fasten our eyes on Jesus, for he is the Lord of glory.**
- P I announce to you that, though God sees all of your sin, he also sees Jesus, who was born for you, suffered for you, bled for you, lives for you and forgives you. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I 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, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.
- C **And we have seen his glory!**

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
 Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.
 Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die,
 Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
 Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING ... Isaiah 40:1-5

THE EPISTLE READING ... Colossians 3:1-4

THE SPECIAL MUSIC

“All Is Well”...

Moriah Gross, violin

THE GOSPEL READING ... John 1:9-18

Oh, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him born the king of angels:
Oh, come, let us adore him, oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God in the highest:
Oh, come, let us adore him, oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
Oh, come, let us adore him, oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

THE SERMON

“The Gift of Glory”

Pastor Daniel Barbey

THE OFFERING

THE PRAYERS

Each petition ends with the following response:

P Open our eyes, O Father,
C to see your glory in the face of our Lord Jesus Christ.

HOLY COMMUNION

LSB 208-210

THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Mary Did You Know?” ...Lowry/Greene, arr. Lloyd Larson

Helen Kiepke, vocalist

“Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising” LSB 375 verses 4-6

“Go Tell It on the Mountain” LSB 388

“Angels We Have Heard on High” LSB 368

THE BENEDICTION

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let ev’ry heart prepare him room, and heav’n and nature sing,
And heav’n and nature sing, and heav’n, and heav’n, and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as, the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders, of his love.

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Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Christmas Day! 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

Dale & Renee Knapp



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After Early Service

Bruce McIntire

Chad and Leslie Hicks

Dale and Jackie Eide

Preaching this morning is Reverend Daniel Barbey, our Intentional Interim Pastor. Reverend Joshua Baumann, our Associate Pastor, is our Liturgist.

Holy Communion is celebrated at our 10:00 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.



Adult Bible Study Sunday morning Bible Class will resume on January 8th. Bible stories for adults will start in Genesis. Join us at 9:45 a.m.

Sunday School NO Sunday School today.

Nursery No Nursery today. Nursery is regularly available during the 11:00 service. Nursery is located in the **F/G Room downstairs**. It is for children ages infant through 5 year olds.

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!

Our Broadcasts Our Sonrise and Cable Broadcasts are made possible this week by our Faith congregation.

Did you know that "Sonrise" is streamed on KCCR live? If you are away, log on to www.TodaysKCCR.com. The Broadcast schedules are on the traveling Bulletin board, which is in the Narthex. Our Cable Broadcast is also on our Website. Take a look at www.faithluth.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.

Wed., Dec. 14 Att. 51; Advent offering \$41.00; **Sun., Dec. 18 Att. 240;** General Fund \$7,292.70; Building Fund \$2,535.00 (Debt Retirement \$2,535.00); Love Fund \$100.00; Broadcasts \$60.00; Flowers \$136.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Thrivent Automatic Withdrawal \$3,603.00 (General \$3,318.00, Debt \$95.00, Building \$180.00, Love Fund \$10.00);

Forever Young \$55.00; Hong Kong trip \$327.00; Facility Use Donation \$150.00.

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Dec. 25 Christmas Day

10:00 am Christmas Day Worship

Mon: Dec. 26

OFFICE CLOSED

Tues: Dec. 27

10:15 am SOUL SPA Bible Study

7:30 pm Pickleball

Wed: Dec. 28

NO MIDWEEK OR BIBLE STUDIES

Sat: Dec. 31

6:30 pm New Year's Eve Worship with
Holy Communion

Sun: Jan. 1 New Year's Day

10:00 am New Year's Day Worship
With Holy Communion



BUILDING NEWS

Thank you for your continued gifts to our Building Fund – We thank you for your gifts last Sunday to the Building Fund of \$2,810.00. The gifts were designated as follows:

The Debt Retirement Account: \$2630.00

The Building Account: \$180.00

Debt Retirement Thanks to your generosity we have been able to send in two additional payments with our regular December payment. Thus far we have made 168 additional payments which have saved us \$565,266.63 in interest. Our current balance is \$360,293.53.

Debt Retirement Challenge A generous family of our Faith congregation has graciously offered to match up to \$10,000.00 for Debt Retirement. The challenge will last the final quarter of our year from October 1 through December 31. ***Through the end of November we received \$20,454.50 toward the challenge.*** Would you please consider joining the *Debt Retirement Challenge?* **In the memo line just indicate Debt Retirement Challenge or “DRC” for short.** What an opportunity, for which we say, “*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,*” and “*Thank you!*”

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All 2016 contributions need to be in no later than **December 31**. Anything coming in January 1 and following but dated in 2016 will be credited to 2017.

*** Reminder*** Please pick up your 2017 offering envelopes **today**. Even if you have automatic giving there are special giving envelopes for Missions, holidays, etc. that could be utilized also. We would prefer to save the expense of mailing all the envelopes that are

left here beyond December. Thanks for your help in this matter.

Altar Guild is requesting that whoever borrowed the large and small battery operated white candles please return them to the sacristy. Thank you.



LWML...executive meeting is Monday, January 2nd at 7:00 pm. All officers, coordinators, and circle chairmen are encouraged to attend. Thank you.

The Board of Directors of the Endowment Fund are requesting recommendations from the church members for projects or activities to which the interest earnings from the Endowment Fund are to be allocated. There are forms on the Oak Table in the Narthex to fill out if you have a project for them to consider. Please fill out and return to the church office as soon as possible. The Board thanks you for your suggestions.

Pastor Cory Rajek Visit Pastor Rajek will be visiting Faith Lutheran on Wednesday, January 4th. There will be a Pizza Ranch Chicken Dinner for the congregation at 5:30 pm (**sign-up on information table in the Narthex**) and at 7:00 pm there will be a meet and greet with Pastor Cory. If you plan on attending the meal please sign-up by January 1st.

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 time in Rapid City?

Kid's Crossing-Watch as the "Puzzle Club" kids solve the Christmas mystery.

December 25, 2016-Rev. Dr. Roger Paavola, President of the Mid-South District LCMS, delivers the Christmas message "Mary, Did You Know", based on Matthew 1: 18-25. The Main Street Living Choir will lead the singing of: Angels We Have Heard on High; Away in A Manger; and Silent Night, Holy Night. This presentation also features a special guest appearance by Nashville recording artist, Jacob Daniel. The program is interpreted and closed captioned for the hearing impaired.

Life Quotes "God gave you what you couldn't do for yourself. What a great Christmas gift you have in the unconditional forgiveness of your sins through the person and work of your Savior Jesus Christ! Thank You, God!" *Rev. Mark Jeske, (www.timeofgrace.org) – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

Faith Lutheran Youth - F.L.Y.

Here's what happening with the youth of Faith Lutheran....



Acolytes for November

***December 25 Christmas Day**

10:00 a.m. Kassie Tronvold, Kailee Schultz

December 31 New Year's Eve

6:30 Trever Hayes, Adam Schochnemaier

*An acolyting schedule has been sent to each high school family for 2016/2017. If your high schooler did not receive one please let Pastor Baumann know! This list is complete through the end of June 2017. A sub list with contact information was also included in a golden rod packet of paper. If acolytes are not able to be present for their assigned day, it is their responsibility to call someone else to find a replacement and then notify the church office. Thank you so very much!

Verse(s) of the Week: (NIV)

Luke 2:11 NIV "Today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord!"

→ PRAYERS of all types and sorts:

In your prayers this week, we lift up before our Good and Gracious God: all high school youth of this parish, that they may not lose step in the faith but remain deeply connected to Jesus and to His church though being in the Word, fellowship, and worship.

Lord in Your Mercy...

Hear Our Prayer.

Reminder to Parents There will be **NO** Sunday School class Dec. 25th, or Jan. 1st for the holidays! Sunday School resumes January 8th.

→Thanks a Million!!! A BIG thank you to our Sunday school and Midweek teachers, to Rachel Aamold, Noel Clocksin, Jessica Lammler, the Neyharts for decorating the chancel, our Board of Education, and the host of others who helped to make our Sunday school and Children's Christmas programs go so smoothly. Your gifts, abilities, and time to our Lord Jesus is such a witness to our youth and to our congregation. We thank you!

Thank you to Michael Shoup, Loni Shoup, and our L.Y.F. youth for contributing and making about 100 Kuchen on Dec 11th for our L.Y.F. fundraiser! AND Thank You Faith congregation and friends for buying and for supporting our youth!!! They were delicious!

→ **Youth in 1st through 5th grade...** Pastor Baumann invites you to join him on Friday, January 27th from 6 to 8 p.m. in the gym at Faith Lutheran. We will be having Root Beer Floats, Games, and Tie-dyeing t-shirts. It's a fun opportunity to get together for some activity and fellowship with those our own age. The only thing you can bring besides yourself.... is a white t-shirt to tie-dye, oh...and bring a friend too! The rest will be provided. Parents are certainly welcome to come, help out, and stay for the two hours. Can't wait to see you!

→ **8th Graders** are welcomed to join HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP please just come Wednesdays at 8 pm in the gym unless directed otherwise!!!

→ **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP** meets every Wednesday @ 8:00 p.m. at faith. Open to anyone in high school and is intended to be a safe place where high school aged youth can come together to spend time and fellowship together as young Christians each week. Pastor Baumann and Michael Shoup co-lead the group and love to spend time with each person that comes. If you have an activity that you would like to do, please let either of us know! Creativity is welcome!

Upcoming Youth Dates to Keep In Mind:

Dec. 31st → Christmas Day Worship – 10:00 a.m.

Jan. 1st → New Year's Day Worship – 10:00 a.m.

Jan. 4th → Midweek Resumes

Jan. 8th → Sunday School Resumes

January 27th → 1st – 5th grade youth tie-dye night 6-8 p.m. (*bring your own white shirt to use*)

On the Lighter Side...

Q: Why did the cookie go to the hospital?

A: Because He felt crummy!

Q: Where do sheep go to get Woolcuts?

A: To the Baa Baa shop!

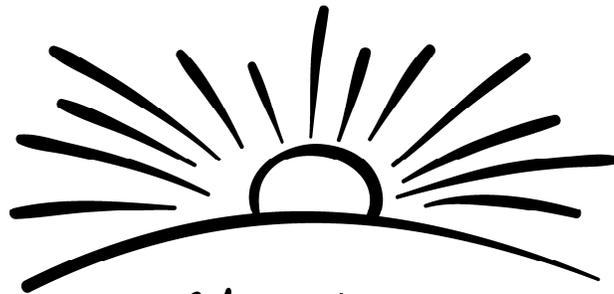


NEW
YEAR'S
EVE
WORSHIP



6:30 p.m.

With Holy Communion



New Year's Day
WORSHIP SERVICE

10:00 a.m.

With Holy Communion

Congregational Prayers

Dottie Bossman
Martha Vance
Ben Shoup
Richard Zoller
Julian Olson
Elaine Phillips
Gene Schlichenmayer
Mike Youngberg
Zoe Jones
Signe Gaasch (Urbach's) 5/2/16
Elaine Wagner 6/30/16
Greg Iversen 7/10/16
Jeannette Protexter 7/18/16
David Peterson 8/26/16
Ripley Olson (Alberta Olson) 8/4/16
Doyle Charron (Jochim) 8/8/16
Ron Lawrence 8/14/16
Jim Steele 8/14/16
Red Westall 8/21/16
Jennifer Moser (Darline Fuoss) 9/4/16
Logan Krause (Kenefick-Aschoff) 9/4/16
Phil Baker 10/02/16
Myrna Hartmann 10/02/16
Grace Erickson (Mark Erickson) 10/9/16
Jodi Williams 10/17/16
Betty Fuhrman (Sheri Adney's mom)
10/23/16
Phyllis Barber (John Barber) 10/25/16
Susan Bennett 10/31/16
Richard Adney 10/31/16
Ginger Niemann 11/10/16
Jill Burger 11/10/16
Betty Lindquist 11/10/16
Cliff Thorn 11/16/16
Rene Liegl 12/5/16
Meghan Merrill 12/6/16
Lance Hildebrandt (Liza Frederick)
12/13/16
Dale Hofwolt 12/21/16

Missionaries

Pastor Andrew Utecht and Pastor Albert Sutton and their families on the Rosebud and Pine Ridge Reservations

Pastor Matthew Nix

Pastor Alan Ludwig – Siberia, Russia

Janet Borchard – Papua New Guinea

Pastor Daniel Jastram – Japan

Baptisms

Sutton Everett Boyle, son of Joshua Boyle and Megan Schaap.

Brodie Carl Rathbun, son of Carlie Rathbun.

Tyler James Carl Rathbun, son of Nathan Eckstrom & Jordain Rathbun.

Comfort *Deut. 34:8*

Wanda (Erbe) Hughes and family upon the death of her husband Don Hughes. 11/28/16

Marilyn Penrod and family upon the death of her son Richard Penrod. 12/4/16

Rick Newman and family upon the death of his wife Barb Newman. 12/5/16

The Christian Church on Earth that it may grow and prosper and especially for the safety of Christians in Somalia, Yemen, Pakistan and Afghanistan.

