



**The Sunday of The Epiphany
January 6, 2013**

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FAITHFUL LUTHERANS SENT BY CHRIST TO SERVE GOD'S CHILDREN

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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. There is a nursery available for those who need it.

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The flowers today are given to the glory of God

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Events/Activities This Week around Faith:

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| Today | 9:15am | S.S. | Wed. 1/9 | 7:00pm | Confirmation |
| | 10:30am | Worship | Thu. 1/10 | 9:15am | WCS |
| Mon. 1/7 | 10:00am | Quilters | | 1:00pm | Bible Study |
| Tue. 1/8 | 9:15am | WCS | Sun. 1/13 | 9:15am | S.S. |
| | 1:00pm | Staff Mtg. | | 10:30am | Worship |
| | | | | 11:30am | Meet and Eat |

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Announcements

Meet and Eat is scheduled for next Sunday after worship. Bring a dish to share and plan to join your favorite team to discuss Annual Reports and plans for the next month

A special project that the Congregational Council has been developing is the sponsoring of a seminarian. Although we are not in a financial position to help with tuition, we can help by giving the family gift cards and establishing a transportation fund. We have received the name of Benjamin Sloss. Ben attends Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, OH. He is the son of Pastor Mark Sloss who served for a time in Kokomo, IN. Ben's address is as follows.

**Benjamin Sloss and Family
2192 E. Main Street. Apt. D
Columbus, OH 43209**

If you would like to send Ben and his family a card this Christmas or a gift card, be sure to let him know that you are praying for him and his preparation for ministry. Any gift will be appreciated.

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, the Maker of heaven and earth, the Word made flesh, the Lord and giver of life.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of glory, God of peace,
**we confess that we have shunned the light
that reveals the truth about us.**

**We cling to worldly things
rather than sharing the gifts of this earth.**

We trust ourselves above all.

**Save your people, O God;
sustain the rivers and trees that sing your praise;
and free us to live boldly
in the light and truth of Jesus, our Savior.**

Amen.

The grace of God shines upon us,
bringing salvation to the whole world.

We are saved, our sins are washed away,
not because of anything we have done,
but according to God's mercy in + Jesus Christ.

Renewed by the Holy Spirit, let us live in hope and joy.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG: *Brightest and Best of the Stars* (ELW 303)

1 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
 2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;
 3 What shall we give him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion?
 4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,
 5 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,

dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.
 low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
 Shall we bring in - cense and of - f'ring di - vine,
 vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure;
 dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.

Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,
 an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
 gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,
 rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion,
 Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,

guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.
 mak - er and mon - arch and sav - ior of all.
 myrrh from the for - est or gold from the mine?
 dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.
 guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.

GREETING

Today Christ is born: Alleluia, alleluia! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

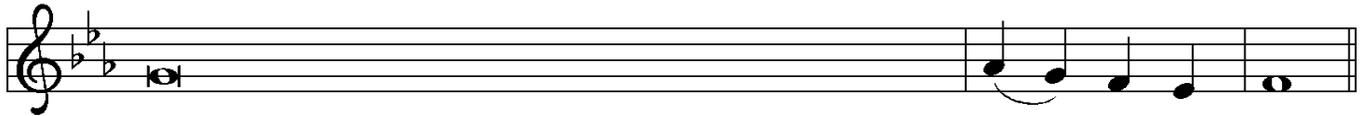
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



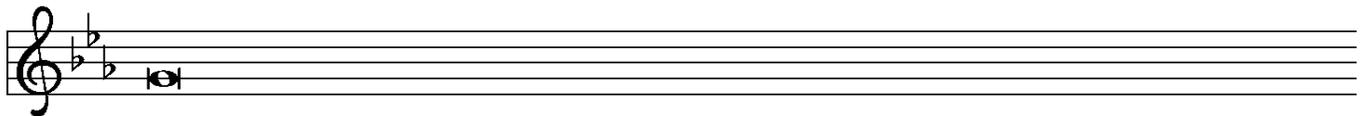
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



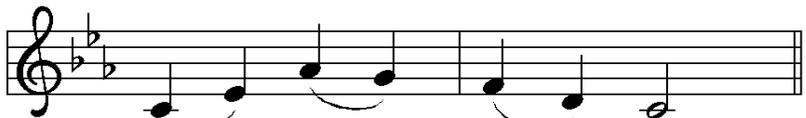
Lord, have mer - cy.



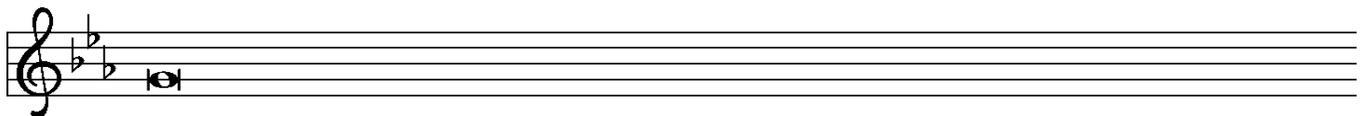
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.....O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1–6

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

²For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

³Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

⁵Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.\

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 72:1–7, 10–14

The Psalm for the day is sung.

¹Give the king your jus-¹tice, O God,

- and your righteousness to ¹ the king's son;
**²that he may rule your ¹ people righteously
and the ¹ poor with justice;**
³that the mountains may bring prosperity ¹ to the people,
and the ¹ hills, in righteousness.
**⁴Let him defend the needy a- ¹ mong the people,
rescue the poor, and crush ¹ the oppressor.**
⁵May he live as long as the sun and ¹ moon endure,
from one generation ¹ to another.
**⁶Let him come down like rain upon ¹ the mown field,
like showers that wa- ¹ ter the earth.**
⁷In his time may the ¹ righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace
till the moon shall ¹ be no more.
**¹⁰May the kings of Tarshish and of the ¹ isles pay tribute,
and the kings of Sheba and Seba ¹ offer gifts.**
¹¹May all kings bow ¹ down before him,
and all the nations ¹ do him service.
**¹²For the king delivers the poor who cry out ¹ in distress,
the oppressed, and those who ¹ have no helper.**
¹³He has compassion on the low- ¹ ly and poor,
and preserves the lives ¹ of the needy.
**¹⁴From oppression and violence he re- ¹ deems their lives,
and precious is their blood ¹ in his sight.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:1–12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's

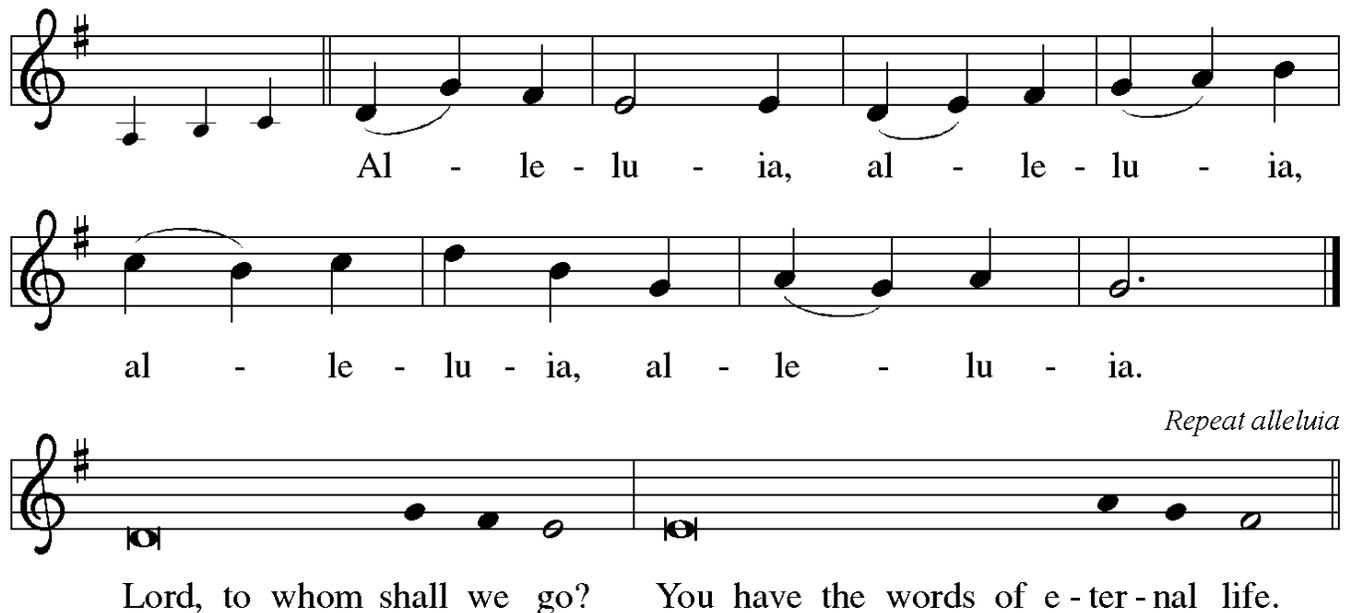
grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



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

GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1–12

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the

prophet:

⁶And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.

¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.

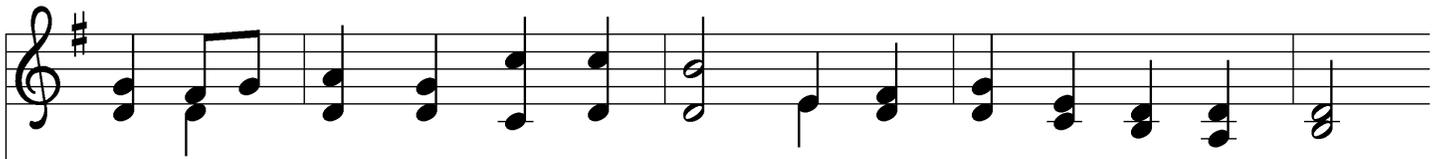
¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

The assembly is seated.

SERMON *Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

HYMN OF THE DAY: *As with Gladness Men of Old* (ELW 302)



1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to thy low - ly bed,
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy cra - dle, rude and bare,
4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day keep us in the nar - row way;
5 In the heav'n - ly coun - try bright need they no cre - a - ted light;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;
there to bend the knee be - fore thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore;
so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
and when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;



so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led by thee.
so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.
all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n - ly king.
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.
there for - ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our king.



CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the church, the earth, and all those in need, in the name of Jesus Christ, who was born in a manger, died on a cross, and rose from the grave.

A brief silence.

God our true light, we pray for the great company of the baptized. Lift up our eyes so that we see the brightness of your rising. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our shepherd, we pray for the earth; for rain in areas affected by drought; for sun in flooded lands; and for peace in places suffering from natural disasters. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our guide, we pray for all nations and their rulers; for merchants and schoolteachers; for victims of human trafficking; for relief organizations; and for the poor. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our bread, we pray for those who are hungry and cold today; for the mentally ill and physically disabled; for those far from home and those without homes; and for the sick *especially* Peg Gernand, Sandy Neathamer, Joyce Parish, Fred Steaban, Anne Alia, Chuck Boston, Marsha Brewer, Marcella Denton, Kathy Dycus, Kathy Gilmore, Flynn Hewitt, Pat Hudson, Phil Lakes, Addison Licavaro, Guy McCauley, Dodie McEuen, Donna McMichael, J C Richardson, Angela Rutledge, Heidi Tahquehi, Ken Walker. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our treasure, we pray for this congregation; for the council and musicians; for the altar guild and those who care for our building; for our education and outreach ministries. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hear, O God, the prayers of your faithful people, either silent or spoken aloud.

Be present at celebration tables, increasing the joy of those who gather for birthdays, weddings, and parties especially Karen Lane, Ed Peter, Kaitlyn Higgenbotham and Janet Kulaga with birthdays this week. Be present at empty tables, filling the hungry and the lonely with hope. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

God our bright morning star, we thank you for the saints who have made their final journey home to you. Give strength to us who have here no lasting city. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, who shines light into darkness, receive these prayers and the prayers of our hearts through the power of the Spirit, in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

Wonderful Peace

Choir

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set.



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands. Bread, wine, money, and other gifts may be brought forward.

OFFERING PRAYER

The assisting minister offers the following prayer

Let us pray.... Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,

al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all na - tions;
 in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your be - lov - ed Son,
 and in the miracle of water turned to wine he re - vealed your glo - ry.
 And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,
 with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,
 we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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. Blessed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.**

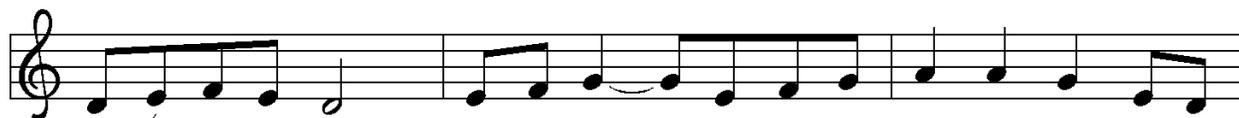
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The bread of God comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.
Come, eat, and live.

COMMUNION



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.

SONG DURING COMMUNION: *Love Has Come* (ELW 292)



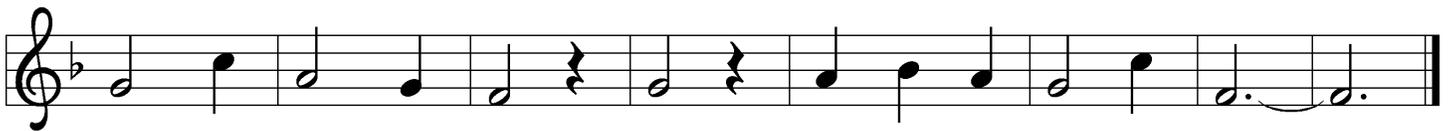
1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the
2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -
3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;
sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;
last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to
what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the
Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.
gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The assisting minister offers the following prayer:

Let us pray....Great and saving God, you have gathered your scattered people around gifts of grain and wine, the body and blood of our Savior Christ. As we, like the shepherds, return on our way, may we proclaim all we have heard and seen, praising you in word and loving deed for the gift of Jesus, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the assembly's participation in God's mission in the world. Affirmation of Christian Vocation may be used here.

BLESSING

The Maker of all, the Word made flesh, the Giver of life, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* (ELW 310)



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint-ing soul;
4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:
that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
and may praise thee, ev - er blest,



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Members

Peg Gernand, preparing for surgery
Sandy Neathamer, broken tailbone
Joyce Parish, recovering at home
Fred Steaban, broken femur in rehab

Family & Friends

Anne Alia, health issue
Chuck Boston, alcohol relapse
Marsha Brewer, recovering from a fall
Marcella Denton, intestinal illness
Kathy Dycus, in recovery in Carmel, IN
Kathy Gilmore, health concerns
Flynn Hewitt, (newborn) hole in heart
Pat Hudson, treatment for leukemia
Phil Lakes, stroke and heart condition
Addison Licavaro, (newborn) heart murmur
Guy McCauley, health issues
Donna McMichael, brain tumor
Dodie McEuen, health issues
J C Richardson, health concerns
Angela Rutledge, heart attack
Heidi Tahquehi, accident, fractured
Ken Walker, cancer of the tongue

*Please note, we reset the Family & Friends portion of prayer concerns each month, please let us know of anyone you would like to remain on or be placed on the list.

Shut-in

Edwina Andregg, Autumn Woods
Norma Boehme, Westminster Village
Dorothy Clerici, Lincoln Hills Health Center
Ken Steward, Westminster Village
Walter Clive, at home

Service agencies/programs/special needs

Veronica Rife, deployed by Corp of Engineers to Afghanistan
CLM
Eric Hall Foundation
Members of our Armed Forces at home and abroad
Members of Faith who have lost jobs and are seeking employment
Lapsed members and visitors seeking a church home
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
Families affected by Hurricane Sandy

This Week at Faith

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| Current Offering | \$ 3,968.00 | Worship attendance | 49 |
| Other Offering | 0.00 | Nursery attendance | 1 |
| Total Offering | \$ 3,968.00 | Total attendance | 50 |

We need \$3,596 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 God's blessings.

SERVING THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Pastor | Pastor Scott Meier |
| Assistant | |
| Organist | Barb Brewster |
| Children's Church | Kristina Peter |
| Acolyte/Crucifer | Matt Holden |
| Altar Guild | Arlys Johnson/Vivian Smith |
| Greeters | |
| Ushers | |
| Audio | Rick Barr |
| Nursery | Lisa Peter |
| Social | |
| Financial Assistant | Kenneth Hawkins |
| Ambassador | |

SERVING NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Pastor | Pastor Scott Meier |
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| Organist | Barb Brewster |
| Children's Church | Sandy Neathamer |
| Acolyte/Crucifer | Alyiah Vogler |
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| Greeters | |
| Ushers | |
| Audio | Rick Barr |
| Nursery | Lisa Peter |
| Social | |
| Financial Assistant | Kenneth Hawkins |
| Ambassador | Barb & Jim Rife |

Scripture Readings for next week: Isaiah 43: 1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22