



# FAITH

LUTHERAN CHURCH

*New beginnings. New life.*



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Faith Lutheran Church builds up the body of Christ by making disciples, offering new beginnings and new life through the Gospel of Christ.

**Welcome to Faith:** *We are glad that you are here! Please take a few moments to fill out the attendance card in the pew, listing each person in your family on a separate line. If you are a new visitor to Faith, or if your information has changed, please include your contact information. We would also love to pray for you! If you have any prayer requests, please fill out the prayer card in the pew. Both cards may be placed in the offering plate or given to pastor after the worship service.*

**Communion:** *We believe that it is a great privilege to attend the Lord's Supper. We believe that in the Lord's Supper we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given for us Christians to eat and drink. In this Holy Supper we are given forgiveness of sins and assurance of God's love in Christ. Holy Communion also expresses our oneness in Biblical doctrine. Because this is true, we ask that only those who have the same understanding of the Lord's Supper partake of this Sacrament. Even if you are not partaking in this Sacrament, we invite you to come forward to receive a blessing. Please indicate your desire to receive a blessing by crossing your arms across your chest. Also, please note that grape juice is available in the center circle of the tray for those who cannot have wine. May God bless your worship with us here at Faith and may your faith in Christ be strengthened.*

**To the Parents of Young Children:** *Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" (Matthew 19:14). We know it can be exhausting as a parent, but you are doing an important thing by being here with your children, as the body of Christ is more fully present. You may think that your child's babbling and squirming is a distraction, but to be honest, it bothers you more than it does anybody else. In fact, the joyful noises of your child bring joy to the rest of the congregation. Your child is already learning about worship in addition to hearing the Word of God. If your child wants to doodle, paper and pencils are available at the welcome desk. If you feel the need to step out for a time with your child, feel free to hang out in the back or in the nursery (which also has a changing table). There are also people at Faith who would love to help you with your child; just talk to the pastor, and he will connect you with one of them. Above all, we are glad that you are here at Faith with your children!*

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**Birthdays:** Mon. 1/18 – Jaxson Clark, Wed. 1/20 – Mark Schweitzer & Steve Sparenberg  
**Anniversaries:** No anniversaries this week.

# Announcements

## When Morning Gilds the Skies

LSB 807 sts. 1–3, 5



1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, My heart, a - wak - ing, cries,  
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, This is my song of songs:  
3 No love-lier an - ti - phon In all high heav'n is known  
5 Sing, suns and stars of space, Sing, ye that see His face,



“May Je - sus Christ be praised!” When eve - ning shad - ows fall,  
“May Je - sus Christ be praised!” God’s ho - ly house of prayer  
Than “Je - sus Christ be praised!” There to the e - ter - nal Word  
Sing, “Je - sus Christ be praised!” God’s whole cre - a - tion o’er,



This rings my cur - few call: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”  
Hath none that can com - pare With “Je - sus Christ be praised!”  
The e - ter - nal psalm is heard: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”  
Both now and ev - er - more Shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

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*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## Invocation

*P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

*C Amen.*

## Exhortation

LSB 184

*P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.*

*P Our help is in the name of the Lord,*

**C who made heaven and earth.**

*P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,*

**C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**Confession of Sins**

*LSB 184*

*P O almighty God, merciful Father,*

**C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**Absolution**

*LSB 185*

*P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading**

*1 Samuel 3:1–20*

<sup>1</sup>The young man Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

<sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. <sup>3</sup>The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.

<sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down.

<sup>6</sup>And the LORD called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

<sup>8</sup>And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the young man. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup>And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant hears.” <sup>11</sup>Then the LORD said to Samuel, “Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel at which the two ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. <sup>12</sup>On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup>And I declare to him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. <sup>14</sup>Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli’s house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever.”

<sup>15</sup>Samuel lay until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. <sup>16</sup>But Eli called Samuel and said, “Samuel, my son.” And he said, “Here I am.”

<sup>17</sup>And Eli said, “What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.” <sup>18</sup>So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. And he said, “It is the LORD. Let him do what seems good to him.”

<sup>19</sup>And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. <sup>20</sup>And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the LORD.

A *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 6:12–20*

<sup>12</sup>“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be enslaved by anything. <sup>13</sup>“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup>And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. <sup>15</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup>Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” <sup>17</sup>But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup>Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. <sup>19</sup>Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, <sup>20</sup>for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

A *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**Holy Gospel**

*John 1:43–51*

*P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.*

**C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” <sup>47</sup>Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!” <sup>48</sup>Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” <sup>49</sup>Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.” <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

*P This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**Nicene Creed**

**C I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from  
heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;**

**and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day He rose again according to the  
Scriptures**

**and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

**And He will come again with glory to judge both the  
living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic  
Church,**

**I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.**

*Sit*

**Sermon**

## Take My Life and Let It Be

LSB 783



- 1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;  
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love;  
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al-ways, on - ly for my King;  
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.  
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.  
Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.  
Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it Thine,  
It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Thine own,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.

- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee.

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## Prayer of the Church

### Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

- C 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.**

### The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed,  
took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and*

*gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."*

*In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."*

## **Pax Domini**

*LSB 197*

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

**C Amen.**

## **Distribution**

## **Benediction**

*LSB 202*

*P The Lord bless you and keep you.*

*The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.*

*The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.*

**C Amen, amen, amen.**

## **Here I am Lord**

I, the Lord of sea and sky  
I have heard my people cry  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
My hand will save

I who made the stars of night  
I will make their darkness bright  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord?  
Is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night  
I will go Lord, if You lead me  
I will hold Your people in my heart

I, the Lord of snow and rain  
I have borne my people's pain  
I have wept for love of them  
They turn away

I will break their hearts of stone  
Give them hearts for love alone  
I will speak my word to them  
Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord?  
Is it I Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night  
I will go Lord, if You lead me  
I will hold Your people in my heart

I, the Lord of wind and flame  
I will tend the poor and lame  
I will set a feast for them  
My hand will save

Finest bread I will provide  
'Til their hearts be satisfied  
I will give my life to them  
Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord?  
Is it I Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night  
I will go Lord, if You lead me  
I will hold Your people in my heart  
Oh, I will hold Your people in my heart

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