

Worship to the Glory of God

Sunday, February 23, 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

website: faithnpr.org

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 23, 2014 – 8am & 11am

The Pre-service Music

The Chimes

The Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn

“Onward Christian Soldiers”

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The Invocation (please rise)

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: All of us have sinned and fallen short of God’s glory.

People: This is most certainly true.

Pastor: But God is really kind, and because of Jesus Christ, he freely accepts us and sets us free from our sins.

People: Here we stand; God help us! Amen.

Pastor: For freedom Christ has set us free.

People: This is most certainly true.

Pastor: Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

People: Here we stand; God help us! Amen.

Pastor: God sent Jesus Christ to be our sacrifice. Christ offered his life’s blood, so that by faith in him we could come to God.

People: This is most certainly true.

Pastor: For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

People: Here we stand; God help us! Amen.

Pastor: God gave Christ to die for our sins, and he raised him to life, so that we would be made acceptable to God.

People: This is most certainly true.

Pastor: And now, because of our Lord Jesus Christ, we live at peace with God.

People: Here we stand; God help us! Amen.

Pastor: You have been saved by faith in God’s kindness. This is not of your own doing; it is the gift of God.

People: This is most certainly true.

Pastor: This is the true grace of God; stand fast in it.

People: Here we stand; God help us! Amen.

The Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Kyrie (spoken)

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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) *“Built on the Rock”* **645 v 1,2**

1	Built on the Rock the Church shall stand Even when steeples are falling. Crumbled have spires in ev’ry land; Bells still are chiming and calling, Calling the young and old to rest, But above all the souls distressed, Longing for rest everlasting.	2	Surely in temples made with hands God, the Most High, is not dwelling High above earth His temple stands, All earthly temples excelling. Yet He who dwells in heav’n above Chooses to live with us in love Making our bodies His temple.
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The Prayer for the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you. (spoken)

Pastor: Let us pray... “O God, you have given us all things. We are stewards of your creation. We are witnesses of your love in Christ Jesus. We are sharers of your Word. Keep us always steadfast in faith, courageous in trust, and confident in your promises in Scripture, through 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

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

¹And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²“Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

⁹“When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. ¹⁰And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God. ¹¹“You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. ¹²You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD. ¹³“You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired servant shall not remain with you all night until the morning. ¹⁴You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD. ¹⁵“You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge

your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD. ¹⁷"You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God. (spoken)

The New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 3:10-23

¹⁰According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. ¹¹For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹²Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— ¹³each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. ¹⁴If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

¹⁶Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? ¹⁷If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

¹⁸Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. ¹⁹For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness," ²⁰and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile."

²¹So let no one boast in men. For all things are yours, ²²whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, ²³and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's.

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*

Come, Thou incarnate Word,
 Gird on Thy mighty sword;
 Our prayer attend.
 Come and Thy people bless,
 And give Thy Word success,
 And let Thy righteousness
 On us descend.

The Holy Gospel**Matthew 5:38-48**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.

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

³⁸[Jesus said:] "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' ³⁹But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. ⁴⁰And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. ⁴¹And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. ⁴²Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you. ⁴³"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. ⁴⁶For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

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 Sermon Hymn*"Crown Him with Many Crowns"***525****The Sermon****"David's Key to Success"****1 Samuel 18:14**

*Rev. Gilbert Kuehn,
 Vacancy Pastor*

✠ *Please rise for*

The Apostles' Creed (8:00 am)

(back of hymnal)

The Nicene 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**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

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Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

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

8:00 am service concludes on page 9

11:00 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 *“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”* **528 v 1,2,3**

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| 1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer’s praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace! | 2 My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad,
The honors of Thy name. |
| 3 Jesus! The name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
’Tis music in the sinner’s ears,
’Tis life and health and peace. | |

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”* **163**

**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.**

An appropriate personal prayer before receiving the Sacrament can be found on the page opposite the inside cover of the hymnal.

“White grape juice is available; as well as gluten-free wafers”

- ✘ 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 follow the ushers’ instructions.
- ✘ 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. If you prefer the common cup or chalice, please assist the serving pastor by guiding the cup to control the flow. Please return to your seat by the side aisle.

- ✠ Anyone having difficulty walking to the front of the church may sit in the front pew on the lectern side.
- ✠ Non-confirmed children will be received at the altar rail for a special blessing.

The Hymn sung during the Distribution "*The Lamb*" **547**

✠ *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 "*On Eagles' Wings*" **727**

The Post-service Music

Those Serving Today:

Presiding Minister: Rev. Gilbert Kuehn, Vacancy Pastor

	8 am service	11 am service
Assisting Elder		Jack Greenlee
Duty Elder	Larry Roach	Lamar Miller
Acolyte	Austin Logan	Kristen Hahn
Altar Care	Ginny Brown & Muriel Pearce	Edie Knudsen & Debbie Lackey
Lay Reader	Betty Holland	John Schaerffer
Audio Assistant	Keith Allard	Rose Wegner
Video Assistant	Tim & Yvonne Burkee	Barbara Hahn
Ushers:	Ivo & Jackie Christopher and Rich & Sandi Leenhouts	Lee Alexander, Jack Greenlee, Maria Malmgren and Ray LaVallee
Flower Angels	Lee & Darlene Alexander	Lee & Darlene Alexander
Fellowship Card Ministry	Tom & Donalee Ogorzelec	Tom & Donalee Ogorzelec
Altar flowers	Are given to the glory of God by Harry & Patricia VanEss in honor of their anniversary on February 26 th .	

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.*

Stewardship Sentence: “ The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in the World and all who live in it.” A Steward is a manager of someone else’s property. How well do **YOU** manage God’s property?

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

Monday, Feb. 24 th	9:00 am	Food Pantry
	7:00 pm	Board of Properties Meeting
Tuesday, Feb. 25 th	7:00 pm	"To Live is Christ" Bible Study – week 6
Wednesday, Feb. 26 th	9:00 am	Food Pantry
	6:30 pm	CIA (Youth) / GSH
Thursday, Feb. 27 th	10:00 am	Board of Personnel Meeting
	6:30 pm	Narcotics Anonymous / GSH
	7:00 pm	Worship & Praise Rehearsal
Friday, Feb. 28 th	9:00 am	Food Pantry
Saturday, March 1 st	3:00 pm	Worship & Praise Rehearsal
	5:00 pm	Worship & Praise w/Holy Communion
Sunday, March 2 nd	8:00 am	Worship w/Holy Communion
	9:30 am	SS / Youth / Adult Bible Studies
	11:00 am	Worship

Light the Way Campaign HAS REACHED ITS GOAL	\$6,520.00
Food Pantry Item of the Month	Jelly

A Measure of Our Devotion

February 15 & 16, 2014	
Worship Attendance 2014 (Saturday/8 am/11 am)	54/76/84
Worship Attendance 2013 (Saturday/8 am/11 am)	44/74/93
Sunday Communion 2014	73
Sunday Communion 2013	62
SS / Youth / Confirmation	18
Adult Sunday School and Mid-week Studies	21
Receipts for February 15 & 16, 2014	\$4,424.25

ANNOUNCEMENTS: are due to Carole by noon on Tuesday.

- **A COMMITTAL SERVICE** will be held today at 12:15 in our church for long-time member, Betty Gauthier. Her three daughters, Renee, Michelle, and Lycia will be present to receive your condolences.

- **ASH WEDNESDAY IS MARCH 5TH**. We will have two identical Ash Wednesday Communion Services in the church sanctuary at 10am and also 7:15pm. There also will be a Lenten Fellowship Dinner served in the CLC starting at 6:30pm. The imposition of ashes will be available for those who wish to participate.
- **MEET & GREET:** A special thank you to everyone that came to the Meet & Greet that we had for Pastor Weeks and his family. We had a wonderful day. The meeting with Council and the Call Team was very informational and confirmed that this pastor has the right mix and personality to lead Faith into the future. It was a very positive meeting where we spoke many times about the mission and vision of Faith. Pastor had also told us that he will provide a decision in a timely manner. We will continue to keep this process in our prayers, and Pastor shared that Zion (his current church) has also added Faith to their prayer list and we will do likewise. As soon as we hear something we promise to let you know.
- **IT'S OFFICIAL!** Thanks to a very generous donation from one of our members, we have reached the goal of \$6,520.00 for our Lighting Campaign. We want to thank everyone that supported this campaign.
- **BIBLE BUCKS NEEDS YOUR HELP:** The Sunday School has a wonderful program set up for the kids called BIBLE BUCKS! The children earn Bible Bucks by doing various things such as coming to Sunday School; reciting their Bible verses, the Lord's Prayer, the Creeds; or answering questions about the Bible. With the Bible Bucks earned, the children can purchase items for themselves, or gifts for Birthdays, Christmas, Valentine's Day, Easter, or other special occasions. Why do we need your help? The store is in need of money to purchase items for the children to buy. Any donation would be greatly appreciated. This is a wonderful program that the children love, let's keep it going! If you have any questions, or want to learn more about the Bible Bucks store, please contact Kathy Butler.
- **PRAYERS OF THE PASSION:** Consider the prayers of the Passion: prayers offered up, either by Christ or to him, as he made his fateful way to the cross...and beyond. Consider the prayers of the Passion, even these two thousand years later. For they speak to us...even today. Consider the prayers of the Passion: March 5th - "Let This Cup Pass"; March 12th - "Why Have You Forsaken Me?"; March 19th - "Father Forgive Them"; March 26th - "Jesus, Remember Me"; April 2nd - "Into Your Hands I Commend My Spirit"; April 9th - "Simon, I Have Prayed For You".
- **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:**

Members of the church that are celebrating birthdays this week are:

(26) Savannah Peyton; Irene Berlin and Pat Zimdahl (27) Cassy Perkins

(28) Colene Brock and Helen Friedrichs.

Members of the church that are celebrating anniversaries this week are: (26) Harry & Pat VanEss.