

**The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 5, 2012**

Faith Lutheran Church

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FAITHFUL LUTHERANS SENT BY CHRIST TO SERVE GOD'S CHILDREN

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WELCOME!

All are welcome at Faith Lutheran Church today as we continue our journey of faith. Join with us as we offer our praises to God. We offer Holy Communion each Sunday. All baptized persons who believe that Christ is truly present in this meal are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper. There is a nursery available for those who need it.

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The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Patti Smith in honor of Adam Smith's birthday

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Events/Activities This Week around Faith:

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| Today | 9:15am SCS | Thurs, 2/9 | 9:00am WCS |
| | 10:30am Worship | | 1:00pm Bible Study |
| | 5:30pm Super Bowl Party | Sun. 2/12 | 9:15am SCS |
| Mon. 2/6 | 10:00am Quilters | | 10:30am Worship |
| Tues. 2/7 | 9:00am WCS | | 11:30am Meet/Eat |
| | 1:00pm Staff Mtg. | | Council Meeting |
| Wed. 2/8 | 10:00am WELCA | | |
| | 7:00pm Worship | | |

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Announcements

SOUPER BOWL collection of can goods and cash is today
SUPER BOWL PARTY will be held in the Emma Schoen Hall today beginning at 5:30PM. Bring a snack to share.
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES are due on Wed., Feb 15.
YOUTH BROOMBALL 10:00pm Friday, Feb 17.
ASH WEDNESDAY is February 22. Worship begins at 7PM
MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES will begin on February 29. A light meal begins at 6PM with worship at 7PM

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness with these words.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The assembly stands.

Arise, Your Light Has Come!

1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
 2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
 3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
 4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
 pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
 bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947
 Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825-1893
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GREETING

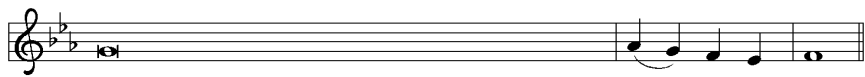
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



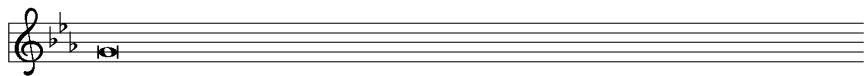
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



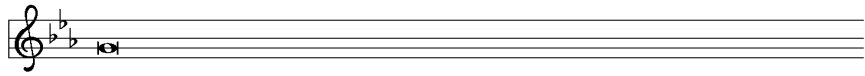
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.....Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 40:21–31

A reading from Isaiah.

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. ⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.\

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 147:1–11, 20c

Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!

The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem, and gathers the exiles of Israel.

The LORD heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

The LORD counts the number of the stars and calls them all by their names.

Great is our LORD and mighty in power; there is no limit to God's wisdom.

The LORD lifts up the lowly, but casts the wicked to the ground.

Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make music upon the harp to our God,

who covers the heavens with clouds and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow upon the mountains.

God provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they cry.

God is not impressed by the might of a horse, and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner,

but finds pleasure in those who fear the LORD, in those who await God's steadfast love. ¹ Hallelujah!

SECOND READING:

1 Corinthians 9:16–23

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹⁶If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel!

¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸What then is my reward?

Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I

became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law)

so that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law.

²²To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some.

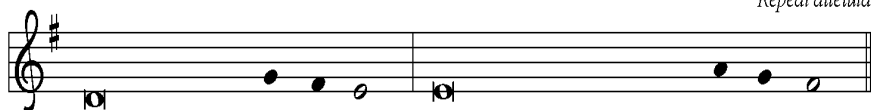
²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.



Repeat alleluia



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:29–39

The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁹As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 843

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
 praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
 Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
 Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
 Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
 from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
 Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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INSTALLATION OF CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As God's beloved people made radiant by the light of Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human family, and God's good creation.

A brief silence.

When your church grows weary and weak, give courage to our leaders, and strengthen your people for service that everyone who searches for you might share in the blessings of the gospel. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Where the earth is exhausted by our demands and the waters are polluted with our waste, bring rest to your creation and restore the health of your creatures. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

When war and violence threaten innocent lives and displaced people flee in search of shelter, renew the strength of peacemakers and humanitarian aid workers. Raise up leaders who value justice more than power. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Where the brokenhearted and powerless cry out for relief, lift them to new hope. Comfort all who grieve losses of any kind, and sustain the suffering with your healing power *especially Owen Clive, Tricia Zummach, Mary Winn, Anne Alia and Christopher, Megan Holman, Gordon McCall, Adam Smith, Ed Haire, Dwayne Paxton, Lori Sorenson, Kathy Haller.* Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

When we are frantic and troubled, lead us into quiet places of prayer, that, restored by your peace, we can gladly serve you and our neighbors in our daily lives. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Hear now the prayers of your people either silent, or spoken aloud. We rejoice with those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, *especially, Barb Brewster and Mike Baugh with a birthday and Lyle and Peg Gernand with a wedding anniversary.* May God continue to bless their lives with joy and peace. Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for those who trusted in your steadfast love and promises *especially, Mary Winn and the Martyrs of Japan, whom we commemorate today.* Give us the same patient hopefulness that sustained the saints before us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy God, we lift our prayers to you in hope, entrusting all for whom we pray to your great goodness and mercy, made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ. The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you. *The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words. The assembly is seated.*

OFFERING

On Eagles Wings

Choir

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Offering Song

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. 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 the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923
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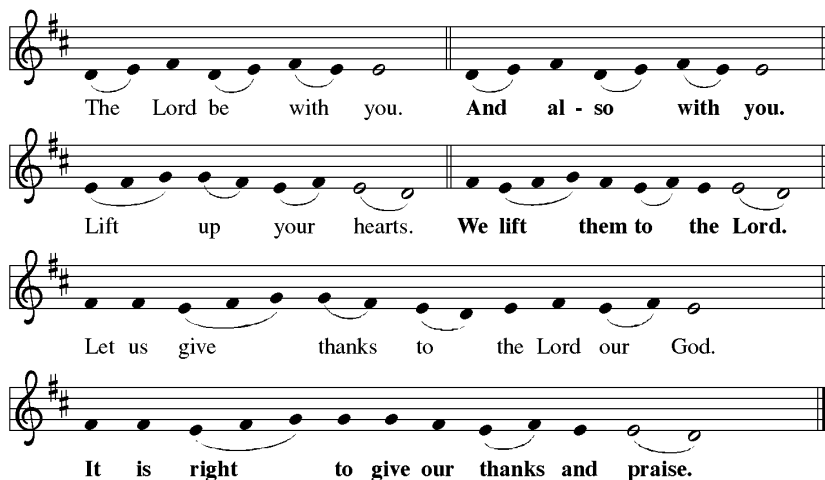
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After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands. Bread, wine, money, and other gifts may be brought forward.

OFFERING PRAYER

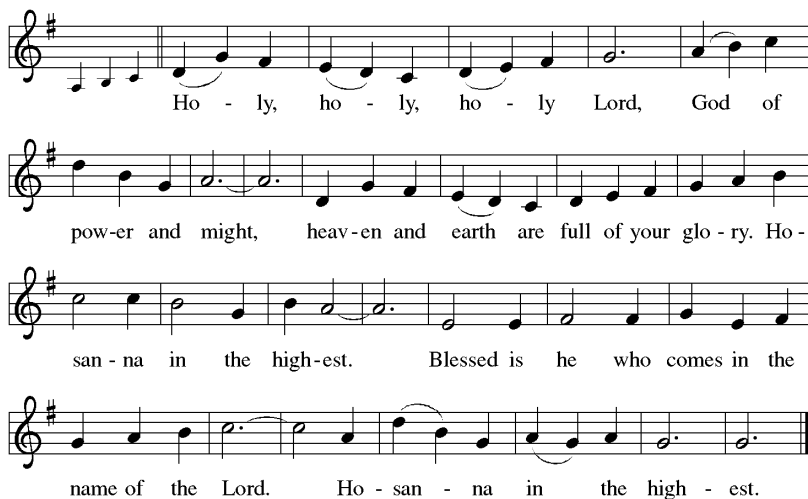
After the table is set, the assisting minister may lead one of the following or a similar prayer.

Let us pray....Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. **Amen.**



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The presiding minister continues with the proper preface for the day



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

The presiding minister continues

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints. To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

LORD'S PRAYER

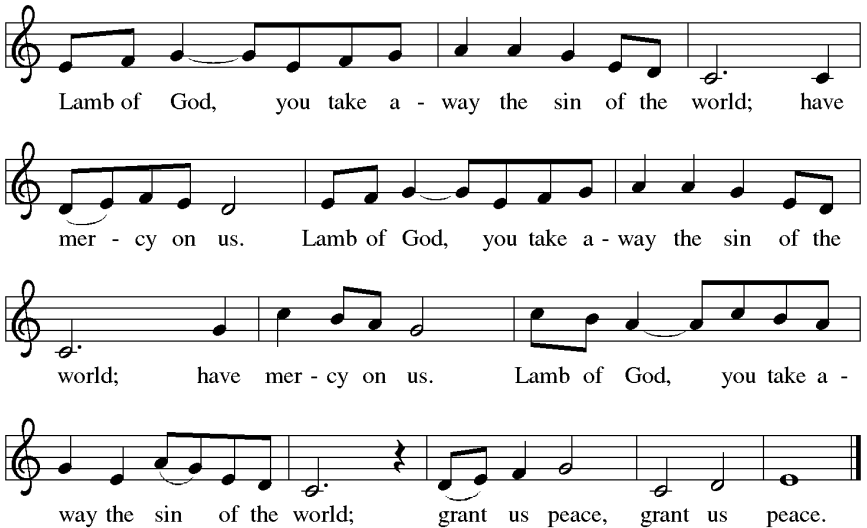
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

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 COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for the communion.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

Let Us Break Bread Together



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;
 3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.
 let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.
 let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: BREAL BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The assisting minister leads one of the following or a similar prayer after communion.

Let us pray.....O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

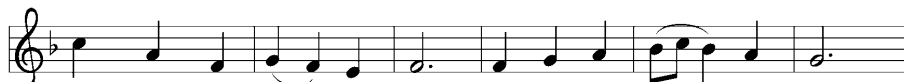
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the assembly's participation in God's mission in the world. Affirmation of Christian Vocation may be used here.

SENDING SONG

ELW 673

God, Whose Almighty Word



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -
speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man - kind let there be light.
lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.
full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

Text: John Marriott, 1780–1825, alt.

Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

DISMISSAL

The assisting minister may send the assembly into mission.

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

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REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Norma Boehme, Ken Steward, Edwina Andregg, Dorothy Clerici, Gordon McCall, Our Service Men and Women and all of those in need of our thoughts and prayers in our Faith family and beyond.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Illness

Owen Clive, treatment for leukemia

Tricia Zummach

Megan Holman, Thyroid cancer treatment

Anne Alia and Christopher

Gordon McCall, recovering from infection

Adam Smith, nasal cancer (Veronica Rife's cousin)

Ed Haire, recovering from open heart surgery

Dwayne Paxron, blood infection

Lori Sorenson, fall, possible further medical treatment

Kathy Haller, recovering from colon surgery

Shut-in

Dorothy Clerici, Lincoln Hills Health Center

Norma Boehme, Westminster Village

Bertha Blanchard, at home

Edwina Andregg, Autumn Woods

Ken Steward, Westminster Village

Service agencies/programs/ special needs

CLM

Eric Hall Foundation

Service men and women at home and abroad

Members of Faith who have lost jobs and are seeking employment

Lapsed members and visitors seeking a church home

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

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Last Week at Faith

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| Current Offering | \$1,860.00 | Worship attendance | 63 |
| Other Offering | 295.00 | Nursery attendance | 1 |
| Total Offering | \$2,155.00 | Total attendance | 64 |

We need \$3,226 in current each week to continue the missions of our church. How did we do last week? Thanks to all who worship, work, give, and pray at Faith in thanks to God for God's blessings.

SERVING THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

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| Pastor | Pr. Scott W. Meier |
| Assistant | |
| Organist | Barb Brewster |
| Acolyte/Crucifer | Youth |
| Altar Guild | Beth Wright |
| Greeters | Barbara Campbell |
| Ushers | Cindy Holley, Anne Steaban |
| Audio | Bill Holman |
| Nursery | Lisa Peter |
| Social | Matt and Carrie McCoy |
| Financial Assistant | Lyle Gernand |

SERVING NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP

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| Pastor | Pr. Scott W. Meier |
| Assistant | Lyle Gernand |
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| Greeters | Rick and Terri Barr |
| Ushers | Cindy Holley, Anne Steaban |
| Audio | Bill Holman |
| Nursery | Lisa Peter |
| Social | Meet and Eat Potluck |
| Financial Assistant | Lyle Gernand |

Scripture Readings for next week: 2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30; 1 Corinthians 9: 24-27; Mark 1: 40-45