

4th Sunday after Epiphany

February 1, 2026 – 9:30am

GATHERING

Greetings and Welcome

Prelude by Benen Dichsen – “When the Sun Rises,” by Nancy Faber

Call to Worship – “All Are Welcome”

*Refrain: All are welcome, friend and stranger, at the banquet of the Savior.
All are welcome. All are welcome here.*

1. **From the woman who comes crying, leaving tears at Jesus’ feet,
To the man who knows the right way but cannot see. *Refrain***
2. **From the ones who feel forgotten, those who sense their place is gone,
To the ones who live in hunger, here you belong. *Refrain***
3. **Go into the streets and cities, to the farms and families,
Tell about the splendid table, God’s mercy. *Refrain***

Confession and Forgiveness

Sharing of Christ’s Peace

Song of Praise – “Sing, Sing, Sing,” by Chris Tomlin

**We will sing, sing, sing and make music with the heavens.
We will sing, sing, sing, grateful that You hear us
When we shout Your praise, lift high the name of Jesus. *Repeat***

**What’s not to love about You? Heaven and Earth adore You.
Kings and kingdoms bow down. Son of God, You are the One,
You are the One we're living for.**

**You are the love that frees us. You are the light that leads us,
Like a fire burning, Son of God, You are the One,
You are the One we're living for.**

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Prayer

Children's Sermon

WORD

Reading: Psalm 42:1-3

Reader: Barb Davenport

¹As the deer pants for streams of water,
so my soul pants for you, my God.
²My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When can I go and meet with God?
³My tears have been my food
day and night,
while people say to me all day long,
“Where is your God?”

R: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Reading:* John 4:1-29, 39-42

¹Now Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that he was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John—²although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized, but his disciples. ³So he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee.

⁴Now he had to go through Samaria. ⁵So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

⁷When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?” ⁸(His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

¹⁰Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.”

¹¹“Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?”

¹³Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

¹⁵The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.”

¹⁶He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.”

¹⁷“I have no husband,” she replied.

Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. ¹⁸The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.”

¹⁹“Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”

²¹“Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

²⁵The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”

²⁶Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”

²⁷Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, “What do you want?” or “Why are you talking with her?”

²⁸Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people,
²⁹“Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?”

³⁹Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I ever did.” ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. ⁴¹And because of his words many more became believers.

⁴²They said to the woman, “We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world.”

R: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ.

Song – “As the Deer”

- 1. As the deer panteth for the water, So my soul longeth after Thee.
You alone are my heart’s desire, And I long to worship Thee.**

*Refrain: You alone are my strength, my shield; To You, alone, may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart’s desire, and I long to worship Thee.*

- 3. I trust You though my bones are broken, I will give my thanks to You.
In Your strength, I am not forgotten; and Your love will lead me through. *Refrain***

Sermon: “It is Necessary”

Song of the Day – “Great Things,” by Phil Wickham

Come let us worship our king. Come let us bow at his feet. He has done great things.
See what our Savior has done. See how his love overcomes.
He has done great things. He has done great things.

*Refrain: Oh, hero of heaven, you conquer the grave!
You free every captive and break every chain!
Oh God, you have done great things!
We dance in your freedom, awake and alive.
Oh Jesus, our Savior, your name lifted high.
Oh God, you have done great things.*

You've been faithful through every storm. You'll be faithful forevermore.

You have done great things.

And I know you will do it again. For our promise is “Yes and Amen.”

You will do great things. God, you do great things. *(Refrain)*

Hallelujah God, above it all. Hallelujah God, unshakable.

Hallelujah, you, have done great things.

Hallelujah God, above it all. Hallelujah God, unshakable.

Hallelujah, you, have done great things. You've done great things. *(Refrain)*

*After final Refrain: **You have done great things.***

Oh God, you do great things.

**The Apostles' 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*

Stewardship Time

“At the Altar,” by Elevation Rhythm

Sung by Marilyn Dichsen

—We now have Worship Cards in the pews. Please let us know if you are communing, share a prayer request, and place your card in the offering plate as a gesture of stewardship as we grow in relationship with God through the use of our time, talents, and finances—

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

**Great Thanksgiving*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**Words of Institution*

P: 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.

**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.

Communion Songs

“Come and Behold Him”

**Come and behold him, come see his glory,
come with an honest heart to see all he is.**

**We will discover all of his beauty;
his light will burn away all the darkness we've known.**

**Come and behold him, come and behold him,
come with an honest heart to see all he is.**

**Come and behold him, wait now before him,
come with an honest heart to see all he is.**

“Be Like You”

**1. Teach me to love, teach me to serve. Teach me to tell of the truth of Your Word.
Help me be weak, help me be strong, to love what is right and to hate what is wrong.**

I know that I have a long way to go until I’m made pure and true.

But, ‘til that day, this Lord I pray, help me to be like You.

**2. Teach me to trust, teach me to pray. Teach me to walk in the faith to obey.
Help me be meek, help me be bold. Help me to serve both the young and the old.**

I know that I have a long way to go until I’m made pure and true.

But, ‘til that day, this Lord I pray, help me to be like You.

**To be a friend of compassion, a servant with passion, a lover of Your dear bride.
To be filled with conviction, a part of Your mission, a servant of Christ who died.**

**3. Teach me to stand, teach me to fall, down on my knees in response to Your call.
Help me to die, help me to live. Help me to share the true love that You give.**

I know that I have a long way to go until I’m made pure and true.

But, ‘til that day, this Lord I pray, help me to be like You.

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SENDING

**Post Communion Blessing*

**Prayer and Benediction*

**Sending Song – “Go and Do”*

**Go and do as I have done for you. Go and do as I have said!
Go and do as I have done for you. And they will know you by your love,
they will know you by your love,
they will know you by the things you go and do!**

**Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Worship Assistants

Communion Assistant: Karen Sibert
Greeter: Lynette Hamilton
Reader: Barb Davenport
Usher: Pat Glyshaw
Pastor: Adam Dichsen
Music Director: Jean Welch
Pianist: Jean Welch
Guitarist: Marilyn Dichsen
Drummers: John Demien & Louis Dichsen
Financial Assistants: Kay Schnitker & to be determined
Chancel Committee: Pat Glyshaw
Coffee Host: Karen Sibert



Singers:

Maddie Crossin	Kelly Hartz	Adam Krohe	Cole Street
Benen Dichsen	Terri Kimler	Kris Roth	Melissa Street

Church Council Members:

Malinda Carlson	Marilyn Dichsen	Greg Kimler	Monica Proefrock
Ken Devlin	Kelly Hartz	Patty Nelson	Kay Schnitker
			Kelly Street

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What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, February 1, 9:30am: Contemporary Worship **Friends from Faith**
11:00am: Traditional Worship
11:00-1:00: Extra Winter Cheer Event

Wednesday, February 4, 10:00am: Read the Bible in a Year Group – Faith Library

Saturday, February 7, 8:00am: Cooking for
9:00am: Men's Breakfast

Sunday, February 8, 9:30am: Worship
11:00am: Annual Meeting

Wednesday, February 11, 10:00am: Read the Bible in a Year Group – Faith Library

News Updates

Lay Ministry Sign-Up Sheets

Sign-Up Sheets are available at the podium in the gathering area. Please take a moment to sign up to be an Usher, Reader, Greeter, Communion Assistant, Coffee Host, Chancel Committee volunteer, and to Donate Altar Plants. **Thank You!** *We are Gifted to Serve!*

Faith's Little Flock — (Ages 2–7)

gathers each Sunday after the Children's Sermon and returns to the sanctuary in time for Communion.

This February, Faith's Little Flock will continue the journey through the book of John alongside the rest of our congregation. Through simple storytelling, hands-on activities, and music, our youngest learners (and big-kid helpers) will explore what it means that Jesus is our Good Shepherd and discover the hope found in the story of Lazarus. As the Lenten season begins, we will focus on themes of love, trust, and new life, helping children understand that Jesus is always near, guiding and caring for them.

We look forward to walking this meaningful season together with your children through stories, creativity, and faith-filled fun.

If you would like to help with FLF, please contact Melissa Street, Pam Devlin, or Liddy Stark. Blessings, *Melissa*

Extra Winter Cheer

Everyone is invited for Extra Winter Cheer **today from 11:00am–1:00pm in the Great Room.** We'll have pizza to eat, cookie decorating, a hot cocoa bar, and a special

Valentine's service project. Stay after either service and beat the winter blues with some fellowship and fun!

Annual Reports

The Annual Meeting has been postponed till February 8. Packets for 2025 are available in the gathering area by the coffee sales. Please take 1 per household, and bring it back with you to the Annual Meeting after the service on February 8.

Contribution Envelopes for 2026 are available in the gathering area. If you don't see a box with your name on it, please talk to Kris Roth, Barb Davenport, or Pam Devlin.

Financial Statements

for 2025 are available in the office.

Friends from Faith Card Ministry – A ministry team led by Naomi Hahn

Since last Sunday was snowy, everyone is welcome to send a greeting card today. Visit the tall table just outside the sanctuary where you can select a card, sign a card, or deposit a card in the mailbox to send. Cards and stamps are provided for your use. If you have extra cards or stamps to spare, please bring them and donate them in the provided jar.

Read the Bible in a Year

Join us in reading the Bible over the course of a year, **Wednesdays at 10:00am in the Faith Library** (this new group will take the place of the Discipleship Group). We will gather weekly to discuss our insights and reflections. We'll be utilizing The Bible Recap by Tara-Leigh Cobble, available on the YouVersion Bible app, to guide our journey. For more information, feel free to reach out to Pam Devlin. A sign-up sheet is available in the Gathering Area. People should read assigned daily readings from The Bible Recap so that we can discuss what we read.

Music is a Great Way to Connect!

We are always looking for people to sing or play special music for a prelude or a stewardship offering. Please contact Jean Welch if you are interested in sharing your musical gifts. jrwelch53@msn.com or 217-652-7009 (phone/text)

Post-Service Discussions after Worship

On February 15, grab some refreshments and join us in the Justice Room to further encounter the readings – and the sermon. On February 8 after worship, the Annual Meeting will be held in the sanctuary after the service. *Naomi Hahn*

Bible Boot Camp and Faith Inkubators

Pastor Adam is available to lead gatherings on Feb. 15, March 15 & 22, & April 12 & 19. If others would like to help provide a meal or lead a fun activity, please contact Pam Devlin, Carol Freesen, or Celeste Hill on our Discipleship Core Team or **sign up on the sheet in the Gathering Area**. Our typical schedule is for Bible Boot Camp from 4:30-5:30, a meal from 5:30-6:00, and Faith Inkubators from 6:00-7:30.

Conference of Churches Collecting Dry Goods for Area Food Bank

Super Bowl Competition

to support the Food Center "Grains" event: choose a team and bring your donation to the Working Cross area in the Gathering Area.

Seahawks

Hamburger Helper or Mac n Cheese

Patriots

Crackers or Dry Pasta

Not a Fan

Cereal

Let's score a touchdown for the Food Center!

Fairly-Traded Coffee/Tea

Check out the coffee display from Equal Exchange. Simply select the product(s) you would like to purchase, and place the money in the container provided by the display (**\$9.00** regular & decaf; **\$3.00** tea). Checks should be made out to Faith Lutheran Church with "*coffee*" designated in the memo area.

Prayer and Meditation

Prayer and meditation are ways that we invite God into our lives and into those for whom we pray. The health challenges facing Marilyn Dichsen have focused our congregation's attention on the importance of prayers for healing cancer in a gifted young woman. Marilyn's challenges have also brought to our attention all who are struggling with physical and mental health issues. Faith members are encouraged to pray for all who are in need wherever you might find yourself. The church sanctuary is open during regular church office hours (Tuesday-Friday, 9:00-1:00) for members to stop by and spend quiet time praying for Marilyn, her family, and all those who are in need of prayer. A prayer book is available at the back of the sanctuary by the tech station, along with the names of those

who have been included in worship prayers and our prayer chain. Please sign your name and record your prayers or words of encouragement, if you so desire.