

New Year's Eve

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Faith Lutheran Church builds up the body of Christ by making disciples, offering new beginnings and new life through the Gospel of Christ.

- Fellowship to build up one another in love
- Assemble regularly for worship and sacraments
- Intercede in prayer on behalf of one another
- Teach the truth of God's Word
- Help people in our community and beyond by witnessing, inviting, and serving



FAITH
LUTHERAN CHURCH

New beginnings. New life.

We believe that it is a great privilege to attend the Lord's Supper. We believe that in the Lord's Supper we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given for us Christians to eat and drink. In this Holy Supper we are given forgiveness of sins and assurance of God's love in Christ. Holy Communion also expresses our oneness in Biblical doctrine. Because this is true, we ask that only those who have the same understanding of the Lord's Supper partake of this Sacrament. Even if you are not partaking in this Sacrament, we invite you to come forward to receive a blessing. Please indicate your desire to receive a blessing by crossing your arms in front of you. Also, please note that grape juice is available in the center circle of the tray for those who cannot have wine. May God bless your worship with us here at Faith and may your faith in Christ be strengthened.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREET ONE ANOTHER and SHARE THE PEACE

SERVICE OF LIGHT

[P] The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.

[C] The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

[P] On those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

[C] We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son who came from the Father.

[P] For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

[C] In Him was life, and that life was the light of men.

[P] Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,

[C] The light no darkness can overcome.

[P] Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,

[C] And the day is almost over.

[P] Let Your light scatter the darkness

[C] And illumine Your Church.

[P] Joyous light of glory:

[C] Of the immortal Father; heavenly, holy, blessed Jesus Christ. We have come to the setting of the sun, and we look to the evening light. We sing to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: You are worthy of being praised with pure voices forever. O Son of God, O Giver of life: the universe proclaims Your glory.

[P] We praise and thank You, O God, for You are without beginning and without end. Through Christ You are the creator and preserver of the whole world; but above all, You are His God and Father, the giver of the Spirit, and the ruler of all that is, seen and unseen. You made the day for the works of light and the night for the refreshment of our weakness. O loving Lord and source of all that is good, mercifully accept our evening sacrifice of praise. As You have conducted us

through the day and brought us to night's beginning, keep us now in Christ; grant us a peaceful evening and a night free from sin; and at the end bring us to everlasting life through Christ, our Lord; through Him be glory, honor, and power to You in the Holy Spirit now and always and forever and ever.

[C] Amen.

OPENING HYMN #390 *Let Us All with Gladsome Voice*

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

[P] In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[C] Amen.

[P] Our help is in the name of the Lord,

[C] Who made heaven and earth.

[P] If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

[C] But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

[P] Since we are gathered here this New Year's Eve to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess our sin before God and one another.

[C] Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

[P] If God is for us, who can be against us?

[C] He did not spare his own Son, but gave Him up for us all; will He not also graciously give us all things?

[P] Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Christ Jesus is the one who died, was raised, and is interceding for us.

[C] Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? We are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

[P] As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I announce God's grace to you. Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[C] Amen. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

INTROIT

[P] Our help is in the name of the Lord,

[C] Who made heaven and earth.

[P] Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

[C] His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

[P] The Lord has made known his salvation;

[C] He has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

[P] He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

[C] All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

[All] 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] Our help is in the name of the Lord,

[C] Who made heaven and earth.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

[P] The Lord be with you.

[C] And also with you.

[All] Eternal God, we commit to Your mercy and forgiveness the year now ending and commend to Your blessing and love the times yet to come. In the new year, abide among us with Your Holy Spirit that we may always trust in the saving name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 30:15–17*

For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength." But you were unwilling, and you said, "No! We will flee upon horses"; therefore you shall flee away; and, "We will ride upon swift steeds"; therefore your pursuers shall be swift. A thousand shall flee at the threat of one; at the threat of five you shall flee, till you are left like a flagstaff on the top of a mountain, like a signal on a hill.

This is the Word of the Lord.

[C] Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Romans 8:31b–39*

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died — more than that, who was raised — who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

[C] Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PRAISE #970 *Jesus, Name above All Names*

[please stand]

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 12:35–40*

[P] The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

[C] Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

[C] Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

**[C] I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried,
And the third day he rose again according to the scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead.
whose kingdom will have no end.**

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SERMON HYMN #733 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* (sts. 1–6)

SERMON

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[P] Let us pray to the Lord,

[C] **Lord, have mercy.**

LORD'S PRAYER [spoken together]

[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 WORDS OF OUR LORD and PAX DOMINI

DISTRIBUTION HYMN #895 *Now Thank We All Our God*

BENEDICTION

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CLOSING HYMN #878 *Abide with Me*

[silent prayer]

Attendance Christmas Eve:

Worship: 140

Offering Christmas Eve:

General Fund \$2,292.00

Attendance last Sunday:

Worship Attendance: 69

Bethlehem Star Video: 23

Offering last Sunday:

General Fund \$2,050.00

Building Fund 20.00

Tonight:

Greeters: Doug + Wendy Kunde

Reader: Carol Blankenburg

Ushers: M.Fruendt, R.Wright, Ballsrud

Acolyte: Aubree Dannaman

December Elder: Don Davison

January Elder: Doug Kunde



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Monday	9:00 – 11:00 am
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*Occasionally other pastoral duties may interfere with the regular office hours.
Please call pastor's cell phone if there is ever a need.*