

Second Sunday After Epiphany

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Faith Lutheran Church

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Vision Statement:

***“Faith Lutheran Church: a Christ-centered, welcoming,
faith community.”***

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
our creator,
our protector,
our wellspring of life.

Amen.

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most Merciful God,
you speak blessing and compassion into the world.
Forgive us for the ways we act
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.
We ignore the needs of our neighbors;
we resist your call to oppose injustice;
we give in to scarcity and fear;
we assume the worst about one another.
Cleanse us from our faults
and release us from their grasp.
Show us your loving kindness.
Restore our hearts and repair your world,
that we may live in Christ's ways.
Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name. You are mine.”

In † Christ, you are forgiven.

In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy,

live anew as beloved children of God.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN:

Red Book #641 (verses 1-4)

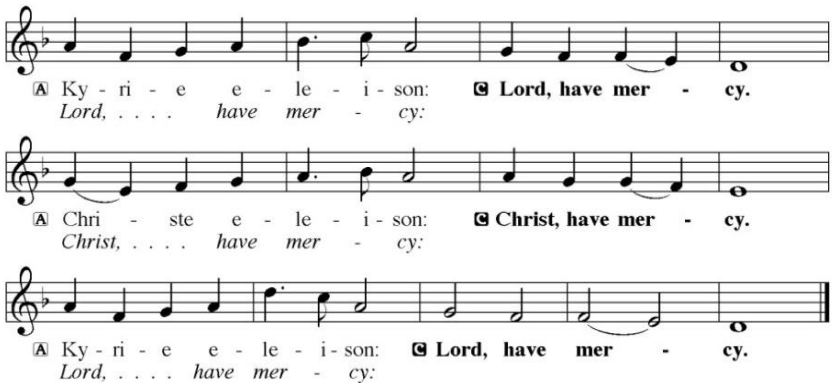
“All Are Welcome”

GREETING

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.

KYRIE



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Ⓞ Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

Ⓐ Chri - ste e - le - i - son: Ⓞ Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:

Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Ⓞ Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

HYMN OF PRAISE

Red Book #413 (verses 3-4) “*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*”

OPENING PRAYER

Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

INTRODUCTION OF THE DAY –

The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of God’s glory to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan’s banks at Jesus’ baptism—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God’s people as those being married rejoice over one another. By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 62:1-5

OT pg. 692

L- The Word of the Lord.

C- Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Psalm 36:5-10

⁵ Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens,
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

⁶ **Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep;
you save humankind and animals, O Lord.**

⁷ How priceless is your love, O God!
All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

⁸ **They feast upon the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

⁹ For with you is the well of life,
and in your light we see light.

¹⁰ **Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you,
and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

NT pg. 174

L- The Word of the Lord.

C- **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - *Please stand as you are able.*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P – The Holy Gospel according to John, the 2nd chapter...

C– **Glory to you, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL: John 2:1-11

NT pg. 93

P – The Gospel of the Lord.

C– **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

YOUTH DISMISSAL – *Sunday school students are now dismissed*
SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Please stand as you are able*

Blue Book #748 (all verses) “*Bind Us Together*”

APOSTLES’ CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith with the 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 - *If needed, you may be seated.*

L – God of grace,

C- Hear our prayer.

L - ... in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

C- Amen.

MEAL

GREETING OF PEACE

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

C- And also with you.

*Please share a greeting of peace with those we are with.
You may be seated.*

OFFERTORY: *Musical Offering*

DOXOLOGY – *Please stand as you are able*

Red Book #884 *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray:

**God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.**

**Bless what we offer to your service:
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.**

**Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,
now and always.**

Amen.

THE 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.

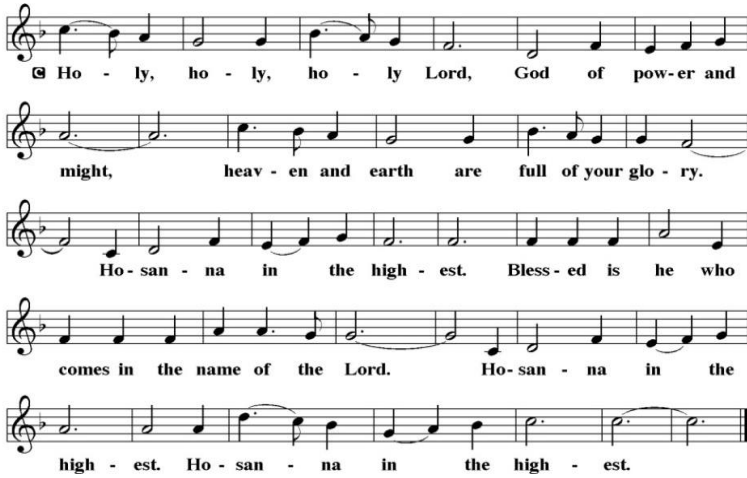
P- Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C- It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... through whom you will also make all things new.

SANCTUS



☩ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P- Holy One, the beginning and the end...

...for the remembrance of me. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C- Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P- With this bread and cup...We look with hope for his coming.

C- Come, Lord Jesus.

P- Holy God, we long for your Spirit...Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C- Come, Holy Spirit.

P- All praise and glory are yours...one God, now and forever.

C- Amen.

OUR 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.**

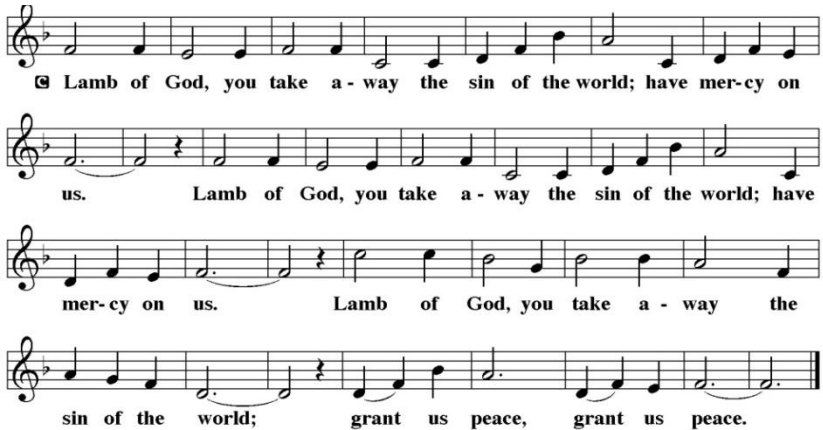
**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and
ever.**

Amen.

Behold the Lamb of God That Takes Away the Sin of the World

AGNUS DEI



☞ 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION- *Please be seated.*

COMMUNION HYMN:

Red Book #798 (verses 1-4)

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

BLESSING – *Please stand as you are able.*

P- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C- Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray:

Nourishing God,

**at this table you have refreshed us
with holy gifts of food and drink.**

Strengthen us for service,

**and send us out to embody your good news
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.**

In the name of Christ we pray,

Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

The Spirit of the triune God

✠ bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN:

Red Book #576 (all verses) “*We All Are One in Mission*”

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



*Special welcome to any visitors among us.
Please stay afterwards for some Fellowship, Coffee & Tea*

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FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

❖ *Silence should be observed as you enter the Sanctuary.* ❖

Our live stream begins at the start of the Prelude (10:20AM), and conversations held in the sanctuary can be heard by all who are viewing. To respect those who are viewing/meditating, we encourage you to hold conversations/greet others in the lobby.

Thank you for understanding.

ATTENTION

Pastor Rita is available by phone for any pastoral needs you may have. She can be reached at 1-312-478-6212. [She'd like to be called "Pastor Rita"](#).

SERVING TODAY *January 19th*

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Presiding Minister Rev. Rita Chirala
Crucifer
Lector Cynthia Oja
Communion Assistant Keith Nortch

Organist Dave Erfourth
Music Director RuthAnn Brindley
Usher Ben Deatrck
Ken Lake

Altar Workers Martha Cowan
Joy Lake

Activities & Meetings- January 19th - January 25th

SUNDAY	10:30am	Worship Coffee Hour Girl Scouts
	2:00pm	Quilting
MONDAY	1:00pm	Yoga
TUESDAY	9:00am	
WEDNESDAY		
THURSDAY	9:00am	Yoga
	4:45pm	4H for Kids
FRIDAY		
SATURDAY		

Stewardship...Resources...Blessings and Gifts

Monthly Giving Level required to meet 2024 budget \$ 11,880.00

Gifts: month of December 2024 : General Giving \$ 13,026.00

**Thank YOU for continuing to support the mission and ministry at Faith Lutheran!
Contributions may be mailed to the church at: 1600 Park Street, SSM, MI, 49783.**

❖ **Today we raise up our friend, Linda Doran** — Our homebound and nursing home members are often so isolated that your phone call, visit, even a card can mean the difference between lonely existence and continued life in our faith community. What can you do? Please reach out to those who have been such a vital part of our congregation.

❖ **Annual Congregational Report** – If any committee chairperson has not yet submitted their annual reports, please do so as soon as possible. Please email them to critawilliam@gmail.com / faithlutheranchurchssm@gmail.com. For questions or concerns contact Pastor Rita at email listed.

❖ **Annual Congregational Meeting** – The annual congregational meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 9th** after worship service.

❖ **Our website has been updated with new content and pictures.** We encourage all members to check our website regularly for updates, announcements, and important information. We are also in the process of adding new photos to our website regularly. If you have any photos or stories to share, please email it to Pastor Rita.

❖ **Flower Arrangement** - If you would like to have special flowers on the altar in honor of a birthday, memory, or anniversary, please contact **Lily Randall at (734)-546-7037** to make arrangements. The church council has voted to raise the flower donations from \$20 to \$30.

Epiphany Chalk House Blessing

20 + C + M + B + 25

Showing the number of the New Year and the first letters of the traditional names of the wise men; **Caspar, Melchoir, and Balthasar.** The “+” represents the cross.

An Epiphany blessing for your Home

Blessed are you, Lord God, of all creation
By the guidance of a star you led the Magi to Jesus.
May all who come to our home this year
Rejoice to find Christ living among us. Amen

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~PRAYER LIST~

If there is someone you wish to have added to the prayer list, please leave a note in the office. Thank you. We are praying for:

Beverly Tankersly, Pastor Matthew Lamb, Connie Mattson, Robert Mastey, Linda Doran, Bill Markstrom, Pastor George Kaiser, Dixie Picotte, Jack Armstrong, Louise Armstrong, Catherine Wilson, Francis Kinnunen, Courtney Schramm, Marty Laaksonen, Everlyn Emerick, Tom Kelly, Brian Marken, Angela Cole, Ann Arthur, Kemp Whitaker, Dennis Brindley, Fredrick Wright, Lori Strickland, Carline Desilets, family and friends of Dawn Aldrich and Aili Allen, and family of Jim Honkanen

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**The nursery is not available at this time –
Changing tables are in each rest room.**

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**Hearing assist devices are available.
Please ask an usher.**

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CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL:

CATHY TIBBETT, DENNIS BRINDLEY, KATHY FLICKINGER, SANDY LAWSON,
KEN RANDALL, BEN DEATRICK, CYNTHIA WRIGHT, AND DIXIE PICOTTE.

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CHURCH STAFF:

OFFICE SECRETARY – LAKEISHA RICHARDS (PART-TIME)
CUSTODIAN – NESBURN RICHARDS (PART-TIME)