

Worship to the Glory of God

Epiphany Sunday, January 5, 2014

8 & 11 am



Faith Lutheran Church

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Saturday Worship & Praise: 5 pm
(Communion 1st Saturday of month)

Sunday Worship: 8 & 11 am
(Communion: 1st & 3rd Sun. @ 8 am
2nd & 4th Sun. @ 11 am)

Sunday School &
Adult Bible Classes: 9:30 am

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The Kyrie (spoken)*Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.***People: Lord, have mercy.***Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.***People: Lord, have mercy.***Pastor: 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.***People: Lord, have mercy.***Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.***People: Lord, have mercy.***Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.***People: Amen.**✠ **Hymn of Praise** (sung)tune: *Hark, the Voice of Jesus calling*

**To the God of peace and favor
 Glory in the highest be!
 To the Lamb of God, our Savior,
 Praise be sung eternally!
 To the Holy Ghost, descending,
 Equal laud be done aright!
 See the brightness never-ending
 Where God says, "Let there be light!"**

The Prayer for the Day*Pastor: The Lord be with you.***People: And also with you.** (spoken)*Pastor: Let us pray..."O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever."***People: Amen.**✠ *Please be seated*

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. **2** For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. **3** And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. **4** Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. **5** Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. **6** A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God. (spoken)

The New Testament Reading

Ephesians 3:1-12

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— **2** assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, **3** how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. **4** When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, **5** which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. **6** This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. **7** Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. **8** To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, **9** and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, **10** so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. **11** This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, **12** in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God. (spoken)

✠ *In honor of Christ the Light of the World we rise to sing*

All Sing:

tune: *Praise and Thanksgiving*

*Morning has broken, Sing alleluia!
God's Word has spoken, ending the night.
Come now, believing, Sing alleluia!
New life receiving. Let there be light!*

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 2nd chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, **2** saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." **3** When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; **4** and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. **5** They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: **6** "And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel." **7** Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. **8** And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." **9** After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. **10** When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. **11** And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. **12** And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Pastor: This is The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, O Christ. (spoken)

The Greeting

(please turn to someone next to you, or in front, or behind you)

✠ *Please be seated*

The Hymn of the Day

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

1 - We three kings of Orient are .
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.

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**O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Guide us to thy perfect Light.**

3 - Frankincense to offer have I
Incense owns a Deity nigh.
Prayer and praising all men raising,
Worship Him, God on high.

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4 - Myrrh is mine: it's bitter perfume
Breaths a life of gathering gloom
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding dying,
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

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2 - Born a king on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring to crown Him again
King forever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign.

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5 - Glorious now behold Him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Sounds through the earth and skies.

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The Sermon

*Rev. Richard Arndt
Guest Pastor*

✠ *Please rise for*

The Nicene Creed (8:00 am)

(back of hymnal)

The Apostles' Creed (11:00 am)

(back of hymnal)

The Gathering of the Offerings (*Please be seated*)

✠ *As the offerings are brought forward the congregation rises to sing:*

✠ **The Offertory**

"As With Gladness Men of Old"

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1 - As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious Lord, may we
Evermore be led by Thee.

3 - As they offered gifts most rare
At Thy cradle, rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy,
Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King.

The Prayers (The Pastor will end each petition with “*Lord, in your mercy ...*” and the congregation will respond with “**hear our prayer.**”)

Lord’s Prayer

11:00 am service concludes on page 9

8:00 am service continues

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you. (spoken)

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord. (spoken)

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

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise. (spoken)

Pastor: It is indeed right and helpful that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The Sanctus

tune: As With Gladness Men of Old

1 - Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of hosts, by all adored:
Heav’n and earth cannot contain
All the glory of your name!
With the heav’nly host we sing
Praise to our eternal King.

2 - Hail! Hosanna! Endless fame
Be to him who, in God’s name,
Now draws nigh with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hail! Hosanna! Praises be
To the Lord eternally!

The Words of Institution

Pastor: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you. (spoken)

The Agnus Dei

“Lamb of God”

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**All Sing: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

The Distribution *(Please be seated)*

- ✘ Faith's statement of faith regarding communion is printed on the reverse side of the Fellowship Card.
- ✘ Those who desire to commune are invited to come forward in the order indicated by the ushers. At the front of the church, follow the ushers' directions to the communion rail.
- ✘ Receive the bread from the elder either on the tongue or in the hand. Receive the wine either in the individual or the common cup. If you prefer the individual cup, take one from the proffered tray, place the empty cup in the basin as you return to your seat. If you prefer the common cup or chalice, please assist the serving pastor by guiding the cup to control the flow. When all in your group have communed, return to your seat by the side aisle.
- ✘ If you desire to commune and are physically unable to come forward, please inform the ushers who will assist you.
- ✘ Children who are not yet confirmed will be received at the altar rail for a special blessing.

The Hymn sung during the Distribution

"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table" 618

✘ *please rise for*

Post-Communion Canticle (sung) *"Thank the Lord"* 164

All Sing: Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

Post-Communion Prayer 166

Pastor: We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this helpful gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

8:00 am & 11:00 am worship concludes with

The Benediction

The Proclamation

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Closing Hymn

"As with Gladness Men of Old"

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4 - Holy Jesus, ev'ry day
Keep us in the narrow way;
And when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

5 - In the heav'nly country bright
Need they no created light;
Thou its light, its joy, its crown,
Thou its sun which goes not
down;
There forever may we sing
Alleluias to our King.

The Post-service Music

Those Serving Today:

Presiding Minister: Rev. Richard Arndt

Assisting Elder: Larry Roach

Duty Elder: 8 am: Larry Roach; **11 am:** Lamar Miller

Acolyte: 8 am: Austin Logan; **11 am:** Kristen Hahn

Altar Care: 8 am: Mary Donovan and Del Mallinson;
11 am: Jeanette Brown and Melodi Kasberg

Lay Reader: 8 am: Renell Book; **11 am:** Betty Holland

Audio Assistant: 8 am: Jonathan Tinker; **11 am:** Bob Behnke

Video Assistant: 8 am: Mike Muetzel; **11 am:** John Schaerffer

Ushers: 11 am: Sue Leader, Larry & Ruth Bolduc and Kenny Korchak

Our Purpose

The love of Christ compels us to reach out and make disciples who seek the lost, strengthen the weak, and serve those in need while giving glory to God.

When Holy Communion is served: Anyone having difficulty walking to the front of the church for Holy Communion may sit in the front pew on the lectern side. The Pastor will bring Holy Communion to the pew. An appropriate personal prayer before receiving the Sacrament can be found on the page opposite the inside front cover of the hymnal.

Stewardship Sentence: 1 Peter 4:17 “For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?” As members of His household we are encouraged to “serve The Lord with gladness.” Be reminded of God’s blessings that come to you by Faith in Jesus.

This Week’s Opportunities to Seek, to Strengthen, and to Serve

Sunday, Jan. 5 th	12:00 pm	“Taking Down the Greens”
Monday, Jan. 6 th	9:00 am	Food Pantry
	6:30 pm	Sunday School Teachers Meeting
Tuesday, Jan. 7 th	7:00 pm	John, The Apostle of Love Bible Study
Wednesday, Jan. 8 th	9:00 am	Food Pantry
	11:00 am	Ladies Guild Executive Meeting
	1:00 pm	Ladies Guild Program
Thursday, Jan. 9 th	11:00 am	Bulletin Assembly
	7:00 pm	Worship & Praise Rehearsal
Friday, Jan. 10 th	9:00 am	Food Pantry
Saturday, Jan. 11 th	3:00 pm	Worship & Praise Rehearsal
	5:00 pm	Worship & Praise Service
Sunday, Jan. 12 th	8:00 am	Worship
	8:45 am	Faith Family Fellowship
	11:00 am	Worship w/Holy Communion

A Measure of Our Devotion

December 29, 2013		
Worship Attendance 2013	(8 am/11 am)	68 / 79
Worship Attendance 2012	(8 am/11 am)	67 / 69
Total Weekly Receipts		\$5,838.32
Light the Way Campaign Total TO DATE		\$5,426.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **PASTOR'S INFORMATION CLASS** is starting this month. If you know anyone who would like to learn more about the Lutheran Church and/or would desire to be part of Faith Lutheran Church, please tell Carole (849-4418) or email her at carolecupp@faithnpr.org.

- **PLEASE PLAN ON STAYING AFTER CHURCH TODAY** to help us as we take down the "greens" that adorned the church during the Christmas holidays. "Many hands make light work" and should allow us to finish in about 1 hour.

- **READ 1 SAMUEL IN JANUARY:** Start the New Year with a Bible Reading Plan for the month of January. Read one Chapter per day. There are 31 days in January and 31 chapters in 1st Samuel. If you miss a day, catch up! Pastor Kuehn's sermons in January will all be on 1st Samuel.

- **TUESDAY EVENINGS WITH BETH MOORE:** Another opportunity to explore the life and ministry of St. Paul will be offered on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm starting on January 14th in the CLC. For those of you who do not have the time on Sunday morning, this course will last 11 weeks and conclude on March 25th. The charge for the workbook (homework!!!) is \$16.00. Please indicate your interest on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex so we can secure the necessary materials. If you have any questions, please contact Phyllis Miller at phyalama@tampabay.rr.com or [727 847-0959](tel:7278470959).

- **THE LADIES BIBLE STUDY** will resume on Tuesday Jan 7th at 7:00 pm with the study of "John-The Apostle of Love." If you did not get a copy of the lesson worksheet, please contact Tami at [\(727\) 376-7028](tel:7273767028).

- **UPDATE FROM YOUR CALL COMMITTEE:** President Walton has supplied the Call Committee with a list of 17 candidates. Four of the 17 are individuals recommend by members of the congregation. The committee will meet on January 8th to start the review process. We will keep you posted. Please continue to pray that God will send us His Shepherd to lead Faith Church.
- **CALLING ALL WOMEN OF FAITH:** Are you looking for a group of Christian Ladies? LWML-Ladies Guild is a place for you. We are friendly, loving, spiritual women who LOVE to get together for Christian Fellowship the first Wednesday of the month. Join us January 8th in the CLC at 12:30 pm for social time, followed by refreshments and our program.
- **MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW** for the annual Ladies Guild Fashion Show on Saturday, February 15th. This event is one of our most popular as we see some new spring fashions and eat some wonderful desserts. This is also our main fund-raiser, so please be thinking about whom you might invite to attend with you. Tickets will be going on sale shortly.
- **A BIG THANK YOU** to the following members for their great job with the live Nativity scene on Christmas Eve: Anthony Malcolm, Ryan Barraclough, Alexis Rauschenberger, Destiny Simon, Briana Salazar and Kayla Meyer.
- **MY HOPE AMERICA:** This 30 minute program featuring Billy Graham that was broadcast nationally in November will be shown Sundays at 9:30 am in our church on January 12th, 19th, and 26th. Plan to be in attendance on one of those dates! You will be inspired by it.
- **FAVORITE HYMN MONTH:** For each Sunday in February we will sing your favorite hymns. Fill out the form in the bulletin and place it in the collection plate with your offering. The top 16 hymns will be sung in February. (only 1 ballot per person and please do NOT include Christmas or Easter hymns).
- **A NEW SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY:** Starting February 2nd, Pastor Kuehn will lead a Bible Study in the Sanctuary from 9:30 – 10:30 am. It is entitled “The Jesus Creed”. All are welcome to attend.
- **GROWING IN FAITH:** This brief weekly email will be coming to you starting Friday, January 17th and will feature things of interest happening at Faith Lutheran Church. Look for it.

- **THE ‘TO LIVE IS CHRIST’ CLASS** will resume on Sunday, January 12th in the conference room at 9:30 am. We will be working through chapter 6 “Travel Ties and Hard Goodbyes.” If anyone attending the Sunday class missed the introductory session last fall it will be presented to the new group on January 14th at 7 pm.
- **FAITH’S FAMILY FELLOWSHIP:** will be next Sunday from 8:45 am until 10:45 am. We’ll be meeting in Narthex II with lots of hot coffee, cool beverages and something to delight everyone's sweet tooth. Our thanks to the Ladies’ Guild for their sponsorship of this month’s event.
- **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:**
 - Members of the church that are celebrating birthdays this week are: Marilyn Eggert, Debbie Lackey, Briana Salazar, Kayla Barraclough, Kayla Meyer, Austin Carlton and Aiden Thompson.
 - Those celebrating anniversaries this week are: Joseph & Kathy Hoback.
- **MAILBOXES** have been moving left and right! LITERALLY. So, before you put something in someone’s mailbox, make sure you are putting it in the correct mailbox. People have been finding the strangest things in their mailboxes!!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Health/Unspoken: Gary Ahl, Robbie Baumgartner, Lucy Beilke, Ray & Barb Bovier, Mary Crane, *Andy Curran*, Marti Curran, *Pam DeSham*, *Blanche Fowler*, Bob Gould, Kathy Hane, *Linda Hogg*, Bev Kuhn, Eve Langner, *Lynch family*, Sandy Meyer, *Timothy Meyer*, Dory Nussbacher, Jimmy Orshal, Joyce Pankner, Virginia Pohlman, Connie Roach, Bob & Bea Schurkus, Tom Springer, Charles Steinbach, Jean Terkowski, Pastor & Mrs. Mike Thureau, Vern Torkelson, *Bob Trezzi*, Chris Van Ess, *Toni Weiss*, Sherryl Williams, Cole & Kayla Winchell and Marianne Zeltner, all Pastors, those serving our country, the future of America.

Military: Leo Ayala, Josh Butterworth, Justin Fivecoat, Tom Hartzell, Brandon Martin, Andrew Murphy, Richard Phernetton, Steve Roy, Jr., Andrew Springer, Vincent Sharkey, Andrew St. John, Alan Stackpoole, Todd Stanger, Tyler Wasson, all veterans, and all servicemen and women in VA hospitals.

Homebound: Irene Berlin, Richard Brown, Florine Catt, Marilyn Eggert, Fran Fuller, Betty Gauthier, Vera Grondahl, Bobbie Hain, Lina Hartstein, Pat Hartwell, Selta

Heintz, Baxter Holland, Maria Hulyk, James Ketner, Mona Krupicka, Mildred Jeffers, Curt Knudson, Marge LaVallee, Leora Laubaugh, Ron Long (Brooksville), Dottie Maslowski, Evelyn Miller, Kathleen Moore, Dave Noll, Pat Noll, John & Lucille Noveck, Carl Schoebel, Fran Smith, Hank & Jan Whitt.