

THE THIRD 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

"O Word of God Incarnate"

(LSB 523)

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.

† **WORD** †

INTROIT

Psalm 102:18-22 (antiphon: Ps. 102:13)

P You will arise and have pity on Zion;
it is time to favor her; the appointed time has come.

C **Let this be recorded for a generation to come,
so that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD:**

P that he looked down from his holy height;
from heaven the LORD looked at the earth,

C **to hear the groans of the prisoners,
to set free those who were doomed to die,**

P that they may declare in Zion the name of the LORD,
and in Jerusalem his praise,

C **when peoples gather together,
and kingdoms, to worship the LORD.**

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.

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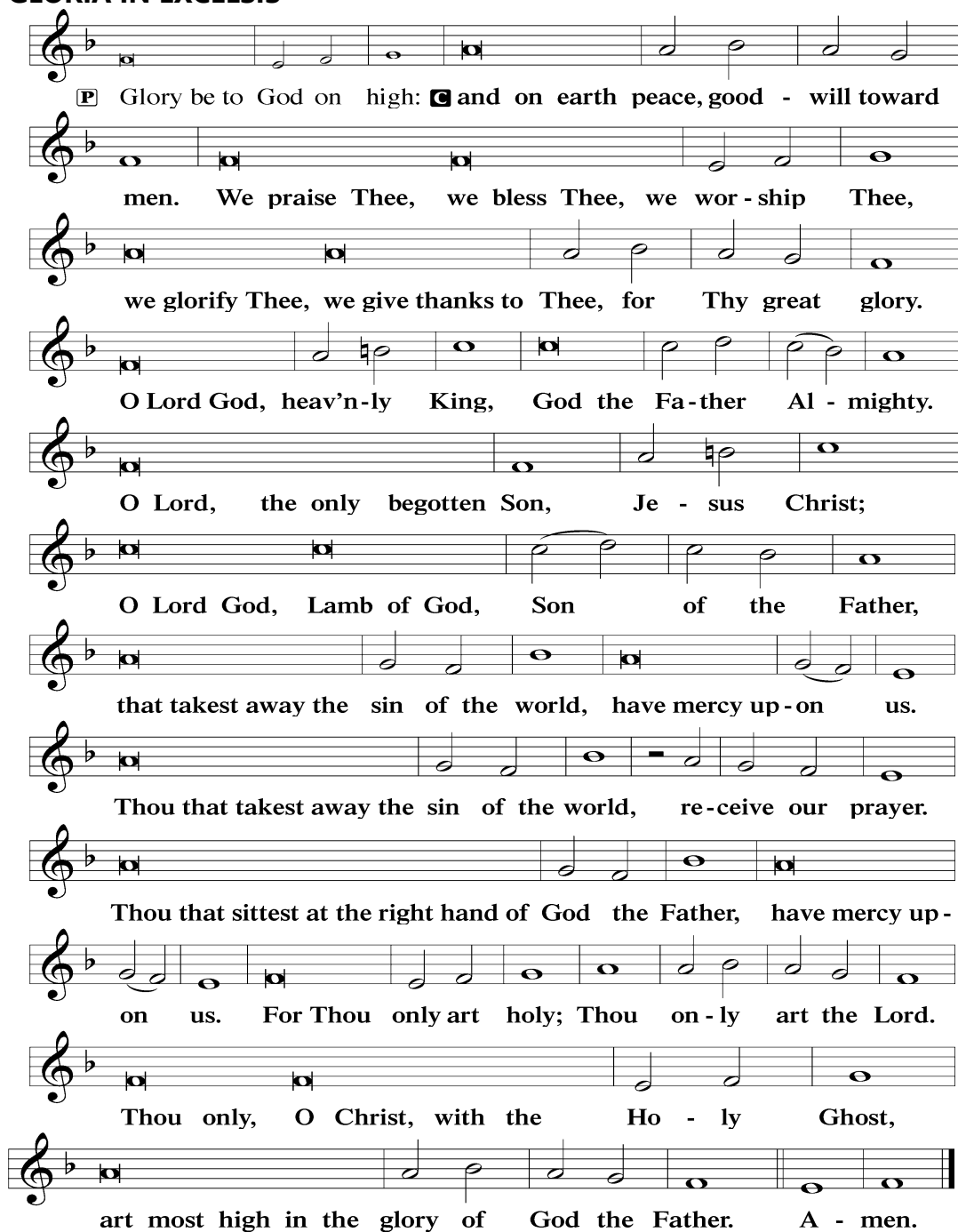


C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



P Glory be to God on high: **G** 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.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth 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 "O Christ, Our True and Only Light" (LSB 839)

SERMON "Eyes are Best, Aren't They?" (1 Cor. 12:12-31a)
Pastor Sam Handschke

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

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 Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord God of Zion, we give You thanks that You have arisen to show pity to our fallen world and set us free from sin and death. In Christ the appointed time of favor has come for all people. Cause Your name to be declared among all peoples, that Your grace may not be rejected in our time but received with delight in every place. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord, Your people in the days of Ezra the priest returned to Your Word with attentive ears. Give us eagerness to hear Your Word with understanding, that our days may be sanctified and Your commandments put into practice among us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord God, Giver of the Holy Spirit, You bless Your servants with a variety of gifts from one and the same Spirit. Grant that each of us may use these gifts for the common good of Your people. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Give wisdom and courage to all who govern our communities and country, that they may lead well, following Your will rather than man's whims. Grant us willingness to support them with our prayers and encouragement. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Gracious and compassionate Lord, comfort those who mourn [*especially* _____]. As our Great Physician, mend the bodies and uplift the spirits of all in need [*especially* _____]. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord, Your Son has come with favor to deliver us, and in His blessed Sacrament He brings cleansing and strength. Give us faith that we would not despise our Savior and this Holy Communion. Do not pass through us and go away as at Nazareth, but dwell among us graciously. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together 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, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and 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 (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.

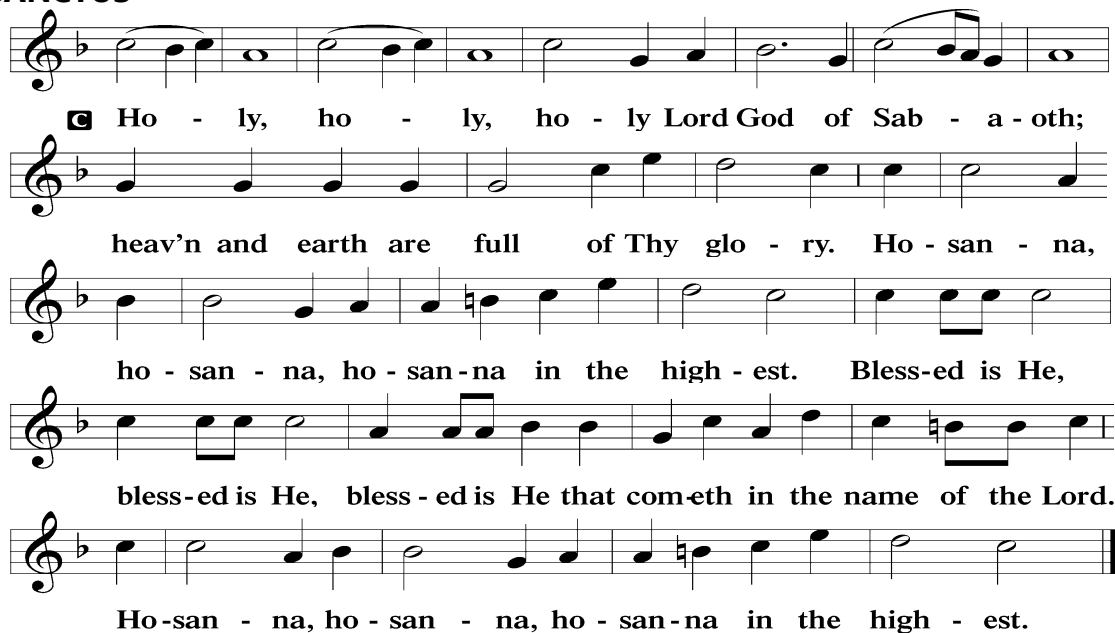
C We lift them up unto the Lord.

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 tress 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



C 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

C 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

- "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" (LSB 849)
- "We Give Thee But Thine Own" (LSB 781)



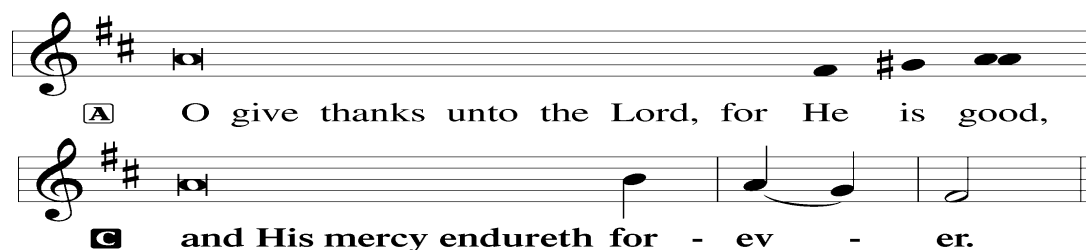
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NUNC DIMITTIS



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,
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

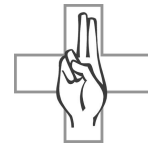
P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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.

Numbers 6:24–26



CLOSING HYMN

"Almighty God, Your Word is Cast"

(LSB 577)

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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



AS WE GATHER The mystery of the body analogy is not that there are different parts but that all the different parts work together for one purpose. In other words, unity is what is most impressive about how the body works and how the Body of Christ, the church, works. Though it may seem an odd arrangement, the church as the Body of Christ is exactly what God intended it to be. Within the Body of Christ, there are no important parts or unimportant parts. Every part is essential, and when every part is working toward the same goal, it is a wonder of God's grace and

design. It is given to us not to figure it out but to treasure the Body of Christ according to God's working and to learn how to work together toward a goal bigger than any part.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer. Psalm 19:14

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 Third Sunday after 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. 15, Att. 84; Offering \$525.00; **Sun., Jan. 19, Att. 216;** General Fund \$10,037.20; Sunday School \$3.00; Sunday School Att. 29; Midweek Att. 61; Building Fund \$240.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Forever Young \$93.00; Mexico Mission \$800.00; Endowment Fund (Blessings) in memory of Bren, Everson, and Schmidt \$60.00.

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!

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.

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 counting and posting crews (Patrick Burger, Ken Shelbourn, Steve Fiechtner, Dale Gohl, DeeAnn Knofczynski, Dale Knapp, Jerry Sanders, Ron Peterson, Marrill Bales and Bruce MacIntyre) who tally up the offerings from each week and make sure all of the money is accounted for in its designated place. These folks give their time (especially at Christmas and Easter) in service to our congregation so that the many offerings which are given to Christ’s church are used for the way that you, the givers, direct them.

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. **Helen put a few more out so check and see if yours are now there.**

Little Dresses Project The Faith Lutheran LWML is once again coordinating the Little Dresses project. Pillowcases will be turned into dresses as part of our global mission outreach. Contact LWML President Kristy Deal (605-280-7004) for more information. *We have*



ample pillowcases and other supplies and are not seeking donations at this time. We do need people to assemble sewing kits on the work night and volunteers to sew “little dresses” from the pillowcases, buttons and trim in the kits. The work night is Monday, February 10 at 6:30 PM in the old fellowship hall in the basement.

Friendship Sunday February 9th Bring a friend to church, wear your favorite jersey (you may get a prize), will play some trivia (prizes will be awarded), there will be soup and desserts for the noon meal.

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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10:00 AM - “If God Be For Us” - A couple struggles with life after the death of their son.

10:30 AM - Reverend Gary Schulte, pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Rapid City, South Dakota presents a message titled “Life for a Pooped Party.” This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes “Babies are born into the world wrapped in surprising packaging like disabilities or poverty, but even so, God has a perfect plan for each one of them. Abortion is a tragic end to the countless blessings in store for those who would have surrounded these children.” *Brad Mattes, Life Issues Institute – 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.



Camp Minneboji It's freezing today - but a great time to think about summer and the upcoming 2025 Camp Minneboji. Camp Minneboji 2025 will take place from June 15–21. It is a Lutheran camp for students in grades 4–9, primarily from South Dakota and southwestern Minnesota.

"Hidden and Revealed" is the theme for Camp Minneboji 2025!

This camp for 4th-8th graders is very popular and spots fill quickly! Take the time now to reserve a spot for your child(ren). Check out the Camp Minneboji website for more details.

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Jan. 26

8:30 am Worship
 9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study
 11:00 am Communion
 1:00 pm Bd. of Stewardship/Endow
 1-4 pm American Legion Oratory

Mon: Jan. 27

7:00 pm Priscilla Circle

Tues: Jan. 28

8:00 am Staff Devotions
 10:30 am Women's Bible Study
 5-7 pm SC Youth BB
 6:30 pm Mary/Martha Circle

Wed: Jan. 29

6:00 pm Midweek/Catechism
 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. 30

8:00 am Staff Devotions
 6-9 pm Softball

Sun: Feb. 2

8:30 am Communion
 9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study
 11:00 am Worship
 5:00 pm Bd. of Parish Fellowship
 6:00 pm Board of Elders

