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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.”

Epiphany



Guest Network: Faith Guest
Password: Guest1 Faith

Worship Services

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

Prelude

Welcome and announcements

Confession and Forgiveness:

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God, you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin— our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.

How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace. **Amen.**

Hymn: "This little light of mine"

***This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine (3x);
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.***

***Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine (3x);
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.***

***Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine (3x);
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.***

Prayer of the Day

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the 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. ⁴Then the LORD called, “Samuel! Samuel!” and he said, “Here I am!” ⁵and 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. ⁶The LORD called again, “Samuel!” Samuel got up 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.” ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.” [¹¹Then the LORD said to Samuel, “See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. ¹²On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³For I have told 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. ¹⁴Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli’s house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever.”

¹⁵Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, “Samuel, my son.” He said, “Here I am.” ¹⁷Eli 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.” ¹⁸So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, “It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him.”

¹⁹As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.]

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

Psalmody: *a hymn setting of Psalm 139 (text by Martin Leckebusch):*

*My Lord, you have examined me, you know me through and through;
you see my deeds, perceive my thoughts, my speech, my motives too.
You wrap me round on every side; on me you place your hand:
such knowledge is too wonderful for me to understand.*

*The presence of your Spirit will be with me to the last;
wherever I decide to go, your love will hold me fast.
If I should try to run from you I know without a doubt
no darkness could conceal my path—your light would shine me out.*

*You made me in my mother's womb, so intricate your ways,
and even then, before my birth, you numbered all my days.
Before I sleep and as I wake I know that you are there:
how could I ever sound the depths of your unfailing care.*

*And yet I find my soul perturbed by bitterness and grief,
for many choose to treat your word with scornful unbelief—
so search me, Lord and cleanse my heart from all that you abhor,
then teach me how to walk with you today and evermore.*

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

¹²“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” ¹⁷But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: “Celtic Alleluia”, ELW 174

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

Gospel: John 1:43-51

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” ⁵⁰Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” ⁵¹And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

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

Homily

Hymn: “Here I am, Lord”, ELW 574

*“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?”*

*(Refrain): 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?” (Refrain)*

*“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 till their hearts are satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?” (Refrain)*

Prayers of the Church:

Gracious God, through the power of your Spirit, give us diligence to seek you, wisdom to perceive you, and patience to wait for you. Grant us minds to meditate on you; eyes to behold you; ears to listen for your word; hearts to love you; and lives to proclaim you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of life, unite your church into one great company of disciples, together following Jesus and witnessing to your love wherever you will send us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, bless public servants, that they may do their work in a spirit of wisdom, charity, and justice. Help them to use their authority to promote the common good, seek peace, and care for the least among us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we call to mind before you all whom it is easy to forget: those who are homeless, destitute, imprisoned, sick, bereaved, isolated, and all who have no one to care for them. Let us bring help and healing to those who are broken in body or spirit, that they may have comfort in sorrow, company in loneliness, and a place of safety and warmth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord's Prayer

Hymn: "In Christ called to baptize", ELW 575
In Christ called to baptize, we witness to grace
and gather a people from each land and race.
In deep flowing waters, we share in Christ's death,
then rising to new life, give thanks with each breath.

In Christ called to banquet, one table we share,
a haven of welcome, a circle of care.
Although we are many, we share in one bread.
One cup of thanksgiving proclaims Christ, our head.

In Christ called to witness, by grace we will preach
the life-giving gospel; God's love we will teach.
By grace may our living give proof to our praise
in costly compassion reflecting Christ's ways.

Unite us, anoint us, O Spirit of love,
for you are within us, around us, above.
Equip us for service with gifts you bestow.
In Christ is our calling. In Christ we may grow.

Benediction:

Light and peace are yours through Jesus Christ.
May your light so shine before others, that they see your works
and glorify your Father in heaven. **Amen.**

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and
forever. **Amen.**

Postlude

This Week at Faith:

Sunday, January 17

Worship available on
Facebook or our website
beginning 9:00 am

Monday, January 18

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

No Preschool

11:00 am Staff Meeting
11:00 am Bible Study @
Faith

Tuesday, January 19

4:00 pm Online Confirmation
Class
7:00 pm Council
7:30 pm Al-Anon

Wednesday, January 20

6:00 pm Brownies/Juniors

Thursday, January 21

Friday, January 22

Office Closed

Saturday, January 23

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...

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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