



WELCOME TO FAITH

We are celebrating the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence, that as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink of our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with a Pastor. For further study, see Matt. 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34. Also, page 329 in the hymnal can be helpful.

If you have a physical condition that would prohibit you from taking wine in the Lord's Supper, please note that a few individual cups of white grape juice, instead of wine, are placed there in the center of each tray for you.

Our Mission

Our mission is to proclaim the Gospel to all people so they may know and trust in Jesus as their savior for eternal life, grow in knowledge and faith, and show this faith in their daily lives.

Upon entering the sanctuary, please use this time to prepare for worship; suggested prayers can be found in the front page of Lutheran Service Book and on page 308 of the LSB. ("Be still and know that I am God." – Psalm 46:10a)

Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome!

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 5, 2023 – 10:00 A.M.

The Light of the Cross

As We Gather

As the liturgical year tells the story of Jesus' earthly ministry, with Christmas still fresh in our memory, it may seem too soon to begin talking about the cross, that instrument of death for the rejected Christ. But as the mysterious star drew the Wise Men to the newborn King of the Jews, so a light draws us to the goal of His mission, the glory of salvation found only in the crucified King of the Jews. How strange it must sound to those who have not heard or who do not yet believe when we sing "In the Cross of Christ I Glory." Only God the Holy Spirit can enlighten a person with the spiritual wisdom of faith. And He does give and strengthen that faith through the preached Word and the Sacraments administered according to Christ's institution. Today, that faith enlightened by the cross of our Lord produces a life of love and good works in all we say and do.

PRELUDE *"Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"*

Burkhardt

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

OPENING HYMN **"Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"**

LSB #650

- 1 Holy Spirit, ever dwelling
 In the holiest realms of light;
Holy Spirit, ever brooding
 O'er a world of gloom and night;
Holy Spirit, ever raising
 Those of earth to thrones on high;
Living, life-imparting Spirit,
 You we praise and magnify.

- 2 Holy Spirit, ever living
 As the Church's very life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving
 Through us in a ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming
 In the Church the mind of Christ:
You we praise with endless worship
 For Your gifts and fruits unpriced.

- 3 Holy Spirit, ever working
 Through the Church's ministry;
Quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving,
 Setting captive sinners free;

Holy Spirit, ever binding
Age to age and soul to soul
In communion never ending,
You we worship and extol.

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✠ PREPARATION ✠

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: 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.

People: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

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

People: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: **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.**

Pastor: “Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of

the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

SALUTATION

Assistant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Assistant: Let us pray.

People: Gracious God, by Your light of grace shining in our hearts and enlightened by the cross of our Savior, Jesus Christ, inspire in us a faith that is alive and glorifies You in all we say and do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. amen.

ANTHEM

*“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”
Parish Adult Choir*

Martin

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 58:3–9a

³“Why have we fasted, and you see it not?

Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?
Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure,
and oppress all your workers.

⁴Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to hit with a wicked fist.

Fasting like yours this day
will not make your voice to be heard on high.

⁵Is such the fast that I choose,
a day for a person to humble himself?

Is it to bow down his head like a reed,
and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him?

Will you call this a fast,
and a day acceptable to the LORD?
⁶“Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of wickedness,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover him,
and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?
⁸Then shall your light break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up speedily;
your righteousness shall go before you;
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 2:1–16

¹And 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. ¹³And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

¹⁴The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. ¹⁶“For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL:

Matthew 5:13–20

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³[Jesus said:] “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

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. ¹⁸For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to You, O Christ.

CONFESSION OF FAITH - Nicene Creed

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

**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.**

HYMN **“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”**

LSB #873

- 1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true and only light,
Sun of righteousness, arise;
Triumph o'er the shades of night.
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

- 2 Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by Thee;
Joyless is the day's return
Till Thy mercy's beams I see,
Till they inward light impart,
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

- 3 Visit then this soul of mine,
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, radiancy divine,
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more Thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.

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SERMON *The Wisdom of Eternal Living*

“Were You There”

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? *were you there?*
Were you there when they crucified my Lord? *were you there?*
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord? *were you there?*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Assistant: Almighty God, we give You thanks for Your liberating Word made known especially in the light shining through the glorious cross of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant that Your Word enlighten our hearts and minds now that we may keep it and bring forth the fruits of faith in all that we say and do. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Assistant: By Your light of life, rule and govern Your whole Church throughout the world that all those who proclaim Your truth be preserved in the pure doctrine of Your saving Word and that faith and love be strengthened and increased in all Your people. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Assistant: Bless our country and all who are in authority. Let Your glory dwell in our land that mercy and truth, righteousness and peace may abound everywhere. We commend to You the care of our schools so that our children grow in useful knowledge and Christian virtue, bringing forth wholesome fruits of life. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Assistant: Comfort all who are in trouble, sickness, anguish, or any other adversity including...the Hinton family, the Brandt family, the Rampe family, Ken, Tori, Deb, Jay, Betsy, Margaret, Bill, Nancy, Tom, Dawn, Sue, Rick. In every time of trouble, show Yourself a very present help, the Savior of all. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Assistant: Accept, we pray, our bodies and souls, hearts and minds, all our talents and powers, together with the offerings we bring before You as our humble service. Help us to prepare for the world to come, doing the work You have given us to do while it is day before the night comes when no one can work. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Assistant: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

OFFERING (*When we worship God with our offerings, we recall the words of Jesus: “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” Matthew 6:21*)

SONG *“An Epiphany Prelude – The First Noel”* *Whitcomb*
Lindsay Crouch, Megan Hunt – flute

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

People: **We lift them to the Lord!**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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

All: 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.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

VOLUNTARY *“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”*
Faith Ringers

Tucker

HYMN **728 How Firm a Foundation**

- 1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
- 2 “Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.
- 3 “The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never, forsake!
- 4 “When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.
The flames will not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.
- 5 “Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove
My sov’ reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne.”

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DISMISSAL

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

People: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Thanks and praise be to You, almighty God, for in Your Son's very body and blood You have increased in us the gracious light of saving faith. Help us that this saving light may shine through us in our world in all that we say and do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" LSB #411

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus. Refrain

ref In Him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2 I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,
And show me the way to the Father. Refrain

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
We shall know the joy of Jesus. Refrain

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**✠THE WORSHIP IS ENDED.
LET THE SERVICE BEGIN.✠**

**✠ We Go in Peace to Serve the Lord ✠
✠ Trust ✠ Grow ✠ Show ✠**

THOSE ASSISTING IN TONIGHT'S SERVICE

Preacher	Rev. Marc A. Kappel, M.Div.
Assistant	Mr. Timm Leikip
Children's Message	Mr. Michael Yurk, D.C.E.
Music Director	Mr. Michael Neas, M.M.
Acolyte	Christian Menard
Lector	Jeremy Fritz
Communion Assistant	Elder Kip Sandersfeld

The altar flowers today have been placed by Paul Komraus in appreciation of his wife, Sandra.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Celebration (Contemporary) Worship – Saturdays, 5 p.m.

Traditional Worship – Sundays, 10 a.m. (Available on-line via FB and YouTube)

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This Week at Faith 02/06—02/12/2023

Mon. 10:00 am Bible Study
Tues. 3:15 pm Student Strings
Wed. 8:30 am Chapel
2:15 pm Children's Choir
6:00 pm Confirmation
Fri. 3:00 pm Kings Kids (PreK-1st)
Sat. 5:00 pm Celebration Worship
6:00 pm High School Youth
Sun. 8:45 am Sun. School / Bible Study
10:00 am Worship w/Communion

Golf Tournament Items Needed

We are in need of door prizes and raffle items. If you'd like to donate a new item for the event, please bring them to the church office or contact Martha Richards at (352)589-4696.

Want to participate or sponsor a hole for the event? Registration forms are available in the church office and these announcements.

Thank you for your support of this community event!

Youth Groups

Dates to Remember:

February

- ♥ 1- Board of Youth 5:30pm
- ♥ 8- Confirmation 6-8pm
- ♥ 10- Lower Grades King's Kids 3-5pm
- ♥ 11- High School Youth 6-8pm
- ♥ 15- Middle School Youth 6-8pm
- ♥ 22- Ash Wednesday/Confirmation 5-6pm
- ♥ 24- Upper Grades King's Kids 3-5pm
- ♥ 25- Strawberry delivery???
- ♥ 25- High School Youth 6-8pm

Prayers

Those ill, hospitalized or struggling:

Ken Wilkins, Tori Brunhold (Lydia Walker's mom), Deb Leech, Jay Gillespie (son-in-law of the Teschendorfs), Betsy Farner (friend of Samantha Rimes), Margaret Lowell (Ian Lowell's mom), Bill Phillips, Nancy Chamberlain (Carol Shaw's niece), Tom Paggett (FLC student grandfather), Dawn Biener, Sue Curtiss, Rick Maines (Jack's brother)

Anniversaries & Birthdays

2/06 Matt Wasmund
2/07 Deb Leech
2/08 Corey Beiner, Joanne Emmons, Casey Rottmann
2/10 Marsha Lewis, Ben Pauluhn, Conrad Schmidt
2/12 Susan Curtiss, Brantley Prince, Michael Siefert

Others

A prayer of comfort to the Hinton and Brandt families.

A prayer of comfort to the family and friends of Donna Rampe at her death.

Save the Date for VBS!

VBS and the summer are starting to loom around the corner, and we want you here! June 5-9 from 9AM to 12PM each day we will be hosting our STELLAR VBS! Come check out our space themed VBS this year! We are always looking for volunteers, so if you might be interested, please see DCE Mike Yurk!

Eustis Heights Tigers Need Your Help!

FOOD DRIVE



**BENEFITING TIGER FAMILIES
IN NEED**

Canned Soup
Shelf Stable Meals
Ramen cups.
Canned Pasta Meals
Vienna Sausages
Beanie-Weenie
Tuna & Crackers Kits
Canned Vegetables
Macaroni and Cheese
Saltines
Canned Tomato Sauce
Canned Beans
Canned Meat

Please sign up in the
narthex to donate food
items to help Eustis
Heights Elementary.

Sign up begins January
29. Food items to be
returned by February
26th.

Items should be able to be manually
opened (pop tops), easily prepared, able
to be eaten in a motel room or outside.
Please do not send anything frozen,
refrigerated, or perishable

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 Learn to give and receive love in meaningful ways.

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