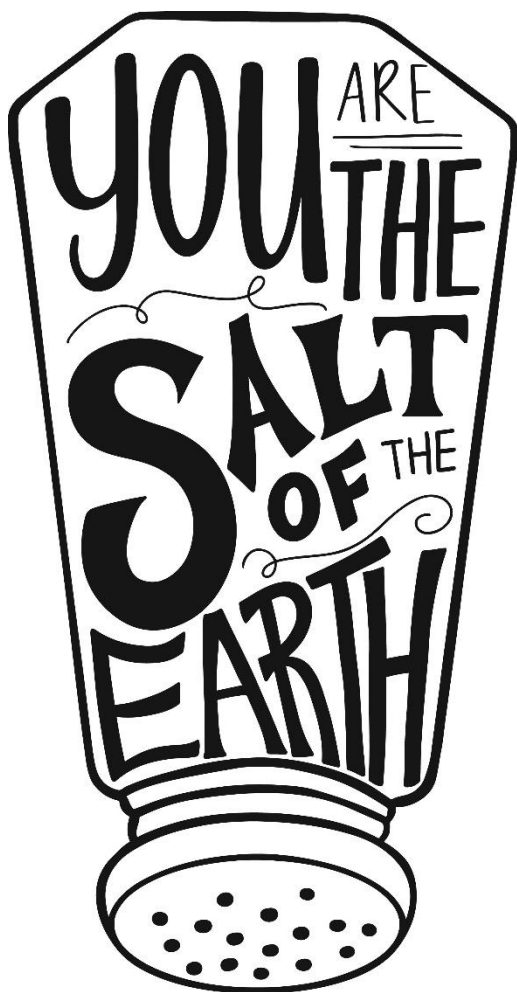




Faith Lutheran Church

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February 8, 2026 + 10:45 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 (or standing at the communion rail) 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.

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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Jesus calls His people the “salt of the earth” (Matthew 5:13) as we are preserved by His grace and sent to bring His life and flavor to the world around us. As we gather for worship today, Christ restores us through His Word, seasons our lives with His grace, and preserves us as His people for the sake of the world. You are the salt of the earth!

WORSHIP MUSIC

TRUST IN GOD

Crosby, Lake, Brown, Wong, Furtick

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine.
He's been my fourth man in the fire time after time.
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood,
And what He did for me on Calv'ry is more than enough.**

Chorus

**I trust in God, my Savior the One who will never fail...
He will never fail...**

**I trust in God, my Savior, the One who will never fail...
He will never fail...**

**Perfect submission, all is at rest.
I know the author of tomorrow has ordered my steps.
So this is my story, and this is my song.
I'm praising my risen King and Savior all the day long.**

Chorus twice

WELCOME

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

*OPENING SONG

BUILD MY LIFE

Pat Barrett

Verse 1

**Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing.
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring.
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe.
We live for You.**

Verse 2

**Jesus the name above ev'ry other name.
Jesus the only one who could ever save.
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe.
We live for You.**

Chorus

**Holy, there is no one like You,
there is none beside You.
Open up my eyes in wonder and
Show me who You are and
Fill me, with Your heart and
Lead me in Your love to those around me.
(Repeat to top of song)**

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*INVOCATION

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

*A TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Spoken

Merciful Father,
**You have called us the salt of the earth, a people preserved
by Your grace and sent to preserve life and faith in the world.**

Yet we confess that our saltiness often fades. We withhold forgiveness and harbor resentment. We blend in with the world rather than living from the life You give. Instead of strengthening faith and preserving peace, we have allowed fear and bitterness to take root. Forgive us and restore us, Lord. Amen.

Sung

**I will build my life upon Your love;
It is a firm foundation.
I will put my trust in You alone,
And I will not be shaken. *Repeat Stanza***

**Holy, there is no one like You,
there is none beside You.
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Show me who You are and
Fill me, with Your heart and
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Spoken

Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die and rise for you, and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Jesus Christ, the true Salt of the earth, has preserved you by His cross and seasoned your life with His grace. In Him, your sins are forgiven, your faith is restored, and your life is made new. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Sung

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FIRST LESSON

Psalm 112:1-9

112 Praise the Lord!

Blessed is the man who fears the Lord,
who greatly delights in his commandments!

²His offspring will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

³Wealth and riches are in his house,
and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴Light dawns in the darkness for the upright;
he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.

⁵It is well with the man who deals generously and lends;
who conducts his affairs with justice.

⁶For the righteous will never be moved;
he will be remembered forever.

⁷He is not afraid of bad news;
his heart is firm, trusting in the Lord.

⁸His heart is steady; he will not be afraid,
until he looks in triumph on his adversaries.

⁹He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever;
his horn is exalted in honor.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

2 And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"—

¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***ALLELUIA VERSE**

AGNUS DEI

Michael W Smith

Alleluia, Alleluia, For the Lord God almighty reigns.

Alleluia, Alleluia, For the Lord God almighty reigns.

Alleluia. Holy.

Holy, are you Lord God Almighty.

Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb, You are Holy!

Holy, are you Lord God Almighty.

Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb, Amen.

***HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 5:13-20

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the fifth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

The Fulfillment of the Law

¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

“Salt of the Earth”

Pastor Peter

- 1. Salt _____
- 2. Salt _____
- 3. Salt _____

***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 GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING

Polonaise

Telemann

(Samantha Lincoln, flute; Elizabeth Balentine, piano)

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Sick/Hospitalized:

- **Tucker**, 19-year-old friend of niece of Jenny Ottman, suffered a heart attack due to a leak in his aortic valve. Will be undergoing surgery.
- **Pete McKee**, awaiting liver transplant
- **Ryan Byrns**, nephew of Laurie Ebbecke, recovery from back surgery as he deals with long term Guillain Barre Syndrome

Called to Glory:

- **Mildred (Millie) Bundschuh** (1/18/26), longtime member of Faith
- **Eugene Schwartz** (1/30/26), father/grandfather of the Ordan Family, friends of the Hoad Family

Special Prayer:

- We give thanks for the volunteers who have lovingly created these **prayer shawls**. We pray that those who receive these prayer shawls would experience the warmth of God's loving presence.

***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.**

***WE ARE SENT WITH GOD'S BLESSING**

***SENDING SONG** THAT'S WHY WE PRAISE HIM Tommy Walker

**He came to live, live a perfect life;
He came to be the living Word, our Light.
He came to die so we'd be reconciled:
He came to rise to show His pow'r and might.**

**And that's why we praise Him, that's why we sing;
That's why we offer Him our everything.
That's why we bow down and worship this King,
'Cause He gave His everything.
'Cause He gave His everything.**

**He came to live, live again in us;
He came to be our conquering King and Friend.
He came to heal and show the lost ones His love;
He came to go prepare a place for us.**

**And that's why we praise Him, that's why we sing;
That's why we offer Him our everything.
That's why we bow down and worship this King,
'Cause He gave His everything.
'Cause He gave His everything.**

**Halle, Hallelujah, Halle, Hallelujah.
(Repeat twice)**

**That's why we praise Him, that's why we sing;
That's why we offer Him our everything.
That's why we bow down and worship this King,
'Cause He gave His everything.
'Cause He gave His everything.**

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***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace and salt the world,
Thanks be to God!

POSTSERVICE MUSIC *Let Everything That Has Breath*

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

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Acolyte/Crucifer: **TBA**

Greeters: **TBA**

Lay Reader: Matthew Bernhardt

Live Stream: Jason Gerlach

Sound: Michael Balentine

Ushers: Mari-Beth Schembri, Kathy McCarthy, Bill & Marguerite
McKee, Jill Bernhardt

Volunteers for 2/15

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Lay Reader: **TBA**

Eucharist Assistants: **TBA**, Mari-Beth Schembri

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Sound: **TBA**

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