



*The Word became flesh
and lived among us*

JOHN 1:14

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FAITHFUL LUTHERANS SENT BY CHRIST TO SERVE GOD'S CHILDREN

Gathering Song - "Joy to the World"

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Dialogue; responsive

Jesus, the bright Morning Star, shines light in the world

By day and night he shines for all to see.

Jesus was born in the midst of injustice and poverty

That the world may see the justice and richness of God.

God so loved the world that god sent Jesus

So that all who believe in him may not perish but have life eternal.

Jesus is the light of the world

Jesus is the light of our lives.

Sing to God a new song!

A song of hope, joy and peace around the world.

Opening Prayer

First Reading

Genesis 1:1-5, 14-18

Hymn- "I Wonder as I Wander"

Insert

Second Reading

Micah 5:2-5a

Hymn- "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

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Third Reading

Luke 2:8-20

Hymn- "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

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Fourth Reading

Matthew 2:1-11

Hymn- "Away in a Manger"

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Fifth Reading

Luke 2:8-20

Hymn- "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

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Sixth Reading

Matthew 2:1-11

Hymn- "What Child is This"

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Seventh Reading

John 1:1-14

Hymn- "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

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Responsive Prayer

It is you, loving God, who lights our path with truth

Your Word, Jesus is truth.

In his light, draw all to the manger

To gather in wonder with the shepherds.

In his light, draw all to the manger

To sing for joy with angels.

It is you, loving God, who meets us on our way

In the light of Jesus, show the world the way of life. Amen

Offering

Communion

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Lord's Prayer

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Blessing

Insert

Sending Song "Good Christian Friends Rejoice"

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WELCOME!

All are welcome at Faith Lutheran Church today as we continue our journey of faith. Join with us as we offer our praises to God. We offer Holy Communion each Sunday. All baptized persons who believe that Christ is truly present in this meal are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper. There is a nursery available for those who need it. There is a red Fellowship Pad at the end of each pew, please pass it down the pew so everyone can sign for the day, this helps us know visitors and have vital information for the parish report.

Flowers today were given to the glory of God.

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Betty McLaughlin

Billie Williams

Dorothy Clerici

Our Service Men & women and all those in need of our thoughts and prayers in our Faith Family and beyond.

Events & Activities This Week Around Faith:

Today, Jan.3 10:30 am Worship Service	Wed., Jan. 6 7:00 pm Confirmation
Coffee Fellowship	Thurs., Jan 7 9:00 am WCS
Youth meeting/games	Sun., Jan. 10 9:15 am SCS
Mon., Jan.4 10:00 am Faithful Quilters	10:30 am Worship Service
Tues., Jan 5 9:00 am WCS	After; Coffee Fellowship

Announcements

ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING: Our annual meeting will be January 24 following the worship service. Please have all committee reports to Patti by January 10.

COUNCIL NOMINATIONS: The Council is currently accepting nominations for new council members. There is a nomination box in the Narthex.

DID YOU KNOW: Our website has three versions of the Bible available; the king James and the American Standard and an AUDIO version. Each can be done loaded and the audio can be downloaded and played on your favorite portable device such as an IPOD. The weekly bulletins are published on the website and the Theme of the church season is also changed according to the calendar. This is the 4th Sunday of Advent & the theme is light 4 candles. Remember, an audio sermon is published weekly, please view our website when you have time at www.flcjeff.org

LAST WEEK AT FAITH

Offerings:

Current \$ 3576.11

Other 135.00

Total \$ 6019.00

Attendance:

Worship 160*

Nursery 1

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*includes Christmas Eve

We need at least \$3625.00 in **current** each week to continue the missions of our church. How did we do last week?

Thanks to all who worship, work, give, and pray at Faith in thanks to God for His many blessings.

SERVING THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Pastor... Scott Meier	Acolyte.. Jake Zimmerman
Assistant... Lyle Gernand	Crucifer.. Samantha McCoy
Organist... Barb Brewster	Greeters.. McCoy
Fin. Asst... Tom Hayes	Social.. McCoy
NurseryLisa Peter	
Altar Guild.. Barb Brewster & Marsha Emily	

Ushers.... E. Peter, P. Smith, B. & C. Holman

Next week: Assistant-P. Smith, Acolyte-M. Muman
Crucifer- Lorissa -Social-C. Jancosek Greeters J. Jancosek

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-14

[not printed]

or Sirach 24:1-12 [not printed]**Psalm 147:12-20***or Wisdom 10:15-21***SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

GOSPEL: John 1: [1-9] 10-18

[In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.]

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.