

# THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

## THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

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*A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament,  
Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in Worldwide Missions*



### † DIVINE SERVICE †

### OPENING HYMN "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" ( LSB 411)

### 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.

### CONFESION 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.**

¶ 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.

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**    “*Glory to God in the Highest*”    *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

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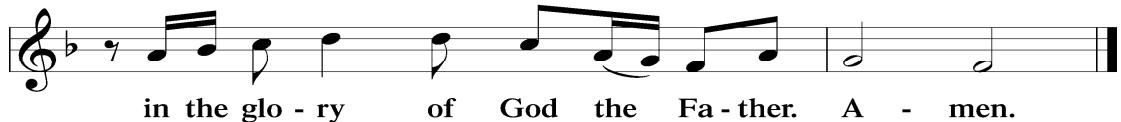
**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.

**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:  
We worship 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,



† WORD †

**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*      (The LORD's chosen servant)

*After the reading:*

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**ANTHEM**      "Waterlife" ... Handt Hanson, arr. Phil Kadidlo  
*Helen Kiepke, vocal soloist*

**EPISTLE**      *Romans 6:1–11*      (Dead to sin, alive to God)

*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.

## HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 3:13-17* (The Baptism of Jesus)

**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 HYMN** "To Jordan's River Came Our Lord" (LSB 405)

**SERMON** "This Water That Saves" (Romans 6:4)  
Pastor Sam Handschke

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11:00 Apostles' Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book

## OFFERING AND 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.

Heavenly Father, You have revealed Your Son to us in the wondrous Epiphany in the Jordan. So also You have revealed Your name and blessing to us in Holy Baptism, declaring us Your beloved heirs. Grant that we may daily die to sin and rise to newness of life, living with joy as Your baptized children. 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** O Lord, 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** O 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** Almighty Lord, You sent Your Son to serve Your people and deliver them from sin and death. Because we long for Your salvation, bring us out of our afflictions and uphold all those bruised in spirit *[especially \_\_\_\_\_]*. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Merciful God, in Holy Baptism You have opened the heavens to Your children. Grant that all those baptized into Your Son would worthily receive the heavenly feast of His body and blood for their forgiveness, life and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O Lord, our God, You have brought eternal life to us through the death of Your Son. Grant that we who have come through Baptism and have died to this world would ever more and more live in the resurrected life of Christ. 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 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.

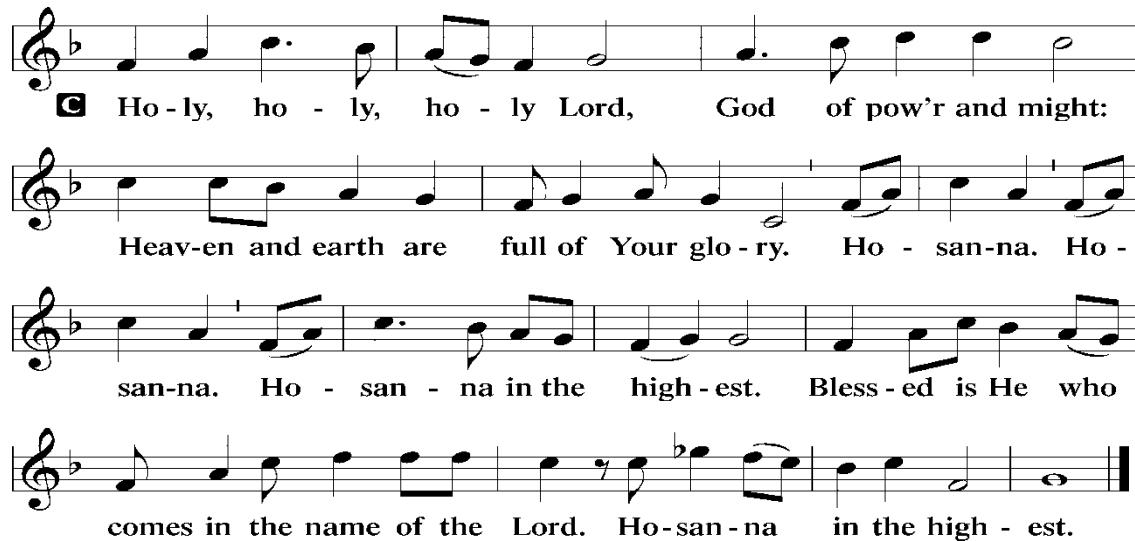
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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, 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

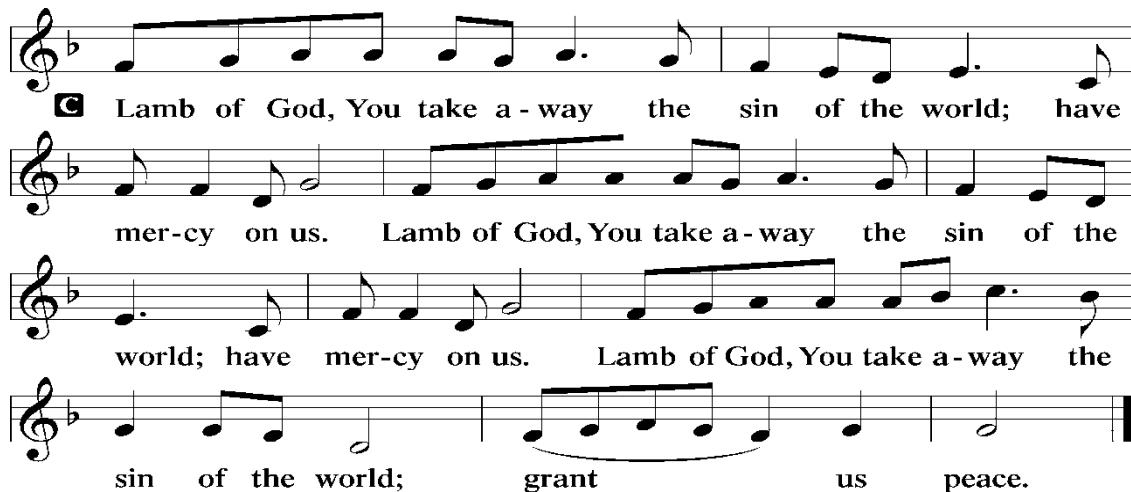
*Matt 26:26–28; Mk 14:22–24; Lk 22:19–20; 1 Cor 11:23–25*

### 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

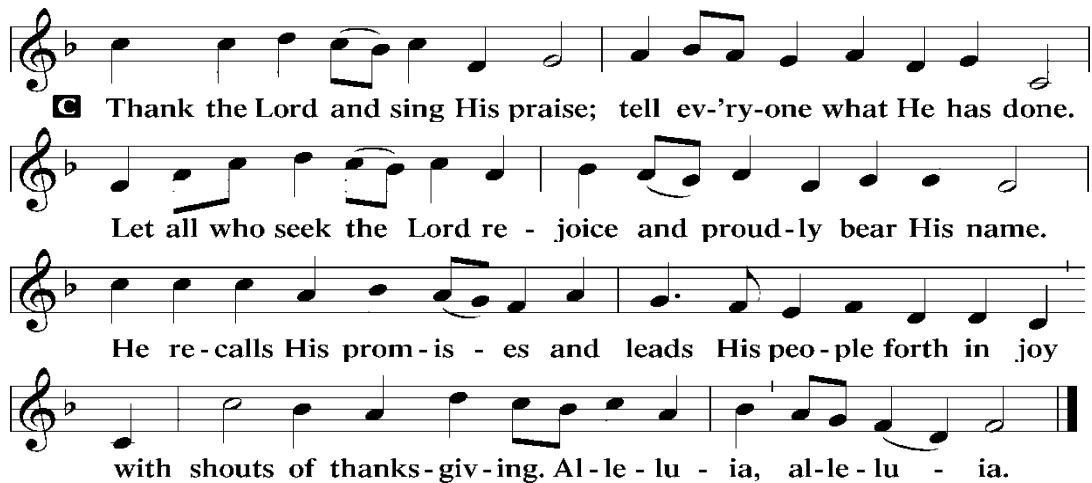
"Baptized Into Your Name Most Holy" (LSB 590)

"Beautiful Savior" (LSB 537)



*(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

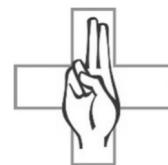
**P** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

**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.

Numbers 6:24-26



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

**CLOSING HYMN** "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" (LSB 394)

## THE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



**AS WE GATHER** Today we hear that divine promise in Isaiah 42, identifying Jesus as God's chosen servant. From the beginning, however, we are told He is not only to be King of the Jews alone but a light to lighten the Gentiles also. The great news is that He is the Savior of and for all people, the descendants not only of Abraham but also of Adam and Noah! By repentance of sin and faith in Christ, worked by the same Spirit that marked Jesus as the chosen one at His Baptism, now all who are baptized into Christ—Jew or Gentile—are the chosen people of God. Praising and thanking God for calling and saving us, we echo the Gospel to all people in the words of the Psalm: “Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples!” (Psalm 117:1).

*Behold My servant, whom I uphold, My chosen, in whom My soul delights; I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations.*  
*Isaiah 42:1*

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. Sam Handschke. Pastor Sam will also be preaching at Blunt between our services.

**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](http://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.

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### **STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

**Wed. Dec. 31, Att. 65**; Offering \$10,957.35; **Sun., Jan. 4, Att. 285**; General Fund \$17,899.70; Sunday School \$1.25; Christmas \$60.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Building Fund \$515.00; Organ Fund \$200.00; Memorials in memory of David Bechard \$250.00, Endowment Fund (Foundations) in memory of Eldon Lindquist \$100.00, Endowment Fund (Blessings) in memory of Eldon Lindquist \$25.00, Endowment Fund (Blessings) \$500.00.

**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!

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**Offering Envelopes** The offering envelopes are on a table in the Narthex. Please pick yours up today. If you cannot find yours, ask Helen or leave a note on her desk and she will make sure you are assigned some so we can keep track for you for tax purposes.

**A NOTE OF**



The family of Eldon Lindquist extends our sincere thanks to all who reached out with words of encouragement, hugs, cards, food and memorial gifts in memory of Eldon. Special thanks to Pastor Sam and Pastor Brad for their pastoral care; to Jodi for the support you gave Eldon and our family during his illness and for playing the piano at his funeral; to all who served and provided treats for the funeral reception; and to all who attended Eldon's services. Your support during this difficult time helped our family more than you'll ever know.

**Governor's Prayer Breakfast** After a six-year hiatus, the seventeenth Governor's Prayer Breakfast will be held at 6:20am on Friday, January 23, 2026 at the Ramkota Conference Center in Pierre. This breakfast is OPEN TO ALL. The guest speaker is Will Graham, the third generation of Grahams to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ following in the footsteps of his grandfather Billy Graham. You can purchase individual tickets or a table of 8 at their website: <https://sdgpb.org/>

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**Movie and Pizza** Our Board of Parish Fellowship will be hosting a movie and pizza night on January 25. Put it on your calendar and watch for updates in the bulletins. There will be a sign-up board so they can make sure there is pizza for everyone who attends.

**Greeters** Faith Lutheran is wanting to get our greeters crew up and going again. If you are willing to greet on Sundays **please sign the sheet in the Narthex**. *We are still in need of more greeters.* The more we have the better. If we get enough, they may only have to greet a couple times a year. Please consider joining this group.



**GREETERS SCHEDULE**      **EARLY**      **LATE**

**B = Before**

**A = After**

**B/A = Greet Before & After**

**Broadcast Ministry – Livestream help needed** You can be part of our broadcast ministry, the team responsible for getting our worship service into homes in Ft. Pierre and Pierre, and across our state and country. The reach of this ministry is immense, and we need your help to consistently make this critical broadcast available. Members of the team are trained in controlling the broadcast computer and cameras. This ministry requires some technical skills – if you can operate your phone then you can control our broadcast. Our goal is to have each volunteer scheduled once every six to eight weeks. Please talk to one of the Elders or Pastor Sam if you have questions or if you would like to volunteer.



**New Church Cookbook** It has been 29 years since we have had a new cookbook. Bring your recipes. Please write legibly so recipes can be printed accurately. Cookbooks make great gifts. Your family members will be interested to see what recipes you have entered.





**Building Healthy Families:** What do da Vinci's "Mona Lisa," van Gogh's "Starry Night," and "You," have in common? Yep - all three are masterpieces, but an even greater Master Craftsman created you! God formed you in your mother's womb and knew you before you were born. You may see clumsy big feet with ingrown toenails, expanding thighs, or a receding hairline. He sees and loves what He created...a one-of-a-kind, unique you. Be careful not to paint the creation He designed with your own brush of negativity, inferiority, or shame. Thank God for and take good care of the body, mind, and spirit you have! "*For we are God's handiwork...*" **Ephesians 2:10 Lutheran Family Service**  
[www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)

**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](http://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](http://www.mainstreetliving.com), and are available the day before they are broadcast.

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*KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1*

**10:00am - "The Christ We Share"** - Sharing the Gospel is neither swift nor easy, but truly rewarding in the end.

**10:30 AM - Rev. Albert Sutton**, pastor at Evergreen Lutheran Church in Evergreen, SD, presents a message titled "What is true Spirituality?". The sermon is based on Matthew 3:13-17. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com)

**Life Quotes** "A baby is God's opinion that the world should go on." *Carl Sandburg – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

## *This Week at Faith Lutheran*

### **Today: Jan. 11**

8:30 am Worship  
9:45 am Sunday School/*Revelation*  
11:00 am Communion  
11:00 am Board of Missions/Evang.

### **Mon: Jan. 12**

5:45-6:45 pm 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Boys BB  
7:00 pm LWML

### **Tues: Jan. 13**

8:00 am Staff Devotions  
9:30 am Circuit Pastors Conference  
10:30 am *Joshua* Women's Study  
5:45-6:45 pm 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Boys BB  
6:15 pm Bd. of Prop. Management  
7-8 pm 5th grade girls Basketball

### **Wed: Jan. 14**

5:45 pm *Revelation* Study at Wulf's  
6:00 pm *Galatians* Study in homes

6:00 pm Midweek

7:00 pm Chapel/Communion  
8:00 pm LYF

### **Thurs: Jan. 15**

8:00 am Staff Devotions  
5:30-7:30 pm MOPS

### **Fri: Jan. 16**

5:30-6:30 pm 5th grade girls BB

### **Sun: Jan. 18**

8:30 am Communion  
9:45 am Sunday School/*Revelation*  
11:00 am Worship  
1:00 pm Bd. of Stewardship/Endow.  
1:00 pm Am. Legion Oratory contest  
3:00 pm Board of Education

