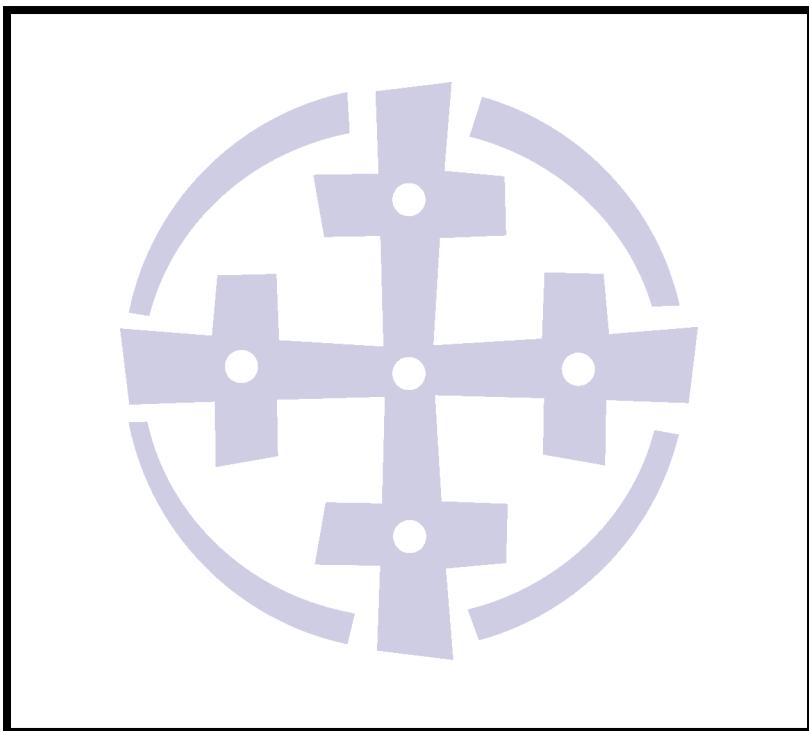


# Welcome to Faith



**Faith Lutheran Church**  
January 18, 2026



## **~Second Sunday after the Epiphany~**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INVOCATION**

**OPENING SONG                    10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)**

Bless the Lord O my soul

O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before

O my soul

I worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning

It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes

Bless the Lord O my soul

O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before

O my soul

I worship Your holy name

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger

Your name is great and Your heart is kind

For all your goodness I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Bless the Lord O my soul

O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before

O my soul

I worship Your holy name

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Bless the Lord O my soul

O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before

O my soul

I worship Your holy name

Yes I worship Your holy name

Lord I worship your holy name

## **OUR CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION**

Vicar: By faith we walk in the promises of God, that through faith in Jesus, we receive pardon and peace. So let us cast aside everything that hinders our walk of faith and look to God to restore and empower us through His Grace and Mercy.

**People: We confess our sins to You, O Lord. We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that by faith, our future is secure in You, and by faith we can show the world Your love.**

Vicar: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: Amen!**

## **PRAISE SONG**

## **To Jordan's River Came Our Lord 405 v 1-4 & 6**

1 To Jordan's river came our Lord,  
The Christ, whom heav'nly hosts adored,  
The God from God, the Light from Light,  
The Lord of glory, pow'r, and might.

2 The Savior came to be baptized  
The Son of God in flesh disguised  
To stand beneath the Father's will  
And all His righteousness fulfill.

3 As Jesus in the Jordan stood  
And John baptized the Lamb of God,  
The Holy Spirit, heav'nly dove,  
Descended on Him from above.

4 Then from God's throne with thund'rous sound  
Came God's own voice with words profound:  
"This is My Son," was His decree,  
"The one I love, who pleases Me."

6 Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute;  
This man is Christ, our substitute!  
He was baptized in Jordan's stream,  
Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

### ***The FIRST LESSON***

### ***Isaiah 49:1–7***

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. <sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." <sup>4</sup>But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God." <sup>5</sup>And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him—for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength <sup>6</sup>he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." <sup>7</sup>Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### ***The SECOND LESSON***

### ***1 Corinthians 1:1–9***

<sup>1</sup>Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, <sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>I give thanks

to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—<sup>6</sup>even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup>who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

### ***The GOSPEL LESSON***

### ***John 1:29–42a***

<sup>29</sup>The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” <sup>32</sup>And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>34</sup>And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

<sup>35</sup>The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” <sup>39</sup>He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). <sup>42</sup>He brought him to Jesus.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

### **AFFIRMATION of FAITH**

### **The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

## CHOIR ANTHEM

## The Promises of God

*words by R. Kelso Carter; music by Barry L. Combs; arranged by Stan Pethel*

Standing on the promises  
of Christ my King,  
through eternal ages  
let His praises ring;  
glory in the highest,  
I will shout and sing,  
I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing, standing  
on the promises of God;  
Standing, standing,  
I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises  
that cannot fall,  
listening every moment  
to the Spirit's call,  
resting in my Savior  
as my all in all,  
I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing, standing  
on the promises of God;  
Standing, standing,  
I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises of God,  
The promises of God.

## CHILDREN'S CHAT

## SERMON SONG

## Jesus, Lamb of God

You are holy, pure and sanctified.  
You were beaten, mocked and crucified.  
  
Jesus, Jesus the Lamb of God.  
Jesus, Jesus the Lamb of God.  
Chosen, you were the perfect sacrifice.  
Dying, your blood has paid the price.

Behold the Lamb.

Behold the Lamb.

On the cross, you paid the price for me.

Sacrificed, your blood has set me free.

You are sinless, yet you were vilified.

But you conquered, and now are glorified.

Jesus, Jesus the Lamb of God.

Jesus, Jesus the Lamb of God.

Chosen, you were the perfect sacrifice.

Dying, your blood has paid the price.

Behold the Lamb.

Behold the Lamb.

On the cross, you paid the price for me.

Sacrificed, your blood has set me free.

Jesus, Jesus the Lamb of God.

Jesus, Jesus the Lamb of God.

### ***The MESSAGE***

#### ***PRAYERS of the CHURCH***

Vicar: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs: We pray for the Church as it awaits the final advent of our Lord, that through it the message of salvation may be proclaimed and the gifts of God may be shared. Lord, in Your mercy,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

Vicar: We pray for those with special needs and concerns this day, especially the hospitalized, the grieving, the unemployed, and all on our hearts at this time for whom our petitions are desired, [including . . .]. Lord, in Your mercy,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

#### ***The LORD'S PRAYER***

**All: 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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## ***The OFFERING***

## ***Take My Life***

Holiness, holiness

Is what I long for

Holiness is what I need

Holiness, holiness

Is what You want from me

Faithfulness, faithfulness

Is what I long for

Faithfulness is what I need

Faithfulness, faithfulness

Is what you want from me

So take my heart and form it

Take my mind transform it

Take my will conform it

To Yours, to Yours, oh Lord

Righteousness, righteousness

Is what I long for

Righteousness is what I need

Righteousness, righteousness

Is what You want from me

So take my heart and form it

Take my mind transform it

Take my will conform it

To Yours, to Yours, oh Lord

So take my heart and form it

Take my mind transform it

Take my will conform it

To Yours, to Yours, oh Lord

To Yours, to Yours, oh Lord

So take my heart and form it

Take my mind transform it

Take my will conform it

To Yours, to Yours, oh Lord

To Yours, to Yours, oh Lord

To Yours, to Yours, oh Lord

## *The CLOSING SONG*   Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee 573

1 Lord, 'tis not that I did choose Thee;  
That, I know, could never be;  
For this heart would still refuse Thee  
Had Thy grace not chosen me.  
Thou hast from the sin that stained me  
Washed and cleansed and set me free  
And unto this end ordained me,  
That I ever live to Thee.

2 It was grace in Christ that called me,  
Taught my darkened heart and mind;  
Else the world had yet enthralled me,  
To Thy heav'ly glories blind.  
Now I worship none above Thee;  
For Thy grace alone I thirst,  
Knowing well that, if I love Thee,  
Thou, O Lord, didst love me first.

3 Praise the God of all creation;  
Praise the Father's boundless love.  
Praise the Lamb, our expiation,  
Priest and King enthroned above.  
Praise the Spirit of salvation,  
Him by whom our spirits live.  
Undivided adoration  
To the great Jehovah give.

## ***The BENEDICTION***

Vicar: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with us all.

**People: Amen.**

Vicar: Go in peace and serve the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God. Amen**

## **POSTLUDE**



## Announcement

**Voter's Meeting-** The Congregational Leadership Group will be holding a Meeting of the Voter's Assembly on Sunday, February 1st, 2026 at 10:30 am PDT. The primary purpose of this meeting will be a review of Faith's 2026 budget and 2026 Ministry Plan. Other important updates and topics will also be presented. For a copy of this letter notice or for the minutes from our last Voter's Meeting, please contact the office, we will be glad to provide a copy for you.

**Tim Fronek's Memorial Service-** Join us for Tim's service on Saturday, February 14th @ 11:00 am. Luncheon to follow. More information to come.

**Ash Wednesday Service & Wednesday Lenten Services-** We only have 4 weeks until we start the Lenten season. We will start off with Ash Wednesday on Wednesday, February 18th @ 7:00 pm. More information will come at a later time.

**Share The Light Returns-** For anyone wanting to pick up lights or extension cords that they lent to this event, if you are wanting them back please contact Tracy by email - [tracy.bursey@gmail.com](mailto:tracy.bursey@gmail.com) so we can get them returned.



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# Upcoming Events at Faith

January 18- Sunday Worship @ 9:00 am  
January 18- Kidz K'nnection @ 9:15 am  
January 18- Sunday Fellowship @ 10:15 am  
January 18- Bible Study @ 10:30 am  
January 18- Choir Practice @ 10:30 am  
**January 19- Office & Footprints Closed**  
January 19- Ladies Bible Study @ 1:00 pm  
January 19- Handbells Practice @ 5:30 pm  
January 20- Page Turner Book Club @ 7:00 pm  
January 21- Over The Hill Gang @ 9:00 am  
January 21- Footprints Chapel @ 10:30 am  
January 21- CLG Meeting @ 7:00 pm  
January 23- Bursey/Hanson House Group  
    @ 7:30 pm  
January 25- Sunday Worship @ 9:00 am  
January 25- Kidz K'nnection @ 9:15 am  
January 25- Sunday Fellowship @ 10:15 am

January 25- Bible Study @ 10:30 am  
January 25- Choir Practice @ 10:30 am  
January 26- Ladies Bible Study @ 1:00 pm  
January 26- Handbells Practice @ 5:30 pm  
January 28- Over The Hill Gang @ 9:00 am  
January 28- Footprints Chapel @ 10:30 am  
February 1- Sunday Worship @ 9:00 am  
February 1- Kidz K'nnection @ 9:15 am  
February 1- Voter's Meeting @ 10:30 am  
February 2- Ladies Bible Study @ 1:00 pm  
February 2- Handbells Practice @ 5:30 pm  
February 4- Over The Hill Gang @ 9:00 am  
February 4- Footprints Chapel @ 10:30 am  
February 7- Men's Breakfast @ 8:00 am  
February 8- Sunday Worship @ 9:00 am  
February 8- Kidz K'nnection @ 9:15 am  
February 8- Sunday Fellowship @ 10:15 am

## Servants of Faith

### This Week: January 18

**Altar Guild-** Julie & Kimmie Snow  
**Tech Projections-** Amber Nelsen & Barry Milstead  
**Acolyte-** Brooklynn Fidler  
**Reader-** Dan Sifferman  
**Welcomers-** Sheryl Lack  
**Elders-** Evan Bursey & Phil Calahane  
**Ushers-** Paula Calimeris & Ted Goad  
**Youth Donuts-** Brooklynn Fidler

### Next Week: January 25

**Altar Guild-** Betty Sifferman & Kathy Wilson  
**Tech Projections-** Russell Elkins & Todd Slattengren  
**Acolyte-** Sophia Sigurani  
**Reader-** Jeff MacDonald  
**Welcomers-** Naty Sigurani  
**Elders-** Mike Snow & Lance O'Connor  
**Ushers-** Naty Sigurani & Jessica Grant  
**Youth Donuts-** Sophia Sigurani

**“10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)”** Jonas Myrin | Matt Redman

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## A Word To Guests About Holy Communion

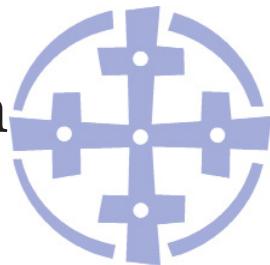
Lutherans believe and teach that the body and blood of Christ are truly present in and with the bread and wine when we receive the Lord's Supper. We do not believe that the bread and wine somehow mystically changes into Christ's body and blood, nor do we believe that the elements merely represent Christ's body and blood. Rather, we embrace the words of Jesus when He said, "Take, eat, this is my body," and "Take, drink, this is my blood." When we receive the bread and wine, we believe we are also receiving the body & blood of Christ because He said so.

We believe that Christ truly comes to us in this meal, offering His body and His blood in an outward sign of His love, His assurance of the forgiveness of our sins won for us by His death on the Cross, and the promise of His very real presence in our everyday lives.

If you are a Baptized believer in Jesus, repentant of your sins, and agree with our understanding of Holy Communion, we invite you to join us in this Sacrament. However, if you are in doubt, you may wish to consult with the Pastor or Elder beforehand. Children may receive Communion after receiving appropriate instruction from the pastor. *Gluten-free wafers are available upon request at the altar. If you have a dietary restriction to wine, grape juice is available in cups at the center of our communion trays.*

# Faith Lutheran Church

Grow Christ's Life In Every Heart.



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