

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

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✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

OPENING HYMN The Star Proclaims the King is Here" (LSB 399)

INVOCATION

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

EXHORTATION

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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

Psalm 2:7-11; (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

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



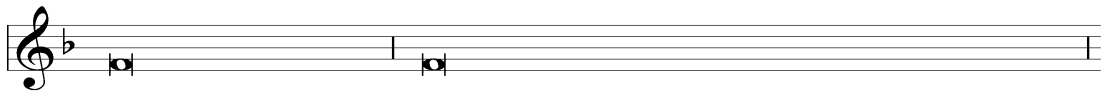
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



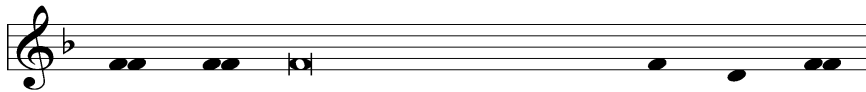
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



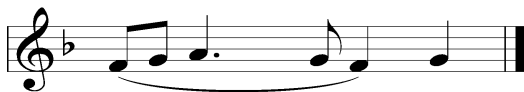
let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS “Glory to God in the Highest”

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). It consists of ten lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The lyrics are:
[A] Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.
[C] Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:
We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.
For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,
You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. 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 43:1-7* (“I have called you by name, you are Mine.”)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“Prelude” to Cantata 106 (*JS Bach, arr. Philip Gordon*)

Katherine Schmidt, flute

Tiger Duinkherjav, oboe

Gage Ruhlman, clarinet

Nathaniel McKee, horn

Andrew Wulf, bassoon

EPISTLE *Romans 6:1-11* (By Baptism, we were united with Christ into His death and resurrection.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

ALLELUIA and VERSE

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the' are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics 'words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The piece ends with a double bar line.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 3:15–22* (Jesus is baptized in the Jordan River by John.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, 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 HYMN "To Jordan's River Came Our Lord" (*LSB 405*)

SERMON "God's Beloved" (*Isaiah 43:1-7*)
Pastor Sam Handschke

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

THE OFFERING AND SHARING GOD'S PEACE

The Offertory

"Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light" from the *Christmas Oratorio*

JS Bach, arr. Daniel Kelley

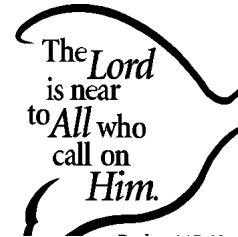
Katherine Schmidt, flute and Andrew Wulf, flute

(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.

Blessed Lord, You wonderfully foreshadowed the promise of Baptism in the passing of Your people through the Red Sea and Jordan River. In Christ and by His Baptism, You have kept Your Word and made Baptism the water of new life. Give us Your Holy Spirit, that we would walk as the new and holy people You have declared us to be. Lord, in Your mercy,



C hear our prayer.

P We give You thanks that You call and gather the baptized into Your Church. Prosper the good work of preaching the Gospel and administering the life-giving Sacraments. Bless Matthew, our Synod president; _____, our district president; _____, our pastor(s); and all church workers, that their ministry would be faithful and fruitful. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Preserve the family, especially all Christian homes. Turn husband and wife toward one another in love, equip fathers and mothers for their holy duty as teachers of the faith, and preserve all children in the saving faith and certain promises of their Baptism unto life everlasting. 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 We give You thanks for standing with us in times of weakness, illness, despair and death. Give us every aid of Your Holy Spirit, that we may endure these afflictions and find comfort in the healing wounds of our Savior. [*We especially remember* _____ *and ask for their healing and relief according to Your will.*] Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord, as You have joined us to Christ's death and resurrection in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, so feed us His body and blood for forgiveness and life in the Sacrament of the Altar. Give to Your baptized children who partake of the Supper today tender hearts that confess their need and rejoice in Your gifts. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord God, heavenly Father, You manifested Yourself with the Holy Spirit in the fullness of grace at the Baptism of Your dear Son. With Your voice, You directed us to the One who has borne our sins, that we may receive grace and forgiveness. Keep us, we implore You, in the true faith. Since we have been baptized in accordance with Your command and the example of Your Son, strengthen our faith by Your

Holy Spirit and lead us to everlasting life and salvation; 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 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 (1 Cor. 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 pastors**, before communing, in order that we might fulfill our responsibility of properly instructing people in the right use of the precious Sacrament.

Communion Distribution: We offer both the common cup and individual cup. If you desire to receive Jesus' blood in the common cup, you are invited to come forward in the first group (after the Elders and Pastors receive communion). If you desire to receive his blood in the individual cups, you may remain in your seat and the Ushers will dismiss you row by row. If you desire to receive Jesus' body and blood in your seat, please let one of our Ushers know and we will bring you communion at the end of the distribution.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠
11:00 am 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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. 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 pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

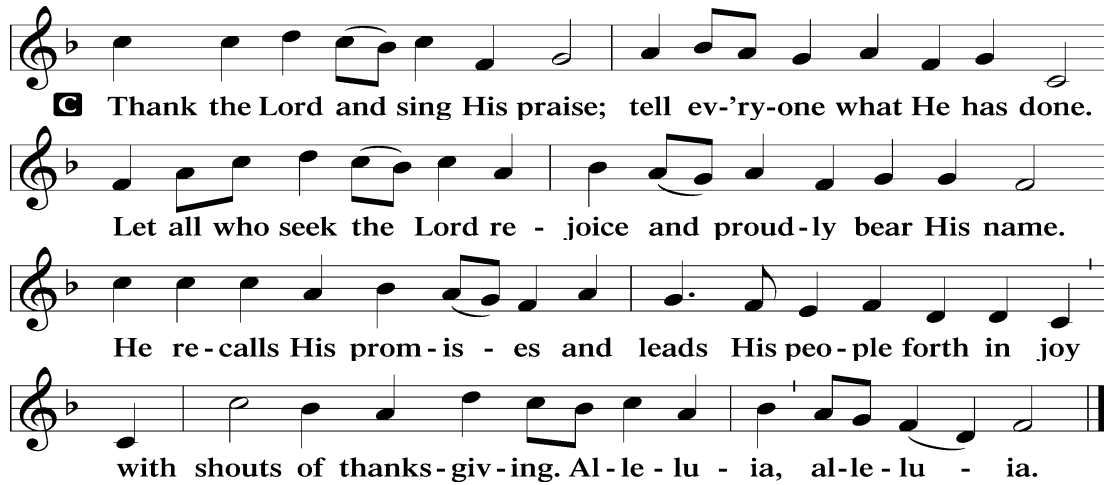
"O Blessed Spring" (LSB 595)

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



(Please stand)

THANK THE LORD



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.
He re-calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy
with shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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.

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 A-men, a-men, a - men.

CLOSING HYMN

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

(LSB 594)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD



AS WE GATHER Today is the first of the bookends that mark the Epiphany season—the Baptism of Our Lord and His Transfiguration. In common is the command from God to “listen to Him.” We begin our journey of listening to the Lord, learning from those who went before, acknowledging the revelation of the Lamb of God in baptismal water, and looking to Him, the Word made flesh. In His Baptism, our Lord was not washed because He was unclean but because we are. The Father saw the prophetic words of Isaiah fulfilled in the water of the Jordan, and He claimed Jesus as His own Son and our appointed Redeemer. “You are Mine,” said the Lord to Jesus. Because He said those words to Jesus, they are now addressed to us—the people for whom Jesus was baptized.

*There stood the Son of God in love, His grace to us extending;
The Holy Spirit like a dove Upon the scene descending;
The triune God assuring us, With promises compelling,
That in our Baptism He will thus Among us find a dwelling
To comfort and sustain us. LSB 406:4*

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 First 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.

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. Jan. 1, Att. 45; Offering \$315.00; **Sun., Jan. 5, Att. 208;** General Fund \$12,698.18; Sunday School \$5.00; Building Fund \$335.00; Love Fund \$120.55; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Extra Missions \$10.00; Motor Coach Maintenance \$5,000.00; Mexico Mission \$550.00; Flowers \$25.00; Endowment Fund (Generations) \$200.00.

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!

Offering Envelopes The 2025 offering envelopes are on the tables in the Narthex. *Please pick yours up today.* Even if you give on-line there are additional envelopes you can use: Building, Endowment, Special Missions, Lent and Advent. The use of envelopes is helpful for our counters and posters. If you don't use envelopes, it is helpful if you put your envelope number on your check. **A few new boxes were put out on Monday. Check to see if yours are there. If not, let Helen know or leave a note in the office on her desk.**

Second Sunday of the Month Fellowship We thank the women of Priscilla Circle for hosting and providing goodies for this Sunday's fellowship.

Forever Young Potluck Our Forever Young Potluck is this coming Thursday (Jan. 16) at noon. We invite all our retired or semi-retired members to join us. Bring a dish to share. Bring a friend. Enjoy good food, great friends and conversations and maybe even some bingo!



Missing: There are about 50 ornaments missing from the large tree in the gym. These include red crosses, clear “ball” stars, and gold crowns. If you know of or hear anything concerning these ornaments, please let us know. Thanks so much.

Lutherans For Life Life Sunday is January 19th. Our Life Sunday 2025 theme is based on John 1:4-5: *“In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”*

Men’s Club Breakfast Fundraiser Our Men’s Club will be hosting a Breakfast Fundraiser on Sunday, February 9th. It is yet to be determined how the proceeds will be used. We’ll let you know when it is decided.

Thanks to “Do-Gooders” – Each week we will highlight people who are doing good within our church, community, and world, with the intent of affirming the ways that all of us “Do Good.”

This week we would like to thank our Board of Stewardship for our “thank you” reception last Sunday. Our Board of Stewardship consists of Paula Tronvold, Daris Kampfe, Rebecca Benson, Kyle Glodt and Dustin Ortbahn.

On our January 5th celebration of the Epiphany we:

Shredded the HVAC bill (Paid in Full)

Shredded the Security System bill (Paid in Full)

At the end of 2024 we fully met our missions obligations

At the end of 2024 all our obligations were fully paid

And we topped off our Epiphany celebration with a “stat” cookie courtesy of the Board of Stewardship

We also thank all of you for the food items brought to worship. They have been taken to PARS where they will “Do Good”

Thank you for your generous stewardship.

Thrivent Choice Dollars The deadline to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars is March 31, 2025.

Thrivent Choice Dollars are funds that can be directed to help families in need around the world. Thrivent members can direct their Choice Dollars to various causes, including Faith Lutheran Church, Faith Lutheran Daycare, and Faith Lutheran Preschool.

If you have questions about how to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars or would like to speak with a Thrivent Financial Associate, please contact Samuel Missal, 605-656-5432 or visit 540 South Garfield Avenue Suite B.

If the funds are not directed by the deadline, Thrivent may use them to promote program participation or for other purposes.

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.

Jan. 12, 2025

“Homecoming” - A man struggles to reconnect with his family after a car accident.

10:30 AM - Reverend Sam Handschke, pastor at Faith Lutheran Church in Pierre, South Dakota presents a message titled “God's Beloved.” This sermon is based on Isaiah 43:4. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes “From the moment you were being knitted together in your mother’s womb (Psalm 139:13), God’s began His careful construction of His chosen jewel of redemption.” *Rev. Adam Osier, Dean, Free Lutheran Bible College, Plymouth, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Faith Lutheran Youth



It’s time once again to start thinking about the **LCMS Youth Gathering!** The LCMS Youth Gathering will be July 19-23, 2025, in New Orleans, Louisiana. LCMS youth and adult leaders will visit the city under the theme Endure based on Hebrews 12:1-3. Held every three

years, LCMS Youth Gatherings provide young people an opportunity to learn more about Jesus Christ, the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity. During the five-days of the Gathering youth spend time together in worship, God’s Word, prayer, song and service. This event is organized by LCMS Youth Ministry in Saint Louis, Missouri.

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Jan. 12

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School/Luke Study
11:00 am Communion
2:00-5:00 pm Softball
5:00 pm Board of Parish Fellowship
6:00 pm Board of Elders

Mon: Jan. 13

7:00 pm LWML

Tues: Jan. 14

8:00 am Staff Devotions
9:30 am Circuit Pastors Conference
10:30 am Women's Bible Study
5-7 pm SC Youth BB
6:15 pm Board of Property Mgt.

Wed: Jan. 15

6:00 pm Midweek/Catechism
6:00 pm *Luke* Bible Study
6:00 pm *Jeremiah/Lamentations* Study
6:30 pm *Jesus* Bible Study (in homes)
7:00 pm Chapel/Communion
8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: Jan. 16

8:00 am Staff Devotions
12:00 pm Forever Young Potluck
6-9 pm Softball

Sun: Jan. 19

8:30 am Communion
9:45 am Sunday School/Luke Study
11:00 am Worship
1-4 pm Am. Legion Oratory Contest

