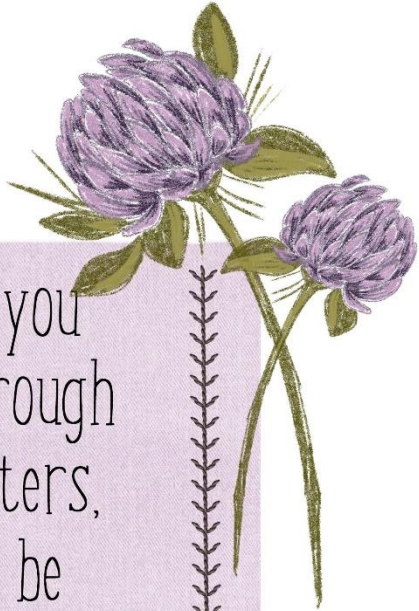




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When you
pass through
the waters,
I will be
with you.

Isaiah 43:2

JANUARY 12, 2024 + 8:30 AM

Notes To Assist Our Worship

Welcome – We are glad you chose to worship here today! We hope you discover the presence of God here and that together we can grow as friends of Christ and one another.

Standing and Sitting – If standing, sitting, and kneeling is too much for you, please remain seated during those parts of the service. God is coming to you with His Gospel gifts. Our standing, sitting, and kneeling are simply our responses to God based on our health and ability.

Nursery – Faith Lutheran Church has a staffed nursery available for you to use on Sundays for children age 3 and younger. Please ask an usher if you need assistance in finding the nursery.

Hearing Impaired – Do you have a hearing impairment that makes it difficult to enjoy worship as much as you would like? Faith has a “hearing loop” for those with hearing aids with that feature. We also offer hearing impaired FM receivers for those wishing to use one. Please see one of our sound technicians for assistance.

Our Hymnals – *LSB* refers to the *Lutheran Service Book*, which is the burgundy hard covered book in the pew rack. *WOV* refers to *With One Voice*, the smaller blue soft cover book.

Baptism of Our Lord

January 12, 2024 + 8:30 am

PRELUDE *Two Versets on Baptized in Water* Richard Proulx

WELCOME

***OPENING HYMN** BAPTIZED IN WATER WOV693

*INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Through water and the Spirit, God gives us new life. Let us confess our sin, that we may be renewed in the covenant of baptism.

Silence for reflection.

Strong and faithful God,

we confess that we have not lived as the body of Christ in the world. We have veiled our hearts from your light. We have resisted your call to follow. We have failed to exercise your gift of love. Forgive us for the sake of Christ, heal us with your abundant grace, and help us walk as children of light. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ came among us to proclaim release to the captives, to let the oppressed go free. Today the promise is fulfilled: God forgives you all your sins. May the Holy Spirit strengthen you to follow Christ in newness of life.

Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

GLORY TO GOD

Michael Burkhardt



A Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on



earth. **C** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther: We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



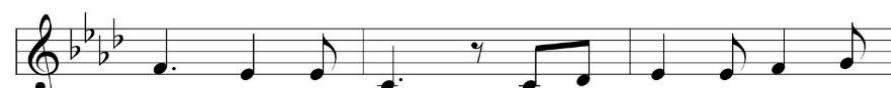
praise you for **I** your glo - ry. **I** Lord Je - sus



Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, **II** Lord God,



Lamb of God: You take a - way **I** the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone
 are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,
 Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray,

Almighty God,

Through Your Word and Spirit, deepen our trust in Your promises, that we may walk confidently through the challenges of life, knowing You are with us. Help us to share the hope and joy of our baptismal grace with the world. In the name of Jesus we pray, amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 43:1-7

43 But now thus says the Lord,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you.

³For I am the Lord your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,

Cush and Seba in exchange for you.
⁴ Because you are precious in my eyes,
and honored, and I love you,
I give men in return for you,
peoples in exchange for your life.
⁵ Fear not, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you.
⁶ I will say to the north, Give up,
and to the south, Do not withhold;
bring my sons from afar
and my daughters from the end of the earth,
⁷ everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON Romans 6:1-11

⁶ What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.
⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

***HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 3:15-22

LSB 157

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the third chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵ As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶ John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

¹⁸ So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹ But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reprovved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰ added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Verse 1

I will come to you in the silence,
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice.
Be still and know I am here.

Verse 2

I am hope for all who are hopeless,
I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light.
Come and rest in me.

Refrain

Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home:
I love you and you are mine.

Verse 3

I am strength for all the despairing,
Healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free,
And all will know my name. *Refrain*

Verse 4

I am the Word that leads all to freedom,
I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name, embracing all your pain.
Stand up, now walk and live! *Refrain*

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MESSAGE

Pastor Peter

***APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

GATHERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

Walter L. Pelz

(Choir)

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone;
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever,
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure,
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure;
Here you heard my dear Son's story, Here you touched him,
saw his glory,
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you, Here his tender comfort
stilled you;
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace,
I the Lord will smile upon you, and give you peace,
I the Lord will be your Father, Saviour, Comforter and Brother:
Go, my children, I will keep you, and give you peace.

*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Sick/Hospitalized:

- **Elle**, friend of Sarah Lentner's niece, hospitalized following the New Year's Eve attack in New Orleans
- **Diane Alexander**, friend of Cathy Saresky, recovery from neck surgery on 1/6

- **RJ Campoli**, son-in-law of Alan & Noreen Crouse, upcoming surgery 1/23
- **Kris Kessler**, friend of Diane Van Auken, continued prayers for spread of cancer
- **Cousin of RJ Campoli**, burned in a house fire

Other:

- **All those impacted by the terrorist attack in New Orleans on New Year's Eve**
- **All those impacted by the wildfires in California**
- For our congregation's search for the **DCE** or **DCE Intern** that God has in mind for us

Called to Glory:

- **John Versprille** (12/28/24), brother of Jeanne Shiao and Peter & Mary Versprille
- **Frank O'Brien** (1/1/25), resident of Baywinde and friend of Ed Lindskoog
- **Steve Greshock** (1/2/25), father of Michelle Speisman, daughter-in-law of Cheryl Speisman

***THE 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.**

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING HYMN** LORD, TAKE MY HAND AND LEAD ME *LSB 722*

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Thank you to our volunteers!

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