

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church
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“As loving servants of God, fed by Word and Sacrament, we will reach out, welcome, and provide a safe haven for all.”



Guest Network: Faith Guest
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Worship Services

9:00 am View on Facebook @faithlutheranerie or on our website
www.faithlutheranerie.com

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

If you are joining us from home, I invite you to light a candle and set out a bowl of water in remembrance of your own baptism.

Thanksgiving for Baptism:

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen..**

We give thanks for these persons who were baptized at Faith in the last year:

***Tess Catherine Blank
Kai and Kasen Jackula
Hannah Hardner Bradley
Colton Randall Brunner
Samuel Clarence Nebel***

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in *Tess, Kai, Kasen, Hannah, Colton, Samuel*, and all your people the gift of your Holy Spirit; the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

You may dip your fingers in water and make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism. If you are worshiping at home with others, you may mark the sign of the cross on each other's foreheads.

Hymn: "Wash, O God, our Sons and Daughters"

Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleansing waters flow.

*Number them among your people; bless as Christ blessed long ago.
Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light.*

Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.

*We, who bring them long for nurture; by your milk may we be fed.
Let us join your feast, partaking cup of blessing, living bread.
God renew us, guide our footsteps; free from sin and all its snares,
one with Christ in living, dying, by your Spirit, children, heirs.*

*Oh, how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways!
To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise!
We your people stand before you, water-washed and Spirit-born.
By your grace, our lives we offer. Re-create us; God, transform!*

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-5

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: "All on earth and all in heaven", hymn setting of Ps. 29:

(to tune of "Through the night of doubt and sorrow")

All on earth and all in heaven, raise to God a song on high;
Strength unmeasured, love unbounded, God alone we glorify.
At God's voice the clouds assemble, thunder roars and torrents fall;
Earth shall quake before God's presence,
mountains tremble at God's call.
Trees shall bow in awe and wonder,
bend their branches to the ground;
From God's lips one word in anger wreaks destruction all around.
But the Word which sets in motion such travails can make them cease;
That same voice which tumult beckons
In a gentler breath speaks peace.

Second Reading: Acts 19:1-7

¹While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ³Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." ⁴Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—⁷altogether there were about twelve of them. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: "Celtic Alleluia", ELW 174

The holy gospel according to St. Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Mark 1:4-11

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. *Cont.*

⁷He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Homily

Hymn: “I was there to hear your borning cry”

“I was there to hear your borning cry, I’ll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.”

“When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;

you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,

I’ll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.”

“In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,

I’ll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I’ve begun.

When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,

I’ll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.”

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Prayers of the Church:

Almighty and ever-living God, ruler of all things in heaven and on earth, hear our prayers for this congregation and for all your people. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life,

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and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy church, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

By your word, O God, your creation sprang forth, and we were given the breath of life. By your word, eternal God, death is overcome, Christ is raised from the tomb, and we are given a new life in the power of your Spirit. May we boldly proclaim this good news, by the words of our mouths and the deeds of our lives, rejoicing always in your powerful presence; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. **Amen.**

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work or watch or weep, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, comfort the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Benediction (*a prayer of St. Patrick of Ireland*):

May the strength of God pilot us. May the power of God preserve us.
May the wisdom of God instruct us. May the hand of God protect us.
May the way of God direct us. May the shield of God defend us.
May the host of God guard us against the snares of evil
and the temptations of the world.
May Christ be with us, Christ before us, Christ in us, Christ over us.
May your salvation, O Lord, be always ours this day and forevermore. **Amen.**

Hymn: "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

*Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;
manifest by the star to the sages from afar,
branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem;
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.*

*Manifest at Jordan's stream, prophet, priest, and king supreme;
and at Cana wedding guest in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in pow'r divine, changing water into wine;
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.*

*Manifest in making whole weakened body, fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight, quelling all the devil's might;
manifest in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill:
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.*

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*Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, present in thy holy word;
grace to imitate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;
that we might become like thee at thy great epiphany,
and may praise thee, ever blest, God in flesh made manifest.*

Dismissal:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

This Week at Faith:	5:30 Education
	6:00 pm Endowment
Sunday, January 10	7:30 pm Finance
Baptism of Our Lord	7:30 pm Al-Anon
Worship available on Facebook or our website beginning 9:00 am	Wednesday, January 13
	6:00 pm Daisys
Monday, January 11	Thursday, January 14
9:00 am Staff Meeting	Friday, January 15
11:00 am Bible Study @ Faith	*Office Closed*
Tuesday, January 12	Saturday, January 16
4:00 pm Online Confirmation Class	

Eternal Light:

Given by Paul & Becky Anderson
dedicated to the Glory of God and with
prayers for a blessed New Year for our
Faith Lutheran Church family

Altar Flowers

Prayer Requests:

A few notes...

Please pick up your 2021 offering envelopes, now available in the narthex. If you could pick up and deliver to family members and neighbors, that would be very helpful!

Communion-to-Go during the Pandemic: We now have a Communion-to-Go station in the narthex. You are welcome to stop by during church office hours (9-1 M-Th) to pick up pre-consecrated “Celebration Cups” and a brief liturgy for receiving communion, whether for yourself, a family member, friend, or neighbor who desires the sacrament. If you would like to have the pre-consecrated elements delivered to you, or if you would like to schedule a communion visit, please call the church office at 899-9653 or Pastor Jean at 717-440-3515.

Lenten Daily Devotionals for 2021 are available in the narthex!

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