

# 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 Worldwide Missions*



## ✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

**OPENING HYMN** "All Glory Be to God Alone" (LSB 948)

### 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 ✠**

**ANTHEM** "Go Tell It on the Mountain" ...Trad. Spiritual, arr. J. Raney  
*Andrew Wulf, flute soloist*

**SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 49:1–7*      (The servant of the Lord)

*After the reading:*

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE***1 Corinthians 1:1–9*

(God's calling)

*After the reading:***[L]** This is the Word of the Lord.**[C]** Thanks be to God.*(Please stand)***ALLELUIA****[C]** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.**HOLY GOSPEL***John 1:29–42a*

(Jesus calls the first disciples.)

**[P]** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first 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***"Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake (LSB 688)***SERMON***"Brought to Jesus"*

(John 1:42)

*Pastor Sam Handschke*

## CREED

8:30 am Nicene Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book

11:00 am Apostles' 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.

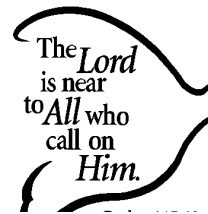
## OFFERING AND SHARING GOD'S PEACE

*(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.

We praise You, O Lord, for You declared it too light  
a thing that Jesus should redeem only the tribes of Jacob and instead



made Him a light for all the nations. Fill our hearts with joy that He is the Savior of all, and grant that our voices may help spread Your salvation to the ends of the earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Heavenly Father, Your Son, Jesus Christ, summoned Andrew and Peter to follow Him and would later send them to bear witness to His name. Continue to call men into the holy ministry. Bless all who hold and study for that office, that they would grow in all godly wisdom and faithfully make known Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Almighty God, You faithfully watched over the tribes of Jacob, providing them both daily bread and redemption in abundant measure. Watch over the homes of Your people. Bless them with all that they need for this body and life, and preserve them in the glad confidence that Christ is their strength and their salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Lord, guide and give wisdom to the nation and our president, the governor of this state, and all judges and magistrates. Protect those who serve us as firefighters, police, disaster workers and medical personnel. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Holy God, Your Son became the Lamb of God to take away all of our sins and infirmities by His death and resurrection. Remember all who are in need of Your help and healing [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Deliver them according to Your merciful will, and preserve them in the certainty that their sins are taken away. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Merciful Lord, You give us the precious body and blood of Your beloved Son for the forgiveness of our sins. Grant us faith as we approach the Lamb of God in this Sacrament. Enable us to keep in holy

hearts what we receive upon our lips. Send Your Holy Spirit to keep us in this faith until Christ comes in His glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** O Lord, our God, through Your Holy Spirit You work in us to bring forth fruits of righteousness. Grant us a steadfast heart in times of duress, strength amid temptation and the grace of humility, that we may not fall victim to pride and arrogance. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Almighty God, heavenly Father, grant that we who have celebrated the incarnation of our Lord, Jesus Christ, may die to sin and rise to new life, that we may treasure up and ponder in our hearts the Christ announced by Your forerunner; 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 11:00 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 ✠

**8:30 service**

### **PREFACE**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

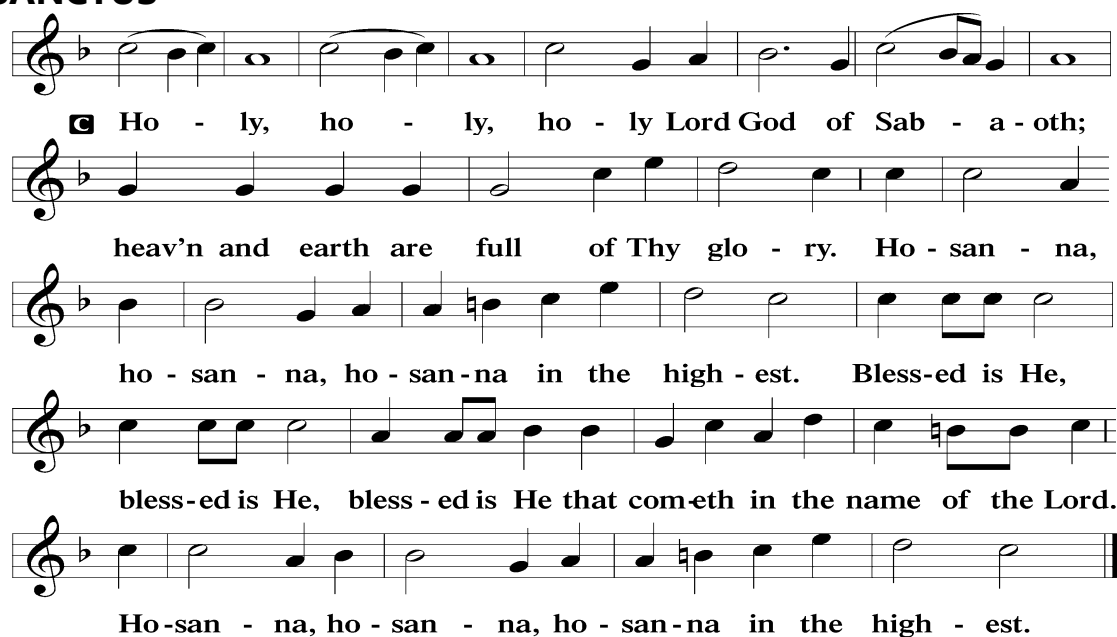
**C** We lift them up unto the Lord.

**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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,  
bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.  
Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

## PAX DOMINI

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

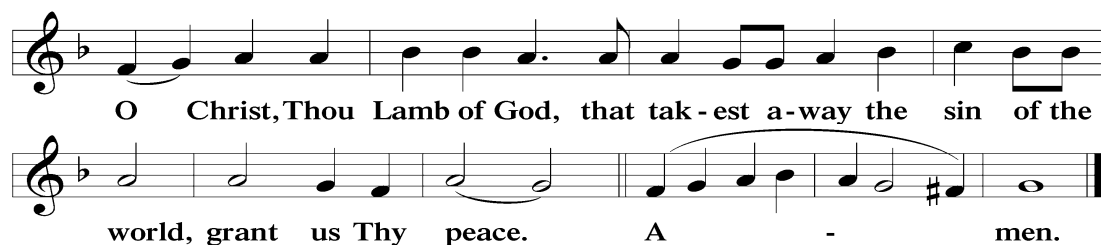
**C** Amen.

## AGNUS DEI



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the  
world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.





*(Please be seated)*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Lamb of God" (LSB 550)

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (LSB 809)

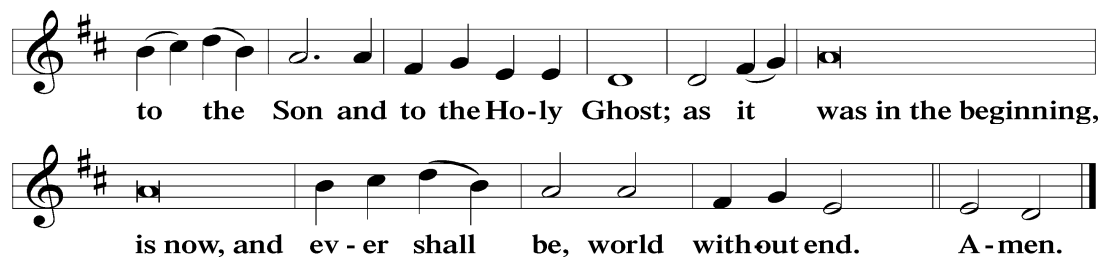
"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" (LSB 702)



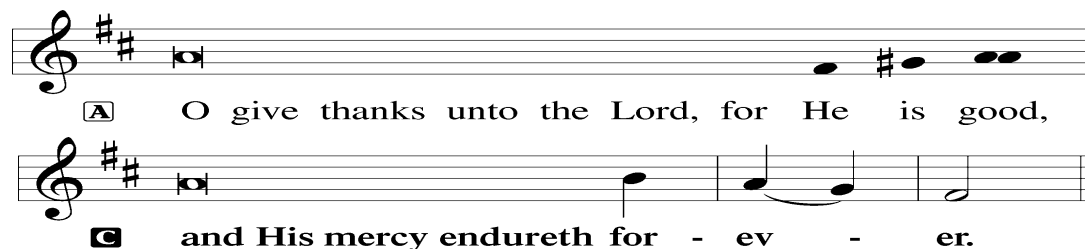
*(Please stand)*

## NUNC DIMITTIS





## THANKSGIVING



## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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

**C** Amen.

## SALUTATION

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

## BENEDICAMUS

**P** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

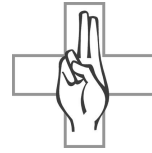
## BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



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

## CLOSING HYMN “When to Our World the Savior Came” (LSB 551)

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## THE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



**AS WE GATHER** People often speak about a person’s calling in life. They are describing a unique purpose or vocation according to interests and talents. Often, trying to determine a person’s “calling” or “destiny” is defined by some innate ability or giftedness found within ourselves, something we were born with or somehow born to do.

Today we hear of God calling otherwise ordinary fishermen Andrew and his brother Simon Peter. They were called by God through John the Baptist to follow the Messiah, the Christ, Jesus of Nazareth. They were called to be disciples and eventually to be sent on Christ’s mission as apostles. The prophet Isaiah says even the Savior, the servant of the Lord, was called from the womb by God, “that Israel might be gathered to Him,” and called “as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth” (Isaiah 49:5–6). Saul of Tarsus was “called by the will of God to be an

apostle of Christ Jesus,” and Saul, now named Paul, reminds the church at Corinth and us that we are “called to be saints” (1 Corinthians 1:1–2). This calling differs from merely surveying interests or abilities within us; it comes to us from outside of ourselves, from the living God, our creator and Redeemer. This calling comes from God to everyone. It is the call of salvation, the divine call that transforms us from sinners into saints. Therefore, this calling depends not on anything within us but solely and totally on the grace and mercy and love of God.

*From sin and sorrow set us free; May we Your living temples be.  
Your sacred, healing message bring To sanctify us as we sing. LSB 500:1, 2*

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 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. Samuel Handschke. Pastor Handschke will preach at Blunt between our worship services.

**Holy Communion** is celebrated at our 8:30 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. Jan. 7, Att. 84;** Offering \$0.00; **Sun., Jan. 11, Att. 249;** General Fund \$10,912.16; Sunday School \$0.00; Building Fund \$300.00; Love Fund \$174.08; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Payment refund \$1,209.14; Endowment Fund in memory of Eldon Lindquist (Blessings) \$50.00, (Generations) \$50.00, (Foundations) \$630.00, (Future) \$50.00.

**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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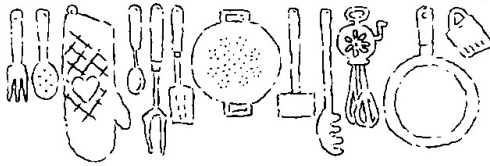
**Greeters** Faith Lutheran is wanting to get our greeters crew up and going again. If you are willing to greet on Sundays please sign the sheet in the Narthex. We need many more to volunteer so the same people don't get burned out because they are the only ones greeting.

**Holy Land Trip** Pastor Nour will be in Pierre on January 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary to discuss and answer any questions about the trip that anyone might have if they are thinking about going this fall. The trip is September 29 through October 12. Enrollment forms and itinerary sheets can be picked up in the church office. A total of 40 may sign up for this tour. So far, 11 have already signed up.

**Let's make a new cookbook!** It has been 29 years since we have had a new cookbook. There is a table in the Narthex with forms for your recipes. Take as many as you like. We need your favorite recipes, old and new! Please write legibly so recipes may be printed accurately. It is nice for relatives to see your names and recipes in the cookbook. Sometimes they find just the recipe they remembered and were looking for. We will take our time assembling this cookbook but please start submitting recipes so we can get started.



## **FROM THE KITCHEN COMMITTEE**



If you have furnished food for a funeral or other event, thank you so much!!!

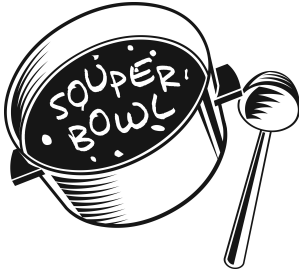
Would you please pick up your containers, cake pans, bowls, soup ladles, etc. by the end of this month?

Any items left after that will be taken to hospice. This also applies to anything in the lost and found box on the shelf above the coat rack in the Narthex. We want our facilities to look clean and cared for to those who visit.

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

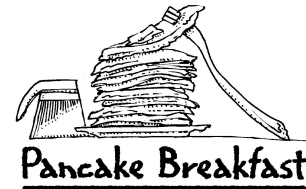
**Annual Report** If you have not submitted your article for the annual report, you need to get it to Helen no later than **Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**. Please sent them by email to [faith@faithluth.com](mailto:faith@faithluth.com). All Boards and Circles should turn in a report. If it is not submitted by then an: **Article Not Submitted** notice will be put in place of your article. If you need an example of a previous report to go by, let Helen know and she will print one for you.


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



**Friendship Sunday/Souper Bowl Sunday** February 8<sup>th</sup> Bring a friend to church with you. You are invited to wear your favorite jersey to worship and the Friendship Sunday events. Immediately after the late service, the Board of Missions and the Board of Parish Fellowship will host a soup meal. Bring a friend (young or old) to Friendship Sunday to engage in faith, friends, fellowship, a meal and some entertaining trivia.

**Men's Club Breakfast Fundraiser** On February 22<sup>nd</sup> our Men's Club will host a breakfast fundraiser between services. Come for fellowship and a delicious breakfast. The recipient of funds is yet to be determined.



 **Building Healthy Families:** It's not too late! Your partnership in LFS' life ministry of pregnancy counseling and adoption, grief support, marriage, family and mental health counseling for families and all pro-family, pro-marriage, pro-life, and pro-faith efforts provided without government funds (or strings) in your state is still needed - and still possible! Make a gift online TODAY through the Donate page on the LFS web site at [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org), by VENMO to @LutheranFamilyService, or by mail to LFS/Admin Office, 409 Kenyon Road, Suite C, Fort Dodge, IA 50501. Thank you for your partnership all year, and especially today as we wrap up 2025 and look forward to what the New Year holds. From your brothers and sisters in Christ at LFS, a Blessed

and Happy New Year! **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.

**Jan 18, 2026 (Sanctity of Human Life)**

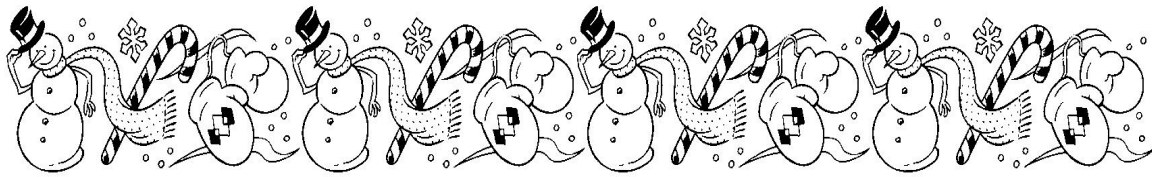
*KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1*

**10:00am - “Live Option”** - A 15-year-old pregnant daughter and her mother disagree on the future of her child.

**10:30 AM - Rev. Michael Salemink**, from Lutherans For Life presents a message titled “From Invisible to Indispensable”. The sermon is based on 1 Corinthians 12:22. 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** “Our task is to make sure that our fellow Lutherans and our neighbors know how much God loves us just as we are. Look at this fingerprint: God made each of us unique. There is no one else just like you. God knew you before you were born (Jeremiah 1:5). He knitted you together in your mother’s womb. You were fearfully and wonderfully made, and God had a plan for your life even before you took a breath in this sinful, beautiful world that He created for you (Psalm 139:13-16).” *Diane Albers, President of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •*  
*[lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*





### ***This Week at Faith Lutheran***

**Today: Jan. 18**

8:30 am Communion  
9:45 am Sunday School/*Revelation*  
11:00 am Worship  
1:00 pm Bd. of Stewardship/End.  
1-4 pm Am. Legion Oratory  
3:00 pm Board of Education

**Mon: Jan. 19 MLK DAY**

Office Closed  
5:45-6:45pm 3<sup>rd</sup> grade boys BB  
6:30 pm Christ Care

**Tues: Jan. 20**

8:00 am Staff Devotions  
10:30 am “*Joshua*” Women’s Sdy  
6:00 pm Board of Early Educ.  
7:00 pm 5<sup>th</sup> grade Girls Basketball

**Wed: Jan. 21**

5:45 pm *Revelation* at Wulfs

6:30 pm Midweek

6:30 pm *Galatians* in homes

7:00 pm Chapel/Communion

8:00 pm LYF

**Thurs: Jan. 22**

8:00 am Staff Devotions

5:45-6:45 pm 3<sup>rd</sup> grade boys BB

**Fri: Jan. 23**

5:30-6:30 pm 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls BB

**Sun: Jan. 25**

8:30 am Worship

9:30 am Rebekah Circle

9:45 am Sunday School/*Revelation*

11:00 am Communion

1-4:30 pm Am. Legion Oratory  
contest (weather alternate date)

when  
my heart is  
**OVERWHELMED:**  
lead me to the  
**ROCK**  
that is  
**HIGHER**  
**THAN I.**  
Psalm 61:2, KJV