

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

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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

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

(LSB 380)

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.**

CONFESSION 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.

T WORD T

INTROIT

Psalm 98:1-4 (antiphon: Isaiah 52:10)

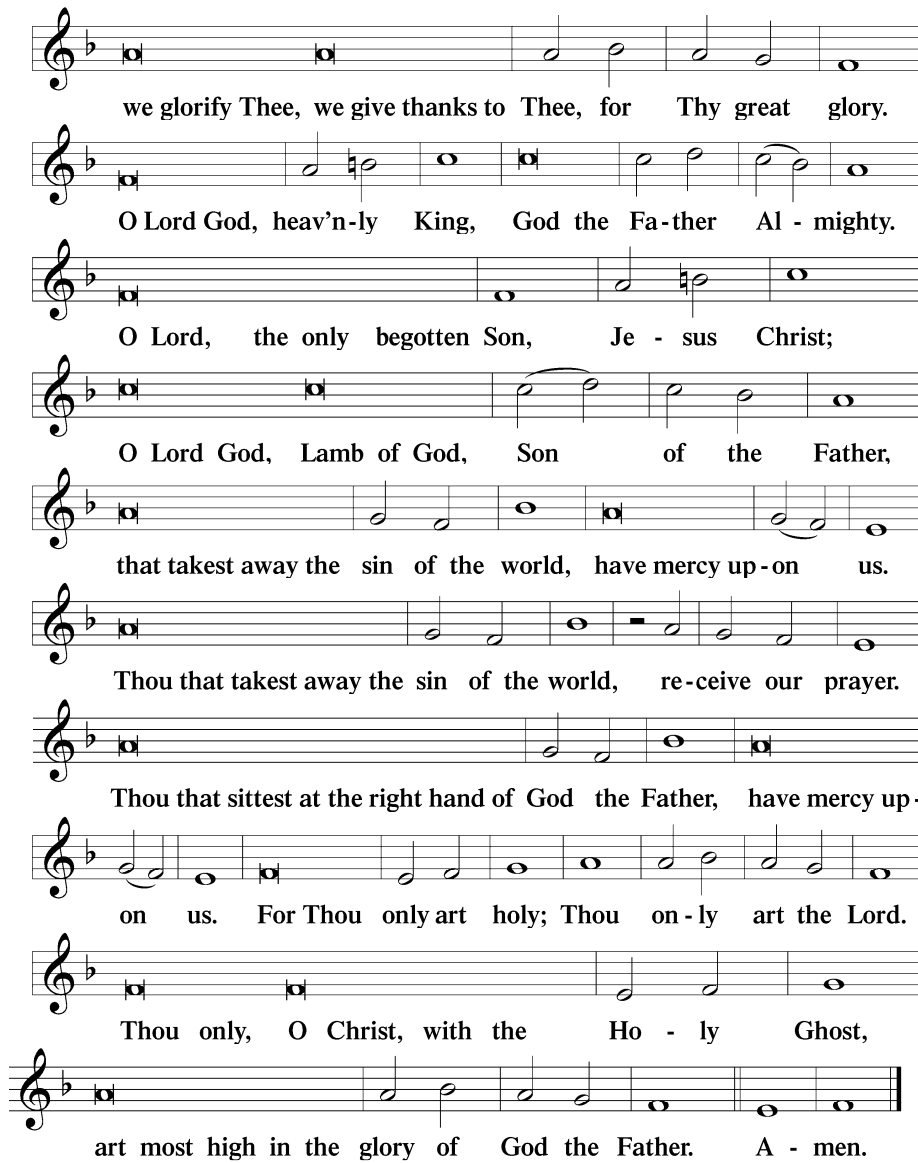
- P The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.
- C **Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!**
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.
- P The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
- C **He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.**
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
- P Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!
- 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 The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

KYRIE

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the

incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15 (The gods of the people fail.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "Midnight Noel"...Traditional Carol, (*arr. Mark Hayes*)
Tim Larson, vocalist

EPISTLE Colossians 3:12-17 (The Word of Christ dwells in us)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

ALLELUIA



Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 2:22-40 (The presentation of Jesus)

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 – SIMEON HOLDS BABY JESUS (PAGE 248)

SERMON HYMN SERMON

"Let All Together Praise Our God"
"The Redemption of Jesus"

(LSB 389)
(Luke 2:22-40)

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*

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Please stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For our families, that they would be harmonious in God's love and ruled by Christ's peace; that the Word of Christ would dwell richly among us; that fathers and heads of the household would teach and admonish their families in all wisdom; and that our words and deeds would be done in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, with thanksgiving, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the sick and suffering, especially those who desire our prayers _____, that according to God's gracious will, they would be healed; and for those who mourn, especially _____, that God would fill their hearts with the certain hope of the resurrection, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P In thanksgiving for our brothers and sisters who have departed in the peace of faith; and that with them, we may behold the light of the nations and the glory of Israel in eternal life, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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 8:30 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 †
11:00 am

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.**

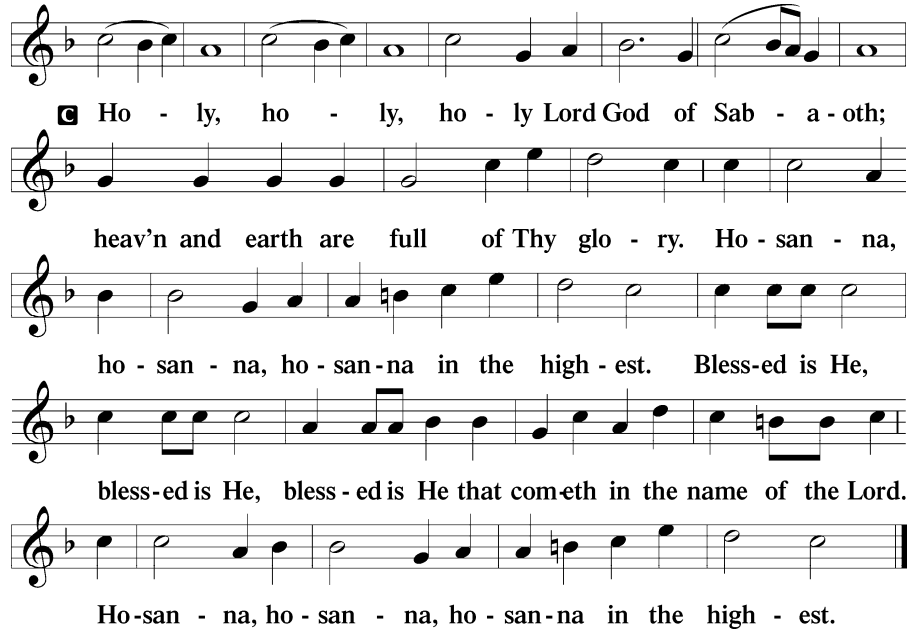
P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

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; for in the

mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. 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. A - - men.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" (LSB 374)
"Now Sing We, Now Rejoice" (LSB 386)

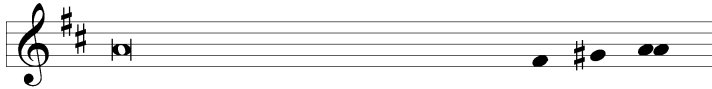
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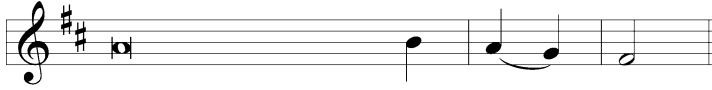
NUNC DIMITTIS

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,



G 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.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

(LSB 367)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER

CHRISTMAS



AS WE GATHER Are you prepared for heaven? Admittedly, this is an odd question when we are celebrating Jesus' birth. Yet, Jesus was born to die to save His people from their sins. As Simeon held the Christ Child, he couldn't help but say, "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word," while also telling Mary, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed." That opposition eventually brought about His death on a cross. Yet, Jesus was born to die and rise to life again so that all who believe in Him might live! That is the best Christmas gift ever.

And he [Simeon] came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the Law, he took Him up in his arms and blessed God. Luke 2:27-28

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 First Sunday After Christmas! 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, our associate pastor.

Holy Communion is celebrated at our 11:00 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.

Want to listen to our worship service on your phone? Call **1-888-502-3453** and follow the prompts. It will get you to the live streamed service or if we are not livestreaming it will guide you to the last service recorded. Please let everyone know of this service. For those without a computer this is a way for you to stay up on Faith's worship services.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Wed., Dec. 15; Att. 62; Advent Fund \$630.00; **Sun., Dec. 19, Att. 220;** General Fund \$17,911.00; **Sunday School Att. 0;** Sunday School Offering \$0.00; Building Fund \$10,340.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Todd's Electric \$1,000.00; Flowers \$112.00; 642 Rent \$1,100.00; Mexico Mission \$1,240.00; Utecht Ministry \$70.00; Rajek/Latvia \$1,000.00; Endowment Fund (Undesignated) in memory of Ruth Leidholt \$70.00; Endowment Fund in memory of Vernon Bump (Generations) \$50.00; Endowment Fund (Foundations) \$102.75, (Future) \$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.

Voters Meeting There will be a Voters' meeting **Tuesday, January 4th**, 2022, at 6:30 PM. Call process will be the topic of discussion.

Fed by Faith, formerly referred to as the Love Kitchen, will be actively starting in January 2022 to prepare meals for congregants and family members in need. These meals will consist of a frozen entrée that can easily be reheated in the oven or the stovetop, or microwave if thawed; frozen vegetables; canned, jarred or fresh fruit; buns/breads; and bars/cookies. These are meant to be used at times when someone has an illness or recovering at home, a new baby or a death in the family, or just a general need. Normally we will meet the first Thursday every month as needed. However, our cooking date in January will be held on the second Thursday, January 13, due a scheduling conflict.

The ministry is based on Matthew 25:35-36 and will be used to share God's love through nourishment of body and faith. The congregation can be helpful by notifying Nancy Shoup at 280-2091 or call the church office regarding those who can be served by

the ministry. This ministry will only be successful if we are aware of those in need and are provided with those names.

Members may also bake at home and divide cookies or bars in portions of a dozen and place in a freezer bag. These can be brought to the church office and placed in the dedicated freezer in the kitchen. It is requested you not use nuts or peanut butter in your baked goods, but if you do, they must be properly labeled to indicate that fact. If you desire monetary assistance regarding the preparation of those bars/cookies please let Nancy know and that can be arranged. **We pray God's blessing on this ministry as we move forward to serve our Lord through Word and action. Thank you!**

Rajek/Latvia Funding Match Please consider donating to support God's work in Latvia through Pastor Cory. A generous donor is matching all donations up to \$50,000 through the end of the year. You can make a check out to Faith Lutheran and put **Rajek/Latvia** in the memo line. As of 11/28/21 we have gathered \$16,819 toward this support.

Preschool Center Items Wishlist on Amazon

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/GZLZ6V9RXXK4Q?ref_=wl_share

You can also find the link on our Daycare Facebook Page.

<https://www.facebook.com/faithlutherandaycare>

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.

Dec 26, 2021

10:00 AM - "Puzzle Club Christmas" The Puzzle Club must solve a missing person mystery before Christmas.

10:30 AM - Rev. Richard Snow, President of the Nebraska District LCMS, presents a Christmas message. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the hearing impaired. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes "Where are your eyes today? ... Gaze at the baby Jesus in the manger—born into humanity for you. Watch as Jesus teaches, heals, comforts, and calls lost people to Himself. Fix your eyes on Him as He hangs on that cross for you. And look joyfully at Him as He meets you after the resurrection—loving you, forgiving you, and sending you

out into His world to share His love with others ... Let's fix our eyes on Jesus!" Dr. Kari Vo, *Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • lutheransforlife.org



FAITH LUTHERAN YOUTH



BE PREPARED TO FACE TODAY'S WORLD: (for High School - teenagers) It is vitally important for our teenagers to be prepared and equipped to defend their faith. This study is for teenagers and will challenge you to explore your beliefs and contrast them with a variety of topics such as other religions and worldviews. This is vitally and eternally important to keep our kids in the Word and equipping our kids for peer pressure and ideas they will hear when they get to college. Please encourage your kids to participate in this short weekly study where we can dive into God's Word for the answers. This will be on **Wednesday evenings at 7:30 (after Chapel and before LYF)**. Please contact the Church office if interested.

This Week at Faith Lutheran

**Sun: Dec. 26 1st Sunday after
Christmas**
8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Adult Study (Revelation)
11:00 am Communion
5:00 pm Board of Parish Fellowship
Mon: Dec. 27
5:30-7:00 pm 6th grade BB in Gym
Tues: Dec. 28
8:00 am Staff Devotions

Wed: Dec. 29
6:00 pm Bible Study
8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: Dec. 30
8:00 am Staff Devotions
5:30-7:00 pm 6th grade BB in Gym
Fri: Dec. 31 New Year's Eve
7:00 pm New Year's Eve Worship
Sat: Jan. 1 New Year's Day

NO New Year's Day Worship

11:00 am Worship

Sun: Jan. 2

8:30 am Communion

9:45 am Adult Study (Revelation)

