



# **Faith Lutheran Church**

***Faithfully Growing, Welcoming,  
and Caring through Christ***

**Third Sunday after Epiphany  
January 22, 2017**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



# **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

**C:** **Amen.**

**P:** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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

Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent.**

**In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**P:** God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C: Amen.**

**~ OPENING HYMN ~**  
**“O Day Of Rest and Gladness”**

**O day of rest and gladness,  
O day of joy and light,  
O balm for care and sadness,  
most beautiful, most bright:  
on you the high and lowly,  
through ages joined in tune,  
sing, "Holy, holy, holy,"  
to the great God triune.**

**On you, at earth's creation,  
the light first had its birth;  
on you, for our salvation,  
Christ rose from depths of earth;  
on you, our Lord victorious  
the Spirit sent from heav'n;  
and thus on you, most glorious,  
a threefold light was giv'n.**

**Today on weary nations  
the heav'nly manna falls;  
to holy convocations  
the silver trumpet calls,  
where gospel light is glowing  
with pure and radiant beams  
and living water flowing  
with soul-refreshing streams.**

**New graces ever gaining  
from this our day of rest,  
we reach the rest remaining  
to spirits of the blest.**

**We sing to you our praises,  
O Father, Spirit, Son;  
the church its voice upraises  
to you, blest Three in One**

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** **And also with you.**

## INTRODUCTION

P: Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross - as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil.

Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God’s grace and mercy.

**C: Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray.

**ALL:** **Lord God, your loving kindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

# *Children's Church*

## **FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4**

A reading from Isaiah, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time the LORD brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

**R:** Word of God, Word of Life

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **PSALM 27:1, 4-9 – A Responsive Reading**

**R:** The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**C:** **One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**

R: For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up on a rock.

**C: Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me. Therefore, I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

R: Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

**C: My heart speaks your message - “Seek my face.” Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**

R: Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger. Cast me not away - you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

A reading from 1st Corinthians, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose.

For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided?

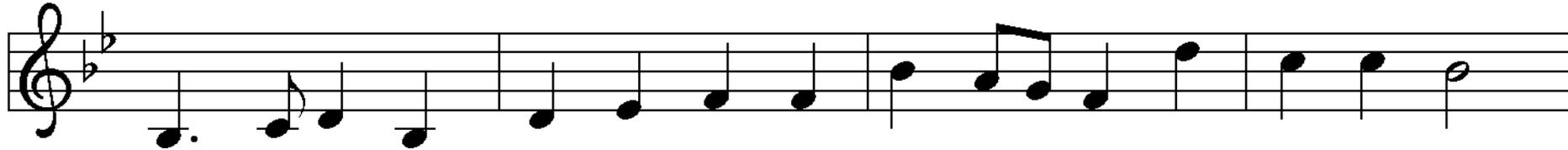
Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.)

For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

R: Word of God, Word of Life

**C: Thanks be to God!**

# **“ALLELUIA”**



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23**

**P:** The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles - the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.”  
From that time, Jesus began to proclaim,  
“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea - for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them.

Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

**P:** The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**~ SERMON ~**

**“FOLLOW ME”**

# **HYMN OF THE DAY**

***“You Have Come Down To The Lakeshore”***

**You have come down to the lakeshore  
seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,  
but only asking for me to follow.**

***Refrain***

***Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes;  
kindly smiling, you've called out my name.  
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;  
now with you, I will seek other seas.***

**You know full well what I have, Lord:  
neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,  
just these my fish nets and will for working.**

***Refrain***

***Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes;  
kindly smiling, you've called out my name.  
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;  
now with you, I will seek other seas.***

**You need my hands, my exhaustion,  
working love for the rest of the weary -  
a love that's willing to go on loving.**

***Refrain***

***Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes;  
kindly smiling, you've called out my name.  
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;  
now with you, I will seek other seas.***

**You who have fished other waters;  
you, the longing of souls that are yearning:  
O loving Friend, you have come to call me.**

***Refrain***

***Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes;  
kindly smiling, you've called out my name.  
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;  
now with you, I will seek other seas.***

# **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

**P:** Called to be a light to the nations, let us pray for God's justice, peace, and healing.  
(A brief silence.) Holy God, you call us to fish for people. Tear down divisions and unite the church universal in your mission. Make us of the same mind and purpose in service and worship to you. Hear us, O God.

**C:** **Your mercy is great.**

**P:** Nurturing God, you call us to care for creation. Breathe into us the joy and beauty of stewardship. Teach us to care for the small seed and the expansive sky. Hear us, O God.

**C:** **Your mercy is great.**

**P:** Compassionate God, you call us to care for the stranger in our midst. Sustain refugees from every country (*especially*) and empower organizations that provide food and shelter for them, especially Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service. Hear us, O God.

**C:** **Your mercy is great.**

**P:** Redeeming God, you break the oppressor's rod. Bring an end to tyranny and poverty. Wipe out fear. Uphold all your children who suffer in body, mind, or spirit (*especially*). Heal us with your presence. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**P:** Triune God, you call us into relationship with you. Raise up leaders in your church who risk looking foolish for the sake of the gospel. Hear us, O God.

**C:** **Your mercy is great.**

**P:** Ever-living God, you call us to rest in you. Keep us faithful on earth and bring us to life everlasting with the saints of every time and place.  
Hear us, O God.

**C:** **Your mercy is great.**

**P:** Receive these prayers in the name of Christ, the light of the world, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

# **SHARING THE PEACE**

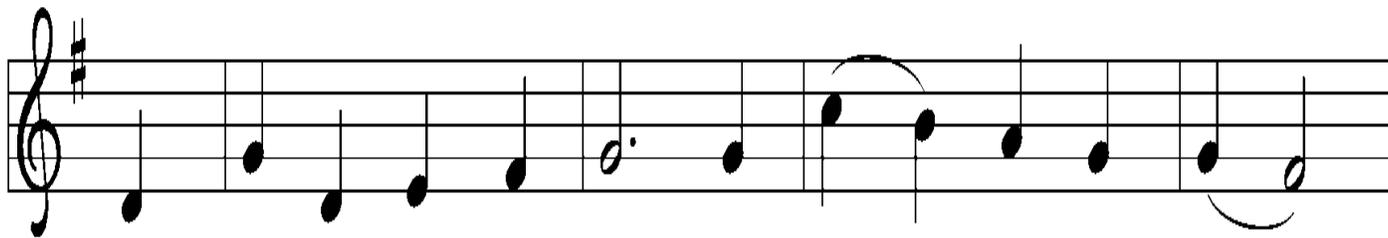
**P:** The Peace of Christ be with you.

**C.** **And also with you.**

**~ VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY ~**

**“Never Been A Moment”  
By Micah Tyler**

# OFFERTORY RESPONSE



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.

## OFFERING PRAYER

**P:** Let us pray. Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**C: Amen.**

# DIALOGUE

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 and praise to the  
Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

# **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **THE 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**

# **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**P:** O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now – today, tomorrow, every day – that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever.

**C: Amen**

## **BLESSING**

**P:** Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

# **CLOSING HYMN**

**“Choral Benediction”**

**May the light of God shine on us today.  
May the light of God shine on us today.  
May it show us where to travel,  
lead us back if we should stray.  
May the light of God shine on us today.**

**May the love of God live in us today.**

**May the love of God live in us today.**

**May the warmth we feel within us,  
show in all we do and say.**

**May the love of God live in us today.**

**May the peace of God be with us today.  
May the peace of God be with us today.  
May it guide us and protect us,  
as we go our separate ways.  
May the peace of God be with us today.**

## **DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**









A photograph of a dirt path winding through a forest. The sun is low in the sky, creating a warm, golden glow and long, dark shadows cast by the trees onto the path. The trees are tall and thin, with some green foliage visible in the distance. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and serene.

**How Great Thou Art**

**Carrie Underwood**

A scenic landscape featuring a large, calm lake in the foreground, reflecting the surrounding environment. The lake is bordered by lush green grass and a dense forest of evergreen trees. In the background, majestic mountains rise, their peaks and slopes illuminated by a warm, golden light, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds in shades of purple, pink, and blue. The overall atmosphere is serene and awe-inspiring.

*O Lord, my God*

*When I in awesome wonder*

*Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made*



*I see the stars*





*I hear the rolling thunder*



*Thy power throughout the  
universe displayed*



*Then sings my soul*

*My Savior God, to Thee*



*How great Thou art*

*How great Thou art*



A person is silhouetted against a bright sunset sky, with their arms raised in a gesture of prayer or praise. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a lens flare effect. The sky is filled with scattered white clouds. In the background, a range of mountains is visible under the twilight sky. The foreground shows the dark silhouette of the person and some rocks.

*Then sings my soul*

*My Savior God, to Thee*



*How great Thou art*

*How great Thou art*









JESUS











The image features a dramatic, multi-colored explosion of light and particles in a dark space, transitioning from purple and blue at the top to bright yellow and orange at the bottom. In the foreground, a diverse group of people is shown from behind, with their arms raised in celebration. The background shows a landscape with mountains and trees under a bright, glowing sky.

*When Christ shall come with shouts of  
acclamation*

*And take me  
home*

*What joy shall fill my  
heart*



*Then I shall bow in humble adoration*





*And then proclaim, "My God,  
how great Thou art!"*

*Then sings my soul*

*My Savior God, to Thee*



A scenic landscape at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow over the scene. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds. In the foreground, there is a lush green vineyard with rows of grapevines. A wooden fence runs across the middle ground, separating the vineyard from a grassy hillside. Several large, mature trees are scattered across the landscape, including a prominent one on the left. The background shows rolling hills and mountains under a hazy, golden sky.

*How great Thou art*



*How great Thou art*

*Then sings my  
soul*

*My Savior God,  
to Thee*





*How great Thou art*



*How great Thou art*

A photograph taken from the interior of a cave, looking out through a large opening. On the right side, a waterfall cascades down a rocky ledge. The foreground and middle ground are filled with lush green trees and dense foliage. The left side of the image shows the layered, brownish rock walls of the cave. The overall scene is a beautiful natural landscape.

*How great thou art*

An aerial photograph of a riverbank covered in dense forest. The trees display a mix of green, yellow, orange, and red, indicating autumn. A wooden deck or viewing platform is visible on a slight rise in the upper left. The river flows through the lower left, with white rapids. The foreground shows a rocky outcrop with some moss and a few trees.

*How great thou art*

