

## Faith Lutheran Church - Worship and Communion

January 26, 2025 at 9:30 AM

### Third Sunday after Epiphany

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TODAY  
THIS SCRIPTURE  
HAS BEEN  
FULFILLED  
IN YOUR HEARING

LUKE 4:21



**Welcome!** We are a family of faith and so glad you are here! Congregation responses appear in bold throughout the bulletin.

**Children's Bulletins** are available in the narthex (entrance area), providing activities on today's scripture readings. Please enjoy.

God is present in **Holy Communion** and welcomes all who are hungry. You are welcome to the table. Non-communing children and adults may come forward for a blessing. Let an usher know if you would like communion at your seat.

Our **Candle Lighting station** is available during worship if you are moved to light as a representation of your prayer for someone or something or in the thanksgiving or sorrows of your heart. All are especially welcome during communion as we sing and commune and pray.

**In Worship on the third Sunday after Epiphany:** This year between Epiphany and Lent, the lectionary reads semi-continuously through Luke. Amidst the powers of the Roman empire, this writer's recurrent emphases are the power of God's Spirit in Jesus and the availability of the good news of forgiveness for all. This is God's Realm: Jesus speaks Life through the Word, making us proclaimers to the needy and vulnerable.

**Serving Today:** *Greeter, Betty T / Acolyte, O'Reilly Family / Reader, Judi H / Asst Minister, Louis L / Cantor, Louis L / Ushers, Zack W & Matthew R / Altar Guild, Betty T & Annette W / Tech Support, The FLC Tech Team / Counters, Mary W & Linda Z / Coffee after Worship, provided today by the Zimmerman family*



*Flowers today are given by Amy Zimmerman  
in celebration of Skylar's birthday and also by Debbie Hansen  
in honor of Connie and Andy's wedding anniversary.*

**-GATHERING-**

**PRELUDE**

*Toccata on "How Firm a Foundation"*

arr. Dennis Janzer

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*moment of centering*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose steadfast love is everlasting. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God  
and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God-with-us,

**we confess that we have turned away those seeking shelter,  
claiming there is no room when we have plenty.**

**We have made power and wealth our idols,  
while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger.**

**We have overlooked the shepherds,  
expecting good news in prettier packaging.**

**Too often, we have valued violence  
instead of your peace.**

**Turn us from our ways to your ways.**

**Grant us the grace to begin again.**

**Free us from all that keeps us bound,  
and forgive our sin,**

**through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us. Amen.**

Hear the good news and rejoice! You are God's chosen ones,  
holy and beloved, † forgiven in Christ, and freed to respond in joy. **Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

*Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty\**

ELW #533

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## KYRIE

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son.

## GLORIA



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be  
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's  
 3 To you a - lone, O God, we cry, the Ho - ly One we



giv - en! Let an - gels sing, let all re - ply; good -  
 au - thor, O Lamb of God, your death a - lone takes  
 name you; for you a - lone are God most high, one



will breaks forth from heav - en! Lord God Al - might - y,  
 sin a - way for - ev - er. Stretch out your arms to  
 liv - ing God we claim you: we wor - ship you, Lord



heav - en's king, we wor - ship you, our thanks we sing, we  
 ev - 'ry land, and, as you reign at God's right hand, re -  
 Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it ev - er blest, in



praise you for your glo - ry.  
 ceive our prayer; have mer - cy.  
 God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

## -WORD-

**FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all

who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 19

The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,  
and the sky proclaims its | maker's handiwork.

**One day tells its tale | to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge | to another.**

Although they have no | words or language,  
and their voices | are not heard,

**their sound has gone out into all lands,  
and their message to the ends | of the world,  
where God has pitched a tent | for the sun.**

It comes forth like a bridegroom out | of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.

**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of | it again;  
nothing is hidden from its | burning heat.**

The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom | to the simple.

**The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | joice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to the eyes.**

The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.

**More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.**

By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is | great reward.

**Who can detect one's | own offenses?**

**Cleanse me from my | secret faults.**

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;

let them not get dominion | over me;

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart**

**be acceptable | in your sight,**

**O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer.**

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a**

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Lord to whom shall we go?

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!**

## **HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 4:14-21**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the fourth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

**SERMON**

*Grace that Reveals Us*

**Rev. Shaun O'Reilly**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Drawn to the Light\**

**ELW #593**

**RESPONSE OF FAITH**

**A:** Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**PEACE** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**- MEAL -**

**OFFERING**

In all things, O God, you are our way, our truth, and our life.

**Reveal through us your life-giving work.**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

***"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"***

arr. Lloyd Larson

*Faith Lutheran Chancel Choir*

**PRESENTATION HYMN**

***Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful***

**ELW #184**



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING, PREFACE, and SANCTUS**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...

... and join their unending hymn:



*Refrain/Estrillo*

*San-to, san - to, san - to, san - to, san-to, san - to\_es nues - tro Dios,*  
*Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is our God,*



*Se - ñor de to - da la tie - rra. San - to, san - to\_es nues - tro Dios.*  
*God, the Lord of earth and heav - en. Ho - ly, ho - ly is our God.*



*San-to, san - to, san - to, san - to, san-to, san - to\_es nues - tro Dios,*  
*Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is our God,*



*Se - ñor de to - da la his - to - ria. San - to, san - to\_es nues - tro Dios.*  
*God, the Lord of all of his - t'ry. Ho - ly, ho - ly is our God.*

*End/Fin*

*Que a - com - pa - ña a nues - tro pue - blo, que vi - ve en nues - tras lu - chas,*  
*Who ac - com - pa - nies our peo - ple, who lives with - in our strug - gles,*



*del u - ni - ver - so en - te - ro el ú - ni - co Se - ñor.*  
*of all the earth and heav - en the one and on - ly Lord.*



*Ben - di - tos los que en su nom - bre el e - van - ge - lio a - nun - cian,*  
*Blest are they who in the Lord's name an - nounce the ho - ly gos - pel,*

*Refrain/Estrillo*

*la bue - na y gran no - ti - cia de la li - be - ra - ción.*  
*pro - claim - ing the good news that our lib - er - a - tion comes.*

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER

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.

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

### COMMUNION AND HYMNS

#### AGNUS DEI

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*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.*

#### *The Spirit of the Lord, Isaiah 61*

by Elaine Loukes

The Spirit of the Lord is now upon me  
 To heal the broken heart and set the captive free  
 To open prison doors and make the blind to see  
 The Spirit of the Lord ... is now on me

#### Morning Has Broken\*

ELW #556

- 1 Morning has broken like the first morning;  
 blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
 Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
 Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
- 2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,  
 like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
 Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
 sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.
- 3 Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,  
 born of the one light Eden saw play!  
 Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,  
 God's recreation of the new day!

**The Kingdom of God**

from the Taize community

The king - dom of God is jus - tice and peace and joy in the Ho - ly  
Spir - it. Come, Lord, and o - pen in us the gates of your king - dom. The

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION****-SENDING-****BLESSING****SENDING HYMN*****Arise, Your Light Has Come!\******ELW #314****DISMISSAL**Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.***\* denotes a favorite hymn of the congregation***- Activities at Faith -**

- **Annual Congregational Meeting - TODAY! Sun, Jan 26th, after worship,** followed by Potluck Luncheon.
- **Kids' Place - 10:50am**
- **Italia il Partito - Sun, Feb 2nd,** following worship. The Fellowship Team is providing a full course Italian Spaghetti Lunch. Join us!
- **Lunch Bunch - Wed, Feb 5th, Noon,** Potluck luncheon, bring a dish to share. We will be kicking off the new year with a presentation for Note-Able Music Therapy Services. We will be accepting donations for their non-profit organization.

**-Shared Harvest in February-**

For February we need **28 boxes cold cereal, 56 cans vegetables, 28 jars of peanut butter,** bars of soap in unlimited quantities.

Thank you for your generous donations!

Packing for **January** is **TODAY, Sunday, Jan 26th,** 1pm @ St Luke's, Reno.

### WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

	Jan 2025			
Task	5	12	19	26
Greeter	Judy C	Linda Z	Kathy W	Betty T
Acolyte	Pesis'	O'Reillys	Welmerinks	O'Reillys
Reader	Pam S	Erica W	Linda Z	Judi H
Asst. Minister	Judi H	Todd M	Cindy T	Louis L
Cantor	Matthew R	Todd M	Sam W	Louis L
Usher	Tom L & Annette W	Debbie H & Matthew R	Lukas B & Tom L	Matthew R & Zack W
Altar Guild	Kathy W & Eileen W	Betty T & Annette W	Sharon S & Trish D	Annette W & Betty T
Tech Support	The FLC Tech Team!			
Piano/Organ	Heinz Denoyo			
Accompanying Musician	Olivia Knock, Cellist			
Counters	Theresa W & Davyann S	Stan P & Linda Z	Sigrun C & Davyann S	Linda Z & Mary W
Coffee after Worship	JAN B'DAYS Jean C/Betty B	Kathy W	Eileen W	Amy & Linda Z

*Thank you for your hearts of service!*

Come to Worship. Go to Serve. Embrace the Community.

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