

[THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER]

Christmas

JANUARY 5, 2014

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

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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

OPENING HYMN #523 O Word of God Incarnate

Divine Service Three

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INTROIT Ps. 147:1, 5, 11–12; antiphon: John 1:14

[P] The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen
His glory,

[C] Glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

[P] Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God;

[C] For it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

[P] Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;

[C] His understanding is beyond measure.

[P] But the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear Him,

[C] In those who hope in His steadfast love.

[P] Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem!

[C] Praise your God, O Zion!

**[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.**

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[All] Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *1 Kings 3:4–15*

The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar.

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."

And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

This is the Word of the Lord.

[C] Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Ephesians 1:3–14*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

This is the Word of the Lord.

[C] Thanks be to God.

[please stand]

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[C] Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 2:40–52*

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

[C] Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have

you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

[C] Praise be to Thee, 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 #410 *Within the Father's House*

SERMON *Filled with Wisdom*

OFFERING

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[P] Lord, in Your mercy,

[C] **Hear our prayer.**

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LORD'S PRAYER

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN #725 *Children of the Heavenly Father*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN #556 *Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice* (sts 1–5)

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CLOSING HYMN #850 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

[silent prayer]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

6:00 pm Confirmation Class
6:00 pm Youth Group

Wednesday

6:30 pm Music Rehearsal
7:00 pm Council Meeting

Next Sunday

8:45 am Sunday School + Adult Bible Class
10:00 am Worship: *Loose Change Sunday*
First Reading *Is. 42:1-9*
Epistle *6:1-11*
Gospel *Matt. 3:13-17*
6:00 pm Confirmation Class
6:00 pm Youth Group

Reminder: The 2014 Annual Voter's meeting is scheduled immediately following church on Sunday January 12th. There are 2 agenda items on the agenda...

- 1) Discuss and approve 2014 New Board Members and Officers and
- 2) Review, discuss and vote on 2014 Annual Budget. Look forward to seeing as many members as possible attend.

Today:

Acolyte: Jordan Bueltmann

Next Sunday (January 12):

Acolyte: Caroline Maxwell

January Elder: Doug Kunde

THE LECTIONARY

A lectionary is a collection of readings (also called "pericopes") from the Bible. The early Christian church of the first century modeled their worship practices after the synagogue, which used a lectionary to determine the readings for the service. As the Epistles (letters) and Gospels were written, they began to use these during public worship in addition to the Old Testament readings.

Initially, the readings were arranged continuously, with the text for each Sunday beginning where the previous week left off. However, as the church year developed in the fourth century, the church began to assign readings to reflect the theme of the day. Festival days were set apart for the commemoration of saints and martyrs, each with their own readings.

During the Reformation, many reformers did away with the lectionary. Others, like Martin Luther, acknowledged its value and retained its use.

At Faith Lutheran Church, we use the three-year lectionary from our hymnal, the Lutheran Service Book, which is what most LC-MS churches use. A historic one-year series is also available. Each service is assigned an Old Testament reading (occasionally replaced by a reading from Acts or Revelation), an Epistle reading (from one of the New Testament letters), and a Gospel reading. Year A focuses on Matthew, Year B emphasizes Mark and John, and Year C concentrates on Luke. An Introit is also assigned, which is primarily from Psalms, but occasionally incorporates other key verses of Scripture. While the readings correlate with the church calendar, the Epistle lesson often provides a continuous reading from a specific book.

The use of a lectionary coordinates the worship of congregations around the world while emphasizing key Scripture passages that relate to the church calendar. However, it also excludes many passages of Scripture. The lectionary is a wonderful tool that we regularly use, but we are free to use different readings whenever it better suits our purposes for the edification of God's people.



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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.*