

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

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⌄ DIVINE SERVICE ⌄

OPENING HYMN

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

(LSB 594)

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 2:7-11, 12c (antiphon: Is. 42:1a)

P Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

C **I will tell of the decree:**

The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

P Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.

C **You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."**

P Now therefore, O kings, be wise,
be warned, O rulers of the earth.

C **Serve the LORD with fear,
And rejoice with trembling,**

P for his wrath is quickly kindled.
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

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 Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

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. Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same 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

Isaiah 42:1–9

(God delights in His Servant.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"Jesus, What A Wonderful Child" *(African-American Spiritual)*

Rodd Bauck, vocal soloist

EPISTLE *Romans 6:1–11* (Buried and raised with Christ in Baptism, we walk in newness of life.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

ALLELUIA



HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 3:13–17* (The Father proclaims Jesus His beloved Son.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third 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

"Fitting for Us"
Pastor Sam Handschke

(Matthew 3:13-17)

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

OFFERTORY

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.

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Please stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Heavenly Father, Your Son fulfilled all righteousness and submitted to Baptism with sinners in the Jordan. Well-pleased, You opened the heavens for us and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. As You have joined us to Christ's death and resurrection by Holy



Baptism and given us Your Spirit, strengthen our hearts and open our ears to hear Your Holy Word and rejoice that You have made us Your beloved children in Him. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord God, as You have opened heaven to Your Church through Holy Baptism, give her faithful teachers to proclaim Your Son, Jesus Christ, and all that accords with godliness, that many would repent of their sins and join Him in His kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We give You thanks for the gift of family. Bless all parents, especially mothers, that they would joyfully acknowledge Your gifts of spouse, children and home. Be near to the elderly, the widowed and the orphaned. Show forth Your grace to them, that they would not feel alone. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord God, 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 O God who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, have compassion on Your creation. Deliver from danger all who are threatened by natural disaster, dangerous weather, pestilence, flood or famine. Provide all that is needed for this body and life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Holy God, You sent Your Son as the Servant who would preserve the bruised reed and the faintly burning wick. Hear us on behalf of those in need of healing and deliverance [*including* _____]. Provide healing, restoration and justice according to Your good and gracious will, and grant that we would always rejoice in Your Son's everlasting faithfulness toward us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord God, heavenly Father, You have called Your Church from every tribe and nation. Grant that Your people throughout the world would rejoice in the death and resurrection of Christ and live as those who have died and risen with Him in Holy

Baptism; 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 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, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree 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. A - - men.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Baptized Into Your Name Most Holy" (LSB 590)

"O Blessed Spring" (LSB 392)



(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.
- C** **Amen.**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD



AS WE GATHER The Baptism John proclaimed was for repentance, that people might be ready to receive the Messiah. When our Lord asked to be baptized, though, He had nothing of which to repent. In gracious obedience, He was baptized to begin this wonderful exchange with sinners, fulfilling the Law in our place and taking upon Himself God's judgment against sin. His ministry would fulfill the words Isaiah penned centuries earlier. Indeed, the Father was pleased with His servant Son that day but forsook Him on the cross as He took our sins with Him.

As Paul writes in the Epistle, that great sacrifice ensures that we are able, now and forever, to be "alive to God in Christ Jesus" (Romans 6:11).

And when Jesus was baptized, immediately He went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on Him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Matthew 3:16-17

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this day of the Baptism of our Lord! We

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

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.

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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Wed. Dec. 28, Att. 19; Offering \$270.00; **Sat., Dec. 31, Att. 35;** General Fund \$5,389.27; Building Fund \$4,000.00; Love Fund \$600.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Mexico Mission \$600.00; Sanctuary HVAC \$1,200.00; Dale Hartmann Memorial \$20.00; Endowment Fund (Undesignated) in memory of Sandy Peterson \$100.00. **Sun., Jan. 1, Att. 154;** General Fund \$8,944.00; Building \$350.00; Endowment Fund in memory of Sandy Peterson \$25.00 (Blessings).

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.

First Sunday Fellowship Our First Sunday Fellowship is this Sunday between services at 9:30 am. The women of Faith Circle are providing goodies and will host this event. Join us for goodies and fellowship before Sunday School starts at 9:45.

Sunday School and Adult Bible Study resume today at 9:45 am.

Men's Club Our Men's Club will be meeting Monday, January 16, at 7:00pm for our usual meeting in Jon's Place upstairs in the older section of the church.

Broadcasts Beth & Matt King are sponsoring this week's broadcasts in honor of the 60th wedding anniversary of Beth's parents, Eldon & Betty Lindquist on January 12th. Thanks Matt & Beth. May God continue to bless your parents as they continue their life journey.



We have received a number of 8 x 10 photos in the church office. **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 in the church office. Stop by the office and Helen will be glad to give you your photo.
2023 Offering Envelopes are now on tables in the Narthex. **Please pick yours up today.** They are arranged numerically and semi-alphabetically. **If you give automatically by EFT or phone you still need to pick up your envelopes.** There are special envelopes for Missions, Advent, Lent, Christmas, Endowment, etc. that may be used. If you cannot find your envelopes let Helen know. She will find them or if you do not already have envelopes, she will issue you a number. Thanks!

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.

KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

10:00 AM - "Senior Citizen" - A man struggles with purpose and a place in life after retirement.

10:30 AM - Vicar Joseph Greenmyer, of Zion Lutheran Church in Mitchell, presents a message titled "The Education of our Lord." This sermon is based on Luke 2:41-52. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes "When an abortion is performed, we proclaim that we know better than God. We disregard His wisdom, for He taught us that we should never kill innocent human beings. We proclaim that we do not want or need a gift from God. And in doing so, we seek to make ourselves more powerful than God. We seek to make ourselves God." *Archbishop Samuel Aquila – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Annual Report *February is the month for the Annual Report. All boards, circles, preschool, daycare, and other entities of the church need to have their reports turned in to Helen by January 23rd. Email your reports to faith@faithluth.com. Please be punctual. If you need a copy of a previous report as an example for your report let Helen know.*

Faith Lutheran Youth

Sunday School resumes today for youth and adults.

On the Lighter Side:

*If you are going to start cross-country skiing, start with a small country.

*The best way to stop a charging bull is to take away his credit card!

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Jan. 8

8:30 am Worship

9:30 First Sunday Fellowship

9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study

11:00 am Communion

5:00 pm Board of Parish Fellowship

7:00 pm Board of Elders

7:30 pm Board of Missions

Mon: Jan. 9

7:00 pm Men's Club in Jon's Place

7:00 pm LWML in Gym

Tues: Jan. 10

8:00 am Staff Devotions

9:30 am Circuit Pastors Conference

10:00 am Women's Bible Study

6:15 pm Board of Property Management

Wed: Jan. 11

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: Jan. 12

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.

Fri: Jan. 13

LWML Executive Board Meetings

Sat: Jan. 14

LWML Executive Board Meetings

Sun: Jan. 15

8:30 am Communion

9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study

11:00 am Worship

1:00 pm Am. Legion Oratory Contest

1:00 pm Board of Stewardship/Endow.

5:00 pm Board of Education