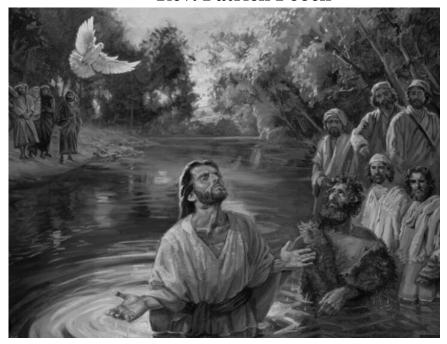
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Baptism of Our Lord

January 12, 2025 Rev. Patrick Poock



The Triune God Opens Heaven to You in Holy Baptism

The Baptism of our Lord is an "Epiphany" of the one true God in the flesh and blood of Jesus Christ. In divine mercy, He takes His place with sinners and takes their sin upon Himself. "When all the people were baptized," Jesus submitted Himself to a Baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (Luke 3:21). He had no sins of His own, but He took the sins of the world upon Himself and so was baptized into His own death. Therefore, "when you pass through the waters," He is with you (Is. 43:2). He created you for His glory, and He has redeemed you with His blood, that you may be His own and live with Him in His kingdom (Is. 43:1, 7). As you are baptized with a Baptism like His, so also are you united with Him in His death and resurrection that you "might walk in newness of life" (Rom. 6:4). For all who are baptized into Christ Jesus receive His anointing of the Holy Spirit and are named by His Father as beloved and well-pleasing sons and daughters.

THE DIVINE SERVICE is celebrated each Sunday at 8:00 am and 10:30 am and Wednesday at 5:00 pm. Bible Class is held on Sunday at 9:15 am and Wednesday at 3:30 pm and 6:30 pm.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH is a Christological, Scriptural, Confessional and Liturgical member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. We believe that God has called us to believe, teach and confess that Christ was crucified for our sins and we receive salvation by faith, which is a gift of God through His grace given to us in our baptism, as is revealed in the Holy Bible which is the inspired and inerrant Word of God. In response to His gift of salvation we eagerly desire to do good works out of thanksgiving and praise to the Triune God.

COMMUNION STATEMENT

Because we take the Word of God seriously and we love our visitors, we ask that if you are not a member of Faith Lutheran or another LCMS church, please refrain from taking communion until you have talked with Pastor Poock. In the meantime, we would love to have you participate by coming forward and receiving a blessing.

Communion offers the immense blessing of forgiveness of our sins. However, it can be taken to one's judgment if not properly understood. 1 Cor 11:27,29 says, "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the LORD in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the LORD...For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself."

We teach that a person receives the real Body and the real Blood of Jesus Christ "in, with and under the bread and wine." It is not symbolic or merely a spiritual presence.

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

We rejoice to have you with us today. The liturgy is found in the Lutheran Service Book in the rack in front of you. You may place this bulletin in the back of your hymnal to help you follow along with the order of service. The Propers for the day are printed within the bulletin. Please read the message in this bulletin concerning reception of Holy Communion at our church.

The first quarter of 2025 is designated by Pastor and the Elders for **Our Daily Bread of Bradenton**. The mission of Our Daily Bread is to provide for the nutritional needs of the poor and needy of our community in the context of compassion and affirmation of their human worth as Children of God. They achieve this by providing a daily soup kitchen and food pantry. Please note "Missions" on your donation check. Thank you for your generosity in supporting God's work.

Weekly Memory Verse

Titus 3:4–6

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus

Announcement:

As the Pastor of Faith Lutheran Church I am pleased to publish the Banns for the intended wedding of **Erin Henderson and Alec Carpp**. This wedding is to take place in this Sanctuary @11:00 on Saturday, February 8th, 2025. If anyone can show any just cause why these two people may not be lawfully united in marriage, let that person declare it, to this pastor in writing. Please pray for their life together that their love for each other might be a reflection of Your love for your church.

722 LORD, TAKE MY HAND AND LEAD ME



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+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

INVOCATION

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

EXHORTATION LSB 151

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

CONFESSION OF SINS LSB 151

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION LSB 151

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT Psalm 2:7–11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a

Pastor: Behold my servant, whom I uphold,

Cong: my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

Pastor: I will tell of the decree:

Cong: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

Pastor: Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,

Cong: and the ends of the earth your possession.

Pastor: You shall break them with a rod of iron

Cong: and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

Pastor: Now therefore, O kings, be wise;

Cong: be warned, O rulers of the earth.

Pastor: Serve the LORD with fear,

Cong: and rejoice with trembling,

Pastor: for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Cong: Blessèd are all who take refuge in him.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

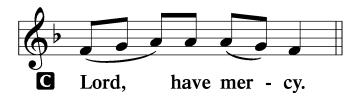
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

KYRIE LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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



P 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.



P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



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THIS IS THE FEAST LSB 155 Refrain This is vic-to-ry for our of the feast $|\mathbf{C}|$ God. Al-le - lu ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu ia. 1 -Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose 2 Pow rich - es, wis - dom, and and er, strength, all 3 Sing with the peo - ple of God, and glo - ry, and 4 Bless ing, hon - or, might to be 5 For the Lamb_____ who was slain has be - \mathbf{O} blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. Refrain bless hon - or, ing, and glo - ry are His. Refrain in the hymn of all cre - a tion: Stanza 4 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A men. Refrain His reign. Al - le - lu gun ia. Final Refrain Final Refrain



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 43:1–7

¹But 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. ⁴Because 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. ⁵Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. ⁶I 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, ⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Romans 6:1–11

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We 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.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We 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. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL Luke 3:15–22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.



¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John 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 with fire. ¹⁷His 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."

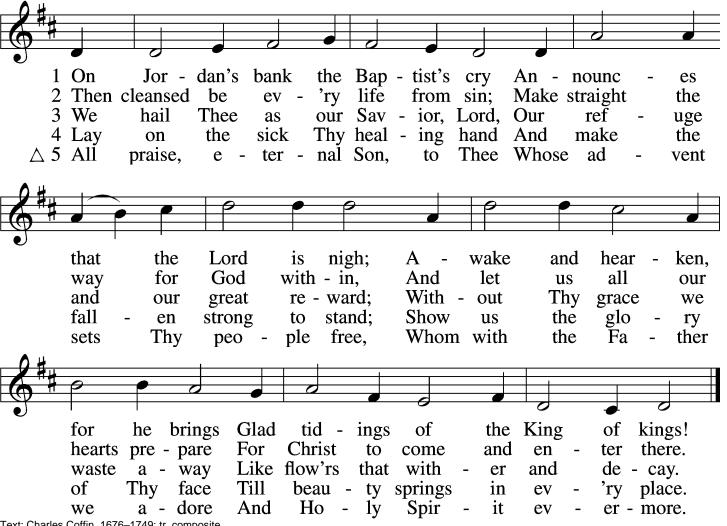
¹⁸So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²²and 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."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



344 ON JORDAN'S BANK THE BAPTIST'S CRY



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SERMON

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

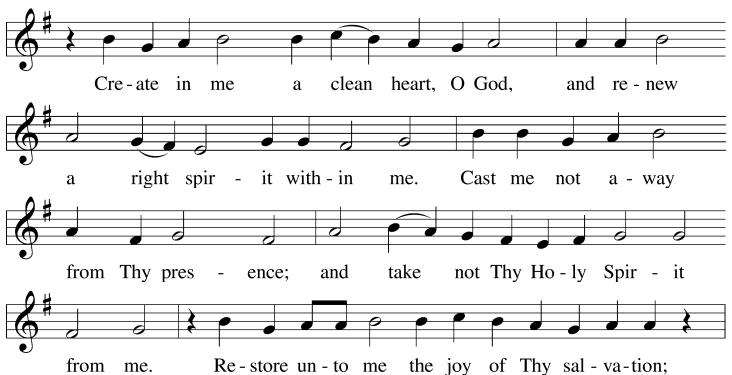
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

956 CREATE IN ME





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+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

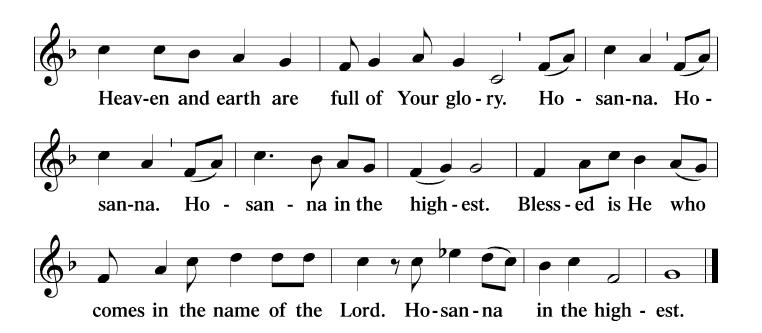


PROPER PREFACE (ABBREVIATED)

LSB 161

P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:





LORD'S PRAYER LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C 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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

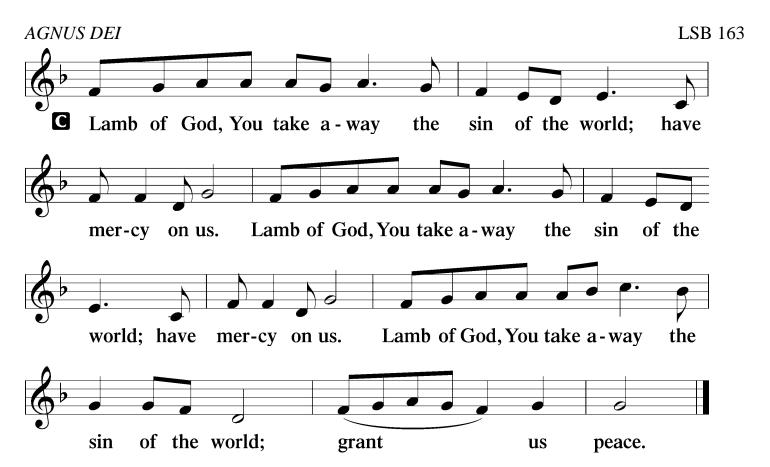
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My +body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI LSB 163

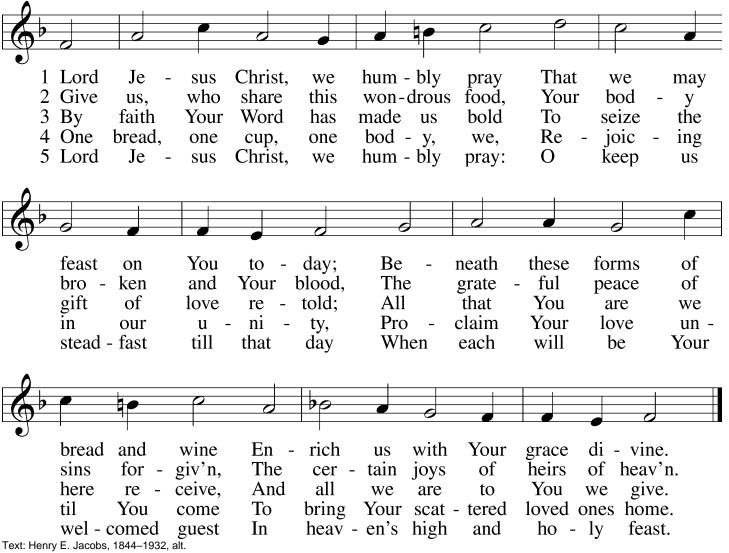
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.





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394 SONGS OF THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE



- 1 Songs of thank ful ness and praise, Je sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
- Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King 2 Man - i - fest at su-preme;
- mak-ing whole Pal sied limbs and faint ing soul; 3 Man - i - fest in
- 4 Sun and moon shall dark-ened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;
- see Thee, Lord, Pres ent 5 Grant us grace Thy ho to in



Man - i - fest - ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far, at Ca - na wed - ding guest In Thy God-head man - i - fest; Man - i - fest in val - iant fight, Ouell-ing all dev - il's might; the Christ will then like light - ning shine, All will see His glo-rious sign; Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And pure art Thou; be pure. as



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; will then the trum - pet hear, All will see the Judge ap-pear; That we might be-come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny

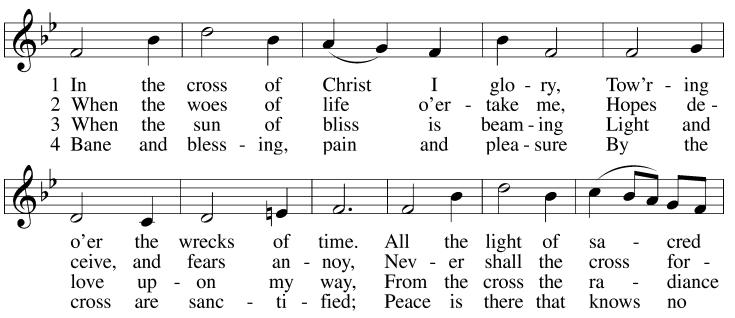


An - thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest. An - thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest. An - thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest. Thou by all wilt be con-fessed, God in man made man - i - fest. And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

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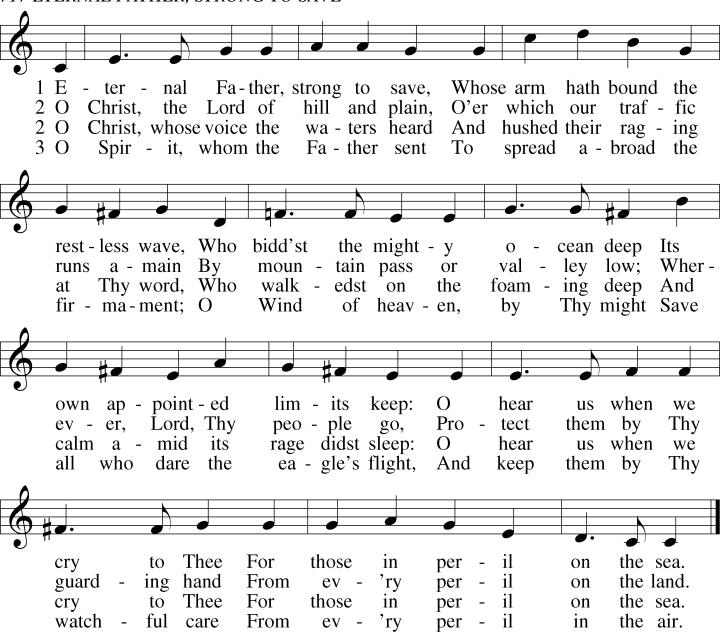
427 IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST I GLORY





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717 ETERNAL FATHER, STRONG TO SAVE



3a Most Holy Spirit, who didst brood Upon the chaos dark and rude,

And bid its angry tumult cease,
And give, for wild confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

4 O Trinity of love and pow'r,
Our people shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee

Glad praise from air and land and sea.

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THANK THE LORD LSB 164



Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BENEDICTION LSB 166

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



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Help me Your faith - ful child

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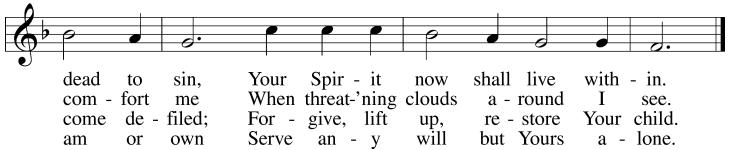
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Rev. Patrick Poock Organist: Lillian Boettcher

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES AT FAITH:

Happy Birthday

James Koehler 15th Debra Haney 17th William Vlasak 17th Deanna Roberts 18th

Happy Anniversary

Paul & Kristine Bearse 18th (28 yrs)

Altar Flowers are given by David & Julie DuChane in Memory of Milly Davis

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES AT FAITH:

Sunday, January 12th

8:00 am Divine Service 9:15 am Sunday School/Bible Class 10:30 am Divine Service 11:30 am Bridal Shower for Erin & Alec

Tuesday, January 14th

6:00 pm Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 15th

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

Friday, January 17th

7:00 pm Lifelight Bible Study

Looking Ahead

Sunday, January 19th
8:00 am Divine Service
9:15 am Bible Class/Sunday School
10:30 am Divine Service
11:30 am Coffee Bites
Tuesday, January 21st Men's Group
Breakfast 9:00 @ Popi's
Wednesday, January 22nd Women of Faith
9:00 am
Wednesday, January 22nd No Bible study
3:30 or 6:30pm