Faith Lutheran Church and Preschool

Equipping God's people for a ministry of discipleship through Christ.



THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

January 5th, 2025 8:00AM Worship Service

Worship Times: Sundays at 8:00am & 10:30am Streamed online at www.faithottawa.org

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→ DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE →

A NOTE TO OUR VISITORS

We're glad you're here! Our services may look and sound different, but please bear with us! We worship the way we do for a reason. We gather to receive the gifts of salvation our Triune God comes to give through His Word and Sacrament. In these gifts we receive faith, forgiveness, and life eternal. Worship is the unwrapping of these gifts. The liturgy, hymns, and preaching proclaim His Word to us. They remind us of the promise of salvation we have in our baptism, and they prepare our hearts and minds to receive the Lord's Supper. Through these means of grace God comes to serve us in this Divine Service, and so our worship is centered around receiving these gifts of God through faith.

A STATEMENT ABOUT CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

As the Lord comes to us in the Divine Service, we eagerly bring our children to be blessed by Him (Lk 18:15-17; Mt 19:13-15; Mk 10:13-16). All are conceived in sin and desperately need the forgiveness He comes to give no matter the age. Therefore, we ask for your children to *remain* in worship with us, unless it becomes *necessary* to remove them for a time. There is no better way to train up our children in the fear and knowledge of the Lord than by having them watch and absorb in worship. Though noises may prove to be a distraction we trust that the Lord's Word does not return to Him void but accomplishes that for which it was sent. As our children learn from us about God and all He has done and continues to do for us, may we learn from them the child like faith.

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE

You likely noticed we've used several settings of the Divine Service, but probably don't know why. The editors of the Lutheran Service Book gave us five settings to choose from, and each has their own characteristics and mood. Setting Three preserves the Common Service from The Lutheran Hymnal, and so there is a sense of nostalgia for older Lutherans. This is also the most musical and festive of all the settings, giving a sense of transcendence and awe. For this reason, we have used it on special occasions, feasts, and the 'higher' seasons of the Church year, such as Christmas Eve and Day, and the Season of Christmas.

BE THOUGHTFUL + BE REVERENT

Before the Service: **Speak to God**During the Service: **Let God speak to you**After the Service: **Speak to one another**

♣ Service of Preparation ♣

HYMN OF INVOCATION

397 As with Gladness Men of Old



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Stand. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **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** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- **C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +



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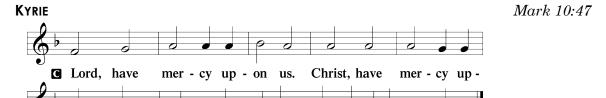
- **P** I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations; therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.
- Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;

you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.

P Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions:



P I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations; therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.



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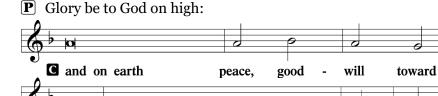
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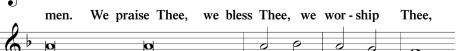
Luke 2:14; John 1:29



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Lord,



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



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.



O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

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

PSALM 72:1–15; antiphon: v. 18

- P Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son!
- May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice!
- P Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness!
- May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor!
- P May they fear you while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!
- May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth!
- In his days may the righteous flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more!
- May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth!

- P May desert tribes bow down before him and his enemies lick the dust!
- May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute; may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!
- P May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him!
- For he delivers the needy when he calls, the poor and him who has no helper.
- P He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.
- **©** From oppression and violence he redeems their life, and precious is their blood in his sight.
- P Long may he live; may gold of Sheba be given to him!
- **©** May prayer be made for him continually, and blessings invoked for him all the day!

Epistle Ephesians 3:1–12

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

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

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 2:1–12



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.



Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

"And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

Praise

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And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.



O let the harps break forth in sound!
Our joy be all with music crowned,
Our voices gladly blending!
For Christ goes with us all the way—
Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!
His love is never ending!
Sing out! Ring out!
Jubilation!
Exultation!
Tell the story!
Great is He, the King of Glory!

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SERMON



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

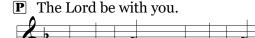
- P In peace, let us pray to the Lord: C Lord, have mercy.
- P For humble and grateful hearts enlightened by the Gospel, that we would always bow down and worship the King and willingly offer Him the most precious gifts we have to give, let us pray to the Lord: C Lord, have mercy.

- For leaders, that they may serve honorably; for pastors and missionaries, that they may proclaim the saving truth of God's Word without fear; and for those who hear, that they may be brought to faith, let us pray to the Lord: **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For the leaders of the nations, that God would endow them with justice and fill them with wisdom, compassion and care; and that, unlike Herod, they would seek to uphold life and watch over the welfare of the governed, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For those who need the comfort of the Lord's presence, healing according to His will, relief of suffering, and an end to the terrors of mind and heart, especially _______, that He would sustain the weary with His Word, the wounded with hope and the dying with peace, let us pray to the Lord: **C** Lord, have mercy.
- May Your light shine on us and bring forth the fruits of repentance in our daily lives. Give us confidence in Your Word, that we would embrace Your holy will without fear. Hear and answer us, we pray, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE & SANCTUS

2 Timothy 4:22 [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]



C And with thy spir - it.

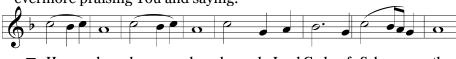
P Lift up your hearts.



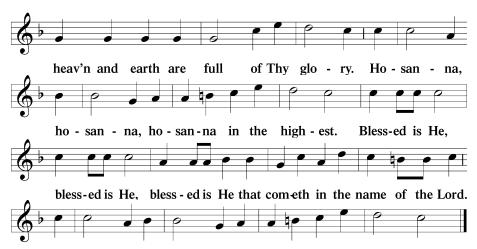
P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.



P It is truly good, right, and salutary...we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



■ Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER



A NOTE TO OUR VISITORS

Holy Communion is for baptized Christians who have been confirmed or instructed in the biblical teaching of the Christian faith and confess:

- I am a sinner before God and am in need of divine forgiveness. (Romans 3:9-10)
- I believe that, in, with, and under the bread and wine, I receive the true body and blood of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, given and shed for the forgiveness of my sins. (Matthew 26:26-28)
- I will through the power of the Holy Spirit amend my sinful life. (Romans 8:1-8)

WHILE COMMUNING

- Please follow the directions of the Elders/Ushers to come forward.
- If you are receiving communion, please cup your hands together to receive the host. Otherwise, please cross your forearms over your chest to receive a blessing.
- If you are receiving an individual cup, please take one from the assisting elder.
- If you are receiving wine from the common cup, please cross your hands to indicate so to the assisting elder. Once the assisting elder passes, please place out your hand to receive the common cup and help guide it to your mouth.
- If you have difficulty walking to the altar, alert the ushers. The pastor and an assistant will come to you to serve you.

PRAYER FOR RIGHT RECEPTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

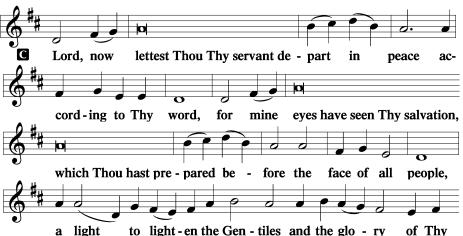
"O Lord, our God, in Holy Baptism You have called us to be Christians and granted us the remission of sins. Make us ready to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all our sins, and grant us grateful hearts that we may give thanks to You, O Father, to Your Son, and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

For Questions and Answers to help PREPARE for the Lord's Supper, turn to page 329 in the hymnal.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

399 The Star Proclaims the King Is Here 411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light | 398 Hail to the Lord's Anointed 412 The People That in Darkness Set

NUNC DIMITTIS Luke 2:29-32





THANKSGIVING Psalm 107:1

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



P 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.



BENEDICAMUS & BENEDICTION

And with thy

Psalm 103:1; Numbers 6:24-26



P Let us bless the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

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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.

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HYMN TO DEPART



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