

# Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 19, 2025

*Greetings and Welcome*

*Prelude by the Faith Singers – “Living Hope,” by Wickham & Johnson*

## GATHERING

*\*Call to Worship and Confession*

P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives.

**C: Amen.**

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

*Silence for confession*

P: Have mercy, O God,

**C: against you, you alone, we have sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt. Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us. Amen.**

P: As tender as parent to child, so deep is God’s compassion for you. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God’s love for you. As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through † Jesus Christ.

Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

**C: Blessed be God forever.**

\*Gathering Song – “All My Days”

(piano)

1 All my days I will sing this song of gladness,  
give my praise to the Fountain of delights;  
For in my helplessness You heard my cry,  
and waves of mercy poured down on my life.

2 I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer, I will sing of the blood that never fails;  
Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed, of death defeated and life without end.

*Refrain: Beautiful Savior, Wonderful Counselor, clothed in majesty, Lord of history,  
You're the Way, the Truth, the Life, Star of the Morning, glorious holiness,  
You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion, and You reign, You reign over all!*

2 I long to be where the praise is never ending,  
Yearn to dwell where the glory never fades;  
Where countless worshippers will share one song,  
And cries of ‘worthy’ will honor the Lamb! *Refrain*

\*Greeting and Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray ... God of the nations,

C: **Show us how to love all the people of the earth, of all colors and kinds: those with technology and without; those who make due with very little and who use many resources; those with formal education and without; those who call upon your name and who do not; so that all your children may be glorified in the name of the One who brought glory and liberty, Jesus Christ our salvation. Amen.**

\*Sharing Christ's Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

*All are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.*

*Children's Sermon*

## WORD

\**Gospel Reading:* Luke 4:14-30      Reader: Carol VanderKloot

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup>Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

<sup>16</sup>When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup>‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
<sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.’

<sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’ <sup>22</sup>All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, ‘Is not this Joseph’s son?’ <sup>23</sup>He said to them, ‘Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, “Doctor, cure yourself!” And you will say, “Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.”’ <sup>24</sup>And he said, ‘Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s home town. <sup>25</sup>But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up for three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; <sup>26</sup>yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. <sup>27</sup>There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.’ <sup>28</sup>When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. <sup>29</sup>They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. <sup>30</sup>But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

P: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Hymn of Praise* – “Christ, Be Our Light” ELW 715, vv. 1, 3, & 5 (piano)

1. **Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.**

*Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.*

3. **Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. Refrain**
5. **Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come. Refrain**

*Sermon:* "Sermon at Nazareth - "Good News?"

*Song of the Day* – “To Be Your Presence” ELW 546 (organ)

1. **To be your presence is our mission here,  
to show compassion’s face and list’ning ear,  
To be your heart of mercy ever near, alleluia!**
2. **To be your presence is our mission bold,  
to feed the poor and shelter homeless cold,  
To be your hands of justice, right uphold, alleluia!**
3. **To be your presence is our mission blest,  
to speak for all the broken and oppressed,  
To be your voice of hope, your love expressed, alleluia!**
4. **We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice,  
to serve your people is our call and choice,  
And in his mission we, the church, rejoice, alleluia!**

*\*The Apostles’ Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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*

*Stewardship Time*

Sandi Watts, organ

*–Please take a moment to sign into the Welcome Folder in your pew–*

*\*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.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and  
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*\*Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution*

*\*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.**

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 Songs*

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” ELW 843 (*organ*)

- 1 **Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light;  
praise the One who frees the pris'ners, turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing ev'ry dread disease,  
calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.**
- 2 **Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word;  
praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing, two-edged sword.  
Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand;  
from this well comes living water quenching thirst in ev'ry land.**
- 3 **Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place;  
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.  
Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us one.**

“Build Your Kingdom Here” (*piano*)

1. **Come set Your rule and reign in our hearts again. Increase in us, we pray.  
Unveil why we're made.  
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope like wildfire in our very souls.  
Holy Spirit, come invade us now.  
We are Your church. We need Your pow'r in us.**
2. **We seek Your kingdom first. We hunger and we thirst.  
Refuse to waste our lives for You're our joy and prize.  
To see the captive hearts released, the hurt, the sick, the poor at peace.**

**We lay down our lives for heaven's cause. We are Your church.  
We pray revive this earth.**

*Chorus: Build Your kingdom here. Let the darkness fear.  
Show Your mighty hand, heal our streets and land.  
Set Your church on fire. Be our heart's desire. Change the atmosphere.  
Build Your kingdom here, we pray!*

**3. Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r reaching the near and far.  
No force of hell can stop Your beauty changing hearts.  
You made us for much more than this, awake the kingdom seed in us.  
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.  
We are Your church. We are the hope on earth.  
Build Your kingdom here, we pray! *Chorus***

*\*Post-Communion Blessing*

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**C: Amen.**

*\*Closing Prayer*

## SENDING

*\*Benediction*

**P:** The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and your minds  
in † Christ Jesus.  
**C: Amen.**

*\*Sending Song – “Go to the World” (ACS 991) (organ)*

- 1 Go to the world! Go into all the earth.  
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,  
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia. Alleluia.**
- 2 Go to the world! Go into ev'ry place.  
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.  
Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia. Alleluia.**



- 3 **Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;  
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.  
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia. Alleluia.**
- 4 **"Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,  
for I am with you till the age shall end,  
when all the hosts of glory cry, Amen!" Alleluia. Alleluia.**

*\*Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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## What's Coming Up at Faith?

- Sunday, January 19, 9:30am: Worship **Newsletter Deadline**  
11:00am: Bible Study  
12:30pm: Choir Rehearsal for 2:00pm service  
2:00pm: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service at Faith
- Wednesday, January 22, 7:00am: Men's Prayer Group  
4:00pm: Discipleship Core Team Meeting
- Sunday, January 26, 9:30am: Worship **Friends from Faith Sunday**  
10:45am: Annual Meeting  
5:30pm: Faith Inkubators
- Wednesday, January 29, 7:00am: Men's Prayer Group
- Saturday, February 1, 8:00am: Cooking for  
9:00am: Men's Breakfast

## News Updates

### Annual Reports

**Annual Reports** are available in the Gathering Area on the counter by the Coffee Sales. The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 26 at 10:45am; please take one (1) report per household and bring it back with you for the Annual Meeting next Sunday.

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Today marks the start of the national Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. To commemorate, the Jacksonville Area Conference of Churches is hosting a celebration of music and prayer **today at 2:00pm** here at Faith. The event is being organized by Jean Welch and Pastor Adam. If you would like to sing in the community choir, please let Jean know – the rehearsal will be held at 12:30pm today.

### ELCA National Day of Racial Healing

The 2025 National Day of Racial Healing (NDORH) will be held on **Tuesday, January 21**. It is an annual observance that follows Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

This year, the ELCA, in partnership with Augsburg Fortress, will join the movement of racial healing for our church and the nation. On Jan. 21, 2025, from 1 am to 2pm Central time, the ELCA will feature a free, online educational event that centers the voices of ELCA leaders of color. We invite you to join us in this collective effort for a more just

and equitable world. This event is open to all ELCA rostered ministers, lay leaders, and members. We welcome all ELCA synods, congregations, colleges, universities, seminaries, separately incorporated ministries and antiracism teams, as well as the church's affiliate organizations and ecumenical and interreligious partners.

**We invite you to register at [ELCA.org/NDORH](https://www.elca.org/NDORH).**

The day is designed to:

- Raise awareness of the need for racial healing.
- Inspire collective action to build common ground for a more just and equitable ELCA and world.

The NDORH is hosted by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and encourages community organizations, institutions, and individuals to participate in this national day. It was created with and builds on the work of the Truth, Racial Healing, & Transformation community partners. Join us on Jan. 21, 2025.

### **Financial Statements**

Financial Statements for 2024 are available in the church office.

**Contribution Envelopes for 2025** are available in the gathering area.

### **Faith's Little Flock**

This month, Faith's Little Flock will enjoy activities related to Jesus as a boy in the temple, Jesus' Baptism, His love for all people, and calling His disciples to be fishers of people. Faith's Little Flock is for children ages 2-6 and meets in the classroom next to the nursery after the Children's Sermon. "Big Kid Helpers" are welcome and appreciated in our Faith's Little Flock class. Our Big Kid Helpers do just that - they help the little ones with the more difficult parts of the crafts. The children all return to the sanctuary for the communion blessing. Word-finds, crossword puzzles, and other activity sheets are available in the gathering area for the older children to help reinforce the message of the day. We look forward to seeing all of the children in the New Year!

(Note: We would love to have older adult volunteers to read the scripture story to the children. Please contact Melissa Street if you are interested!)

### **Faith Inkubators**

Our Faith Inkubators youth nights incorporate all the learning of confirmation, but also some games and activities so that it is open for some upper-elementary-aged kids that are up for the challenge and our high school youth to still be involved. **Future events are scheduled on Sundays, from 5:30-7:30, January 26 and February 23.**

## **Bible Boot Camp**

Stay tuned for a schedule for 2025!

## **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 (**\$6.50** regular; **\$7.50** decaf; **\$3.00** tea; **\$2.50** chocolate bars; **\$6.50** cashews). Checks should be made out to Faith Lutheran Church with “*coffee*” designated in the memo area.

## **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!*

## **LSSI Foster Care**

Last month we heard about the ministry of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois. With so many in our Faith Family engaged in foster care, we would like to support LSSI’s efforts in this ministry. If you would like to make a donation, make your check to Faith Lutheran Church, designate it to “*LSSI Foster Care,*” and drop it in the offering box.