

THE SECOND 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 World Wide Missions*



✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

OPENING HYMN

“The First Noel”

1. The first No-el, the an-gel did say, Was to cer-tain poor shep-herds in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay keep-ing their sheep, On a cold win-ter’s night that was so deep.

Refrain: No-el, No-el, No-el, No-el, Born is the King of Is-ra-el.

2. They look-ed up and saw a star Shin-ing in the east, be-yond them far, And to the earth it gave great light, And so it con-tin-ued both day and night. **Refrain**

3. And by the light of that same star Three wise men came from coun-try far, To seek for a king was their in-tent, An to fol-low the star wher-ev-er it went.

Refrain

4. This star drew nigh to the north-west, O’er Beth-le-hem it took its rest, And there it did both stop and stay, Right o-ver the place where Je-sus lay. **Refrain**

5. Then en-tered in those wise men three, Full rev-’rent-ly up-on their knee, And of-fered there in His pres-ence Their gold, and myrrh, and frank-in-cense. **Refrain**

6. Then let us all with one ac-cord Sing prais-es to our heav’n-ly Lord, That hath made heav’n and earth of naught, And with His blood man-kind hath bought.

Refrain

INVOCATION

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

EXHORTATION

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the gifts of our Lord Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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

Ps. 40:1-5; (antiphon: Ps. 40:10a, b)

- P** I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;
C **I waited patiently for the LORD;**
he inclined to me and heard my cry.
P He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.
C **He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.**
Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

- P** Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust,
Who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!
- C** You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you!
I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.
- 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** I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation.

KYRIE



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

LSB 946 Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise



1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and earth - ly peace we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

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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.

OLD TESTAMENT *1 Samuel 3:1–10 (11–20)* (The Lord calls Samuel.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM “Wise Men Saw the Light” (Pamela Martin, arr. Lloyd Larson)
Tim Larson, vocal soloist

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 6:12–20* (God’s call to flee from immorality)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 1:43-51* (Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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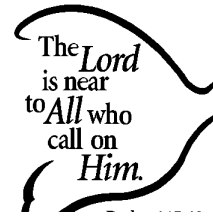
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON HYMN "The Star Proclaims the King Is Here" (LSB 399)
We Rise for Vs. 5

SERMON "Speak for Your Servant Hears" (1 Samuel 3:10)
Pastor Brad Urbach

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



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, put a new song in our mouths. Lead us out of all deceit and into the confidence of Your truth. Let us proclaim Your wondrous deeds of faithfulness and salvation in Christ without fear or hesitancy. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P King of Israel, as You once called Samuel, Philip and Nathanael into Your service, be pleased now to call men into Your holy ministry. Give them a delight in Your Holy Scriptures, that their witness would lead many to follow Jesus, the Son of God. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, You call fathers, mothers and children to serve in their households. Let them serve eagerly, each according to their station, trusting that such love honors You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, let all the nations and peoples of the earth ascribe to You the glory due Your name. Hear our prayers for all rulers and leaders, especially for Joseph, our president, and _____, our governor, together with all legislators and judges. Direct them by Your Word and Spirit, and establish them in saving faith. Lead them in their offices to govern wisely for the good of their people. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O God, behold in mercy all for whom we pray [*especially* _____]. Bring healing, comfort, strength, patience and certainty to all in need. Receive our thanks for Your constant watch and merciful kindness. In every sorrow and every joy, do not let our eyes be drawn from the greater marvel of Your kindness in Christ Jesus, by whose grace and forgiveness alone we receive every blessing. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Holy Lord, renew the gift of Your Holy Spirit to all who commune this day. Work in us true contrition to lament and abandon our sins, and so to come in confident faith to eat Your Son's body and drink His blood, given and shed for the forgiveness of sins. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Holy Lord, mighty God, You have shown us the face of Your mercy in Your Son, through whom all nations may find unity and life. Hear the prayers of Your people and grant what is needful to us and those for whom we pray, that trusting in Your mercy, our hearts may find perfect peace and rest; 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 Service

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

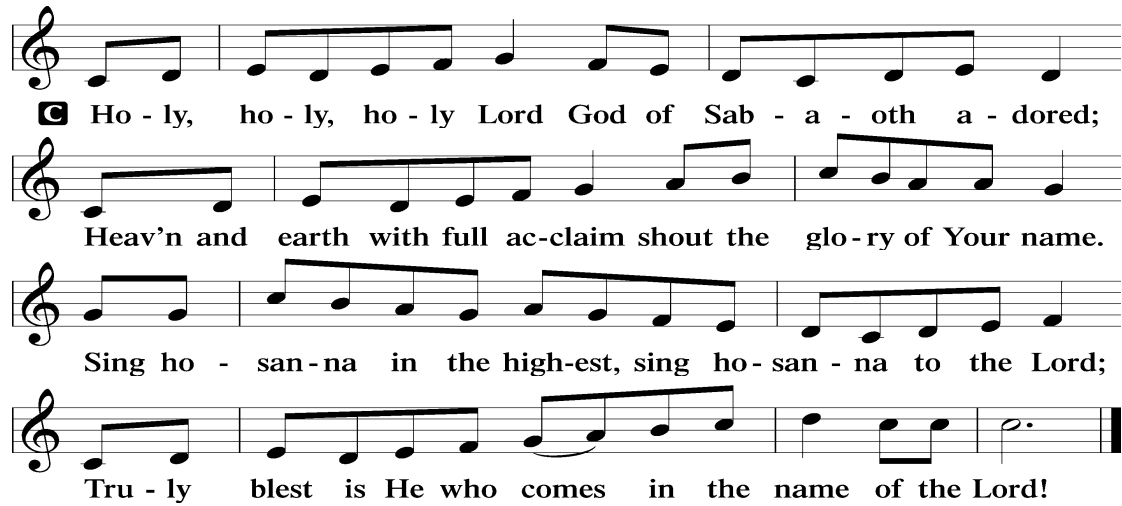
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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 Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san - na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

C Amen.

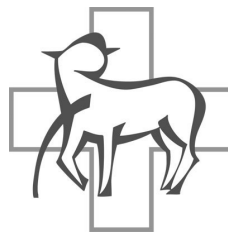
WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

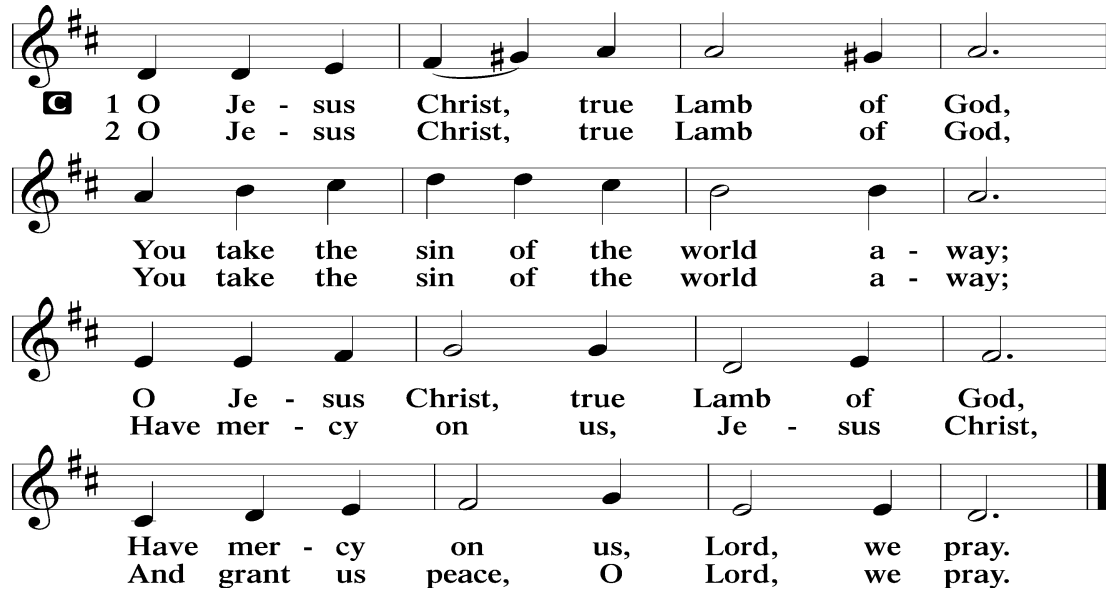
PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.



AGNUS DEI



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray" (LSB 623)
"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" (LSB 395)



(Please stand)

NUNC DIMITTIS



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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

"As with Gladness Men of Old"

(LSB 397)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



AS WE GATHER The Twelve Days of our Christmas celebration have come to an end. But the miraculous birth of the Son of God is only the beginning of the story. For though Jesus came as the fulfillment of all the promises to God's chosen people Israel, the promise to Abraham was clear that by his seed "all the families of the earth" would be blessed (Genesis 12:3). This is the mystery Paul speaks of in Ephesians 3, how "the Gentiles are fellow heirs . . . of the promise in Christ Jesus" (Ephesians 3:6). Anything hidden remains a mystery until it is revealed. No one, Jew or Gentile, can come to faith in Christ

without the Gospel being revealed. Another word for "reveal" is "epiphany." So today Matthew uses the word "behold," showing what may seem a surprise to some. "Behold, wise men from the east" (Matthew 2:1). "Behold, the star that they had seen" (Matthew 2:9). Today we say, behold, Christmas is a much bigger thing than many have thought. It encompasses nothing less than all our Lord's earthly ministry culminating in His suffering, death, resurrection, and ascension and the sending of the Holy Spirit. It is nothing less than the gift of salvation to all who believe. This epiphany has invaded your darkness through the water and the Word of your Holy Baptism, through the Word of God preached in your hearing, and through the receiving of our Lord's very body and blood in the Sacrament of the Altar to sustain that gift, that epiphany of faith to the end of days. By faith you have made a very good beginning.

Now the young man Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. . . . Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" . . . Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. . . . And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. 1 Samuel 3:1, 4, 7, 19

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 Second 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. Brad Urbach, our Visitation Pastor. Rev. Sam Handschke is our Liturgist.

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.



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Wed. Jan. 3, Att. 63, Offering \$25.00; Sun. Jan 7, Att. Total Not Recorded, Offering \$14,756.50; Sunday School \$5.00; Building Fund \$225.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; SD District Facility Use Donation \$200.00; Mexico Mission \$665.00; HVAC \$300.00; Endowment Fund in memory of Lorraine Tople (Undesignated) \$20.00.

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!

Annual Report We need to have all boards and circles get their reports submitted by Friday, January 19. Right now we have 8 of 28 reports submitted. If you need an example let Helen know.

Offering Envelopes Our 2024 offering envelopes are on the tables beneath the confirmation pictures. They are numerically and semi-alphabetically arranged on the tables. **Please pick yours up today**. If you do not find yours let Helen know and she will make sure you get them. Even if you give automatically or by your cell phone there are special envelopes you can use throughout the year, **please take them home**.

Portals of Prayer The Portals of Prayer for the first quarter of 2024 are on the table with the offering envelopes. There are both regular and large print. Please pick yours up today.



The Mexico mission team will give a brief presentation on their 2023 trip at the beginning of the worship services Sunday, January 21, and Wednesday, January 24. They thank you for your kind support and prayers for the past trips and are welcoming families and individuals to sign up for the 2024 trip. Please contact Dennis Ryckman (605-222-7713) or the church office if you have any questions or are interested in being a part of the mission trip.

Also, there will be a Mexico mission trip fundraiser rummage sale at the church Friday and Saturday, April 5th-6th. If you wish to contribute rummage, please have your items at the church by Wednesday, April 3rd.



Friendship Sunday on Sunday February 11th after the late service. The Board of Missions will provide Soup, Hotdogs, and Desserts. Please bring a Friend to Church!! We will also be sponsoring prizes. Prizes will be a drawing for those who wear jerseys and for those who win trivia questions.

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 Priceless Book” - Money and health troubles on the farm lead a father to God’s Word for comfort.

10:30 AM - Rev. Tim Rynearson, pastor at Peace Lutheran Church in Brookings, presents a message based on Psalm 139. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes “Abortion has only ever represented a symptom. The sickness has always consisted of the deeper reality of sin. So, law never embodied the finish line or the prize. Our Savior’s victory invites us to settle for nothing less than sharing life, abundant and everlasting, with each human being and receiving them all as gift and privilege. Let’s press ahead with renewed enthusiasm!” *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Faith Lutheran Youth

Bible Bowl 2024 We received word from the South Dakota LCMS district on the 2024 Bible Bowl. The books of the Bible are Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon. Students from sixth grade to seniors are eligible to participate. The statewide competition is before Palm Sunday. **The Bible Bowl is set for March 23, 2024.** For more information or to register please see Bible Bowl coach LeRoy Kropuenske. He is around on Sunday for Sunday School and Wednesday for confirmation.

Higher Things Retreat

Theme: Eyes to See - learn to distinguish between God's truth and the devil's lies.

When: January 14-15; 5pm Sunday to 3pm Monday

Who: high school and college age young adults

How much: Just come!

What: food, activities, learning, snacks.

Bring your Bible, notebook, sleeping bag, and pillow, and get ready to learn and have some fun!

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.mountcalvary1.org/kentuckytrip>.



This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: 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
 6:30 pm *1, 2, 3 John* Bible Study

Mon: Jan. 15 Martin L. King Day

Office Closed
 Through 3:00 pm Higher Things
 5:30-6:45 pm Soccer
 6:30 pm Prayer Care
 7-10 pm Pickleball

Tues: Jan. 16

8:00 am Staff Devotions
 9:30 am *Truth Project*
 5:30-6:45 pm Soccer

6:00 pm Board of Early Education

Wed: Jan. 17

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. 18

8:00 am Staff Devotions
 12:00 pm Forever Young Potluck
 6:00 pm Rebekah Circle

Sun: Jan. 21

8:30 am Communion
 9:45 am Sunday School/*Luke* Study
 11:00 am Worship
 1:00 pm Board of Stewardship/Endow

2-4 pm BoPF Line Dance Lessons
4:30-6:00 pm Softball

6:30 pm *1, 2, 3 John* Bible Study

