

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**February 4, 2024**

**Faith Lutheran Church**

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**OPENING HYMN**      *“Thy Strong Word”*

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**+ INVOCATION, CONFESSION, AND ABSOLUTION +**  
**LSB 203**

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

**Cong.: Amen.**

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,.

**Cong.: who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**Cong.: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Pastor: Since we are gather to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God be merciful to me, a sinner.

**Cong.: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins and lead us to everlasting life. Amen**

**+ INTROIT +**

**Psalm 13:3-5**

**antiphon: Ps. 13:6**

Pastor: I will sing to the Lord,

**Cong: because he has dealt bountifully with me.**

Pastor: Consider and answer me, O LORD my God;

**Cong.: light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,**

Pastor: lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed over him,”

**Cong.: Lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.**

Pastor: But I have trusted in your steadfast love;

**Cong.: my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.**

**Cong.: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will forever. Amen.**

+ KYRIE +

LSB 204

*Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.*

+HYMN OF PRAISE +

*“Gloria in Excelsis”*

LSB 204

**To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus’ birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing—  
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav’nly King**

**To You, O sole begotten, The Father’s Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow’r are seated at God’s right hand on high—**

**For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored  
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father’s glory. “Amen!” our glad reply.**

+ SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY +

Pastor: The LORD be with you.

**Cong.: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Pastor: O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Cong.: Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**Isaiah 40:21-31**

<sup>21</sup> Do you not know? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood since the earth was founded? <sup>22</sup> He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers.

He stretches out the heavens like a canopy, and spreads them out like a tent to live in.

<sup>23</sup> He brings princes to naught and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing. <sup>24</sup> No sooner are they planted, no sooner are they sown, no sooner do they take root in the ground, than he blows on them and they wither, and a whirlwind sweeps them away like chaff. <sup>25</sup> “To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?” says the Holy One. <sup>26</sup> Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing. <sup>27</sup> Why do you complain, Jacob? Why do you say, Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD; my cause is disregarded by my God”? <sup>28</sup> Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. <sup>29</sup> He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. <sup>30</sup> Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; <sup>31</sup> but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Cong.: Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE**

### **1 Corinthians 9:16-27<sup>16</sup>**

For when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, since I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! <sup>17</sup> If I preach voluntarily, I have a reward; if not voluntarily, I am simply discharging the trust committed to me. <sup>18</sup> What then is my reward? Just this: that in preaching the gospel I may offer it free of charge, and so not make full use of my rights as a preacher of the gospel. <sup>19</sup> Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. <sup>20</sup> To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. <sup>21</sup> To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God’s law but am under Christ’s law), so as to win those not having the law. <sup>22</sup> To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. <sup>23</sup> I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings. <sup>24</sup> Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. <sup>25</sup> Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. <sup>26</sup> Therefore I do not run like someone

running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. <sup>27</sup> No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize. This is the Word of the Lord.

**Cong.: Thanks be to God.**

**+ALLELUIA & VERSE+ (sung)**

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*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

**+THE HOLY GOSPEL+**

**Mark 1:29-39**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 1st chapter.

**Cong.: Glory to You, O LORD.**<sup>29</sup> As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. <sup>30</sup> Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. <sup>31</sup> So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them. <sup>32</sup> That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. <sup>33</sup> The whole town gathered at the door, <sup>34</sup> and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was. <sup>35</sup> Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. <sup>36</sup> Simon and his companions went to look for him, <sup>37</sup> and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!" <sup>38</sup> Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come." <sup>39</sup> So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

This is the Gospel of the LORD.

**Cong.: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**SERMON HYMN: "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"**

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**SERMON**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

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**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.

#### **THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**LSB 207**

Pastor: Lord in Your mercy.

**Cong.: Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: ...through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns  
with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Cong.: Amen.**

#### **CREATE IN ME**

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Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me  
not away from Thy presence and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and up-hold me with Thy  
free spirit. Amen.

#### **+ THE LORD'S PRAYER + (spoken)**

**LSB 209**

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 debts  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom,  
and the power and the glory,  
forever. Amen

+THE BENEDICTION+  
Cong.: Amen.

LSB 212

THE CLOSING HYMN *“Praise to the Lord, The Almighty”* p. 790



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**Happy Birthday**

Terry Uhl 5<sup>th</sup>  
Michael VanVelzer 7<sup>th</sup>  
Ralph Grotelueschen 8<sup>th</sup>  
Jeannette Hinman 9<sup>th</sup>

**Happy Anniversary**

Greg & Arlene Gasper 5<sup>th</sup> (52 yrs)  
Jerome & Terry Uhl 5<sup>th</sup> (25 yrs)

Flowers on the Altar are sponsored by  
Greg & Arlene Gasper in celebration  
of their 52<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary

**THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES AT  
FAITH:**

**Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**

9:15 am Bible Study  
9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Divine Service  
12:30 pm Adult Catechism

**Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**

Elder Bible Study & Meeting 9:15  
am

**Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**

Bible Study 3:30 pm  
Divine Service 5:00 pm  
Bible Study 6:30 pm

**Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**

LWML Meeting 10:00 am

**Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**

Movie Night "King of Kings" 6:00

pm

Pizza 5:30

**Looking Ahead**

Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> Pancake

Breakfast

Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> Ash

Wednesday

Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> NO Bible  
Study