

*First Saturday & Sunday After
Christmas
December 30 & 31, 2023*



Tune in to God
1 Samuel 3:1-10



Faith Lutheran Church LCMS

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Worship: Sundays: 9:30 AM Saturdays: 6:00 PM

Sunday Bible Study 11:00 AM

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It is our honor at Faith Lutheran Church to welcome all who join with us for worship. It is our prayer that the Lord would richly bless our worship together. If you are looking for a church home in the Lecanto area, we invite you to speak to our Pastor regarding membership at Faith Lutheran Church.

✠ Divine Worship Service Three ✠ p. 184ff.

OPENING HYMN

A Great and Mighty Wonder

#383 Vs 1,3,4

.(please stand)

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION OF SINS Pastor / Congregation

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sins.

P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ

C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD



INTROIT Pastor/Congregation.

P: The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,

C: and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

P: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

C: His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

P: The LORD has made known his salvation;

C: he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

P: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

C: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

P: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

C: break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

P: The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,

C: and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

GLORIA PATRI



C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

KYRIE



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The LORD be with you.

■ And with thy spir - it.

P: Let us pray.

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

■ A - men.

(please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Now the young man Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. The 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.

Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" and 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.

And the LORD called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose 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." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the young man. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Ukuleles

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food"—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are

members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two will become one flesh." But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(please stand)

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

A musical staff in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with a final whole note. The lyrics are written below the staff.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 1: 45-46

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the first chapter

Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

A musical staff in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, ending with a whole note. The lyrics are written below the staff.

Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

A musical staff in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, ending with a whole note. The lyrics are written below the staff.

THE 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.

(please be seated)

SERMON HYMN

Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

#386 Vs 1,2

SERMON

Sharing With Skeptics

OFFERTORY

(please stand & sing)

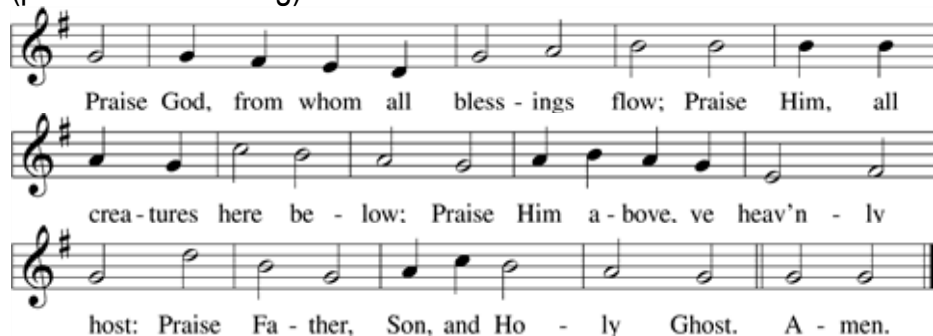


Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

GATHERING OF THE OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY

(please rise and sing).



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
crea - tures here be - low: Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

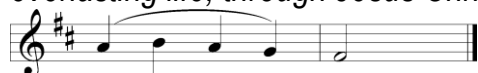
THE LORD'S PRAYER



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.

CLOSING COLLECT

P: Let us pray: Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your Holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.



■ A - men.

THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you ✠ and give you peace.



G A-men, a-men, a - men.

(please be seated)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CLOSING HYMN

Go Tell it on The Mountain

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Prayer - All those wishing to have an elder pray with them, please meet at the front of the sanctuary immediately after the Sunday service.

Thanks, Dave Hass.

IN SERVICE THIS SATURDAY & SUNDAY



6:00 p.m. Steve Schick
Melissa Climer

6:00 p.m. Lete Connelly

9:30 a.m. Fred & Maxine Crogle
John Bechler,
Bernie Upschulte

9:30 a.m. Don Mueller



Saturday: 6:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Gloria Schultz



Debbie Ross
Marilyn Richards

Attendance 12/23= 53 12/24 A/M.= 55 12/24 P.M.=140

Christmas Day= 25 Total= 273



Given by: George & Sandy Cooper In Loving Memory of their Children Karyn
& Roger

**Happy
Birthday!**

Sandy Cooper, Mike Feltner, Margaret Lehmann, Marilyn Richards,
Donald Hunt

Happy Anniversary

Mike & Barb Feltner



Prayers of the Church

God our Father in heaven, as we have celebrated the gift of Your Son, Jesus born in the manger, we have been with many who know and love You dearly. They know of Your salvation through Him by the power of Your Holy Spirit. And we also know that many have had their faith rekindled through worship this past weekend. We pray, Father, that You would continue to fan into flame that Holy Spirit and help it burn brightly in these weeks that follow that they may retain that sense of Your love, and stay connected to You through Your church, Lord in Your mercy...

Lord Jesus Christ, when You were taken up into heaven You commissioned Your disciples and us with them to "Go, make disciples of all nations..." We give You thanks that through the ages disciples have passed down the faith by the power of Your Holy Spirit and we have been brought into this family of Faith. Embolden us by the same Holy Spirit to follow You as Your disciples and share this faith with others so that Your Kingdom may come on earth, as it is in heaven, Lord in Your mercy...

Holy Spirit hear our prayers for the leaders in this world. We pray for the leaders in our Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, for our Circuit Visitor, Pastor Jeff Shanks, for our District President, James Rockey, and for our Synod President, Matthew Harrison. They have difficult and challenging positions to maintain the integrity of Your Church in these dark times in our world. Protect, guard, and guide them in their vocations both within the Church and outside the Church. Bless their families, their health, and their homes, continue to give them wisdom and strength as they lead us courageously by Your Holy Spirit, Lord in Your mercy...

We pray to You, Lord Jesus for healing for all who suffer from affliction of any kind, body, mind or spirit, hear us now as we lift them up to You, both these we speak of aloud, and those we speak of in the silence of our hearts: we pray for : Doug Deuchler, Nicholas Kalojiannis Patrick Daley, Mary Sadorf, Michael Kuzik, Ron Borchart, Howard Wille, Tom Jung, Gary Malinowski, Drake Daggett, Becky Fix, Katie Arias, Margaret Lehmann, Patricia Ulvund, Andy Lahera, Lord in Your mercy...

Praise for those who are celebrating anniversaries and birthdays this week and this month, may God bless them with all His best in all the years ahead.



JANUARY 1 ST THROUGH JANUARY 7 TH

Monday	10:30 A.M.	Bible Study
Tuesday	2:00 P.M.	Bells
	3:00 P.M.	Choir
Saturday	6:00 P.M.	Worship
Sunday	9:30 A.M.	Worship



PIG ROAST DINNER

Once again FLC is having a pork roast dinner on Friday, January 12, at 5 p.m. Sandy Benner is selling tickets tonight and next Saturday night as the deadline to purchase tickets is Sunday, January 7th. The cost is \$15 for adults and children ten and under are free. The proceeds will go towards replacement and repair of current HVAC's that are 30 plus years old and a local charity. For more details, see the small poster near Sandy or contact Maxine Crogle. Thanks.

STITCH & TIE

Stitch and Tie will meet January 5th at 9:00 AM .

MEN'S BREAKFAST JANUARY 8TH

Topic for the Men's Breakfast on Jan 8th "Watch out for the Enemy"

Notes From Pastor Galligar

Happy New Year! This weekend we celebrate all the gift that God has given us in the years gone by, and we look forward with eager

expectation to all the gifts He will give us in the years that stretch out ahead of us. But more than ever this year, we look forward to giving away the gift that He has given us in abundance. The greatest gift of all that we celebrated during the Advent Season and on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The gift of Jesus Christ, Immanuel, God with us, our Savior who is Christ the Lord, the One whom the shepherds went to see, and the One whom they went to tell the world about, this Babe of Bethlehem, our Messiah, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.

The Great Commission of Jesus calling us to "Go, make disciples of all nations..." (Matthew 28:18-20) is easy for us to read in the bible. And for some it is easy to take to heart and put into practice. But for most of us, it is a commission that finds us fumbling for words, stumbling with something to say, and more often than not keeping the peace by staying silent when the situation surely calls for us to speak. Fear of offending others or fear of being found out as not knowing enough about the bible often keeps us silent. We have heard the angels tell everyone they met,

“Fear not!” They go on to say, “Your prayer has been heard,” “You have found favor with God”, “Behold, I bring you Good News of great joy that will be for all the people...”

Today we begin a life changing worship series for our church, our community, and this corner of the Kingdom of God.

MAKING LIFE COUNT: LEARNING TO SHARE!

Through the course of this series, we will be studying the Gospel of John and looking at how Jesus equipped His disciples to share the Good News of salvation with people in many different situations, and with many different approaches and belief systems. Please be sure to invite family and friends to join us for this important series. And plan to be fully present during this series.

Bible Study Resumes Next Week – Your presence is critical:

There are always two things to consider when making the decision to attend as bible study: 1) Is there something I can learn? Usually, the answer to this question is simple, we’re studying the bible, of course there is something we can all learn. But on occasion the teacher is one we don’t connect well with and learning is a challenge and the answer is no, so we have to ask the second question. 2) Is there someone present who may

benefit from something I may be able to share? The Holy Spirit works through us all. You are a part of how God fulfills His promise to “Be with us all even to the end of the age.” So, yes, others will benefit from your presence and the things you share. So, for this bible study series especially, your presence is critical. As Faith Lutheran Church examines its mission from God and how He is calling us as a Body of Christ to impact the part of His Kingdom in which He has placed us, we each need to know our part.

Please decide when you will be joining us for bible study on this important topic beginning next weekend. Each week our bible studies will follow the weekend worship series and it is important that each of us participate in bible study, so that together we may be equipped to carry out the important work that God has called us to do. And why would we not want to give this great gift to everyone we know? Especially those who have not yet received it?

Bible Study In the Fellowship Hall beginning January 7 th

11:00 AM Sunday morning

10:30 AM Monday morning

(Let me know if these times do not work for you,
and we will find a time that does)

Thank you for being a part of this important work of the church.

MAKING LIFE COUNT: LEARNING TO SHARE! Beginning in this New Year, we will start with a focus on that which is most important. Making Life Count: Learning to Share! Is a series that will help each of us learn and grow in our abilities to share our faith with the people God places around us.

Today's message - Sharing with Skeptics finds us with Philip as he tries to convince Nathanael that they have found the Messiah. But Nathanael is having none of it.

□ Those who are skeptical about the Christian faith seem to have good reason.

□ Will logic and reasoning bring them into the fold?

□ How does Jesus manage this relationship?

□ How can we approach skeptics better in the future...

2023 Faith Family Christmas Album – this album is available on our Facebook page and you can share it with friends and family. If you have a picture that was shared in the album, there is a print copy of your picture on the table behind the Christmas tree in the narthex for you to pick up at your convenience as our gift to you. (We are working on a “print copy” or this album that may be available for purchase – we will keep you posted as details become available)

Becoming a member at Faith Lutheran Church: For those interested in becoming members of Faith, please contact Pastor Galligar, or connect with one of our Elders or ushers and we can get the process started.

Typically we welcome new members in worship the third Sunday of the month following a Pastor Chat prior to that weekend. A personal Pastor Chat can be scheduled at your convenience. Pastor is always available following worship, or can be easily contacted at



Thank you!!! Gina and I have served as Pastor and his wife at three different churches. Never have we been so blessed at Christmas with such a gift from the congregation as we were this year. Your generosity and your love overwhelms us! Please know that we love being here at Faith, and we love serving Him alongside all of you. God bless you and thank you all.
Patrick & Gina

