

FAITH
LUTHERAN CHURCH
9AM & 11:AM WORSHIP SERVICES

JANUARY 21, 2024
Third Sunday after Epiphany • Stewardship Emphasis

WELCOME & INVITATION TO CENTER IN CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 95 *Pew Bible page #539*

Pastor: ¹O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Congregation: ²**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

P: ³For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

C: ⁴**In his hands are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.**

P: ⁵The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

C: ⁶**O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.**

P: ⁷For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would listen to his voice!

OUR VISION
To be an inspired body of Christ.



OUR MISSION
Love God. Love Others. Serve.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Congregation: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven. Almighty God, strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

BIBLE READING: Luke 12:13-21 *pew Bible page: 951*

We begin our stewardship emphasis at Faith Lutheran Church. The parable of the rich fool is both law and gospel to us. Law, because it accuses us. Gospel, because it offers an invitation to salvation. To all who have ears, listen!

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 12th chapter.

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶Then he told them a parable:

The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.'"

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON SONG hymnal, #677

This Little Light of Mine

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
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let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
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CREED / STATEMENT OF BELIEF

All: We believe that the radiance of all people and all creation is Everlasting God.

We believe God revealed Jesus to the nations by the leading of a star and Jesus is the full vision of the glory of God.

We believe that He is the Light of the World and we have His illuminating presence in our lives.

We believe we have been drawn together as the church in the brightness of Christ to love, serve and strive for reconciliation between all people.

We believe in boldly naming the sin in our lives, seeking unity in the promise of forgiveness and mercy.

We believe we can offer our lives to God in praise and gratitude. Praise God for light and life and love. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HOLY COMMUNION WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING SONG *I Saw the Light* Hank Williams

I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin,
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in.
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night,
Praise the Lord, I saw the light.

Refrain:

I saw the light, I saw the light,
No more darkness, no more night,
Now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight.
Praise the Lord, I saw the light!

Just like a blind man, I wandered along,
Worries and fears I claimed for my own.
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight,
Praise the Lord, I saw the light! ***Refrain***

I was a fool to wander and stray,
Straight is the gate and narrow the way.
Now I have traded the wrong for the right.
Praise the Lord, I saw the light! ***Refrain***

BENEDICTION

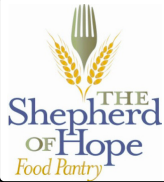
THE PEACE

*Flowers on the altar today are given by Cheri Riso-Gobel
in memory of her mother, Peggy Beckwith's birthday.*

Welcome!

As followers of Jesus, we rejoice in God's plan for a just, loving and peaceful world. We commit ourselves to making it a reality for all people everywhere. Just as all are welcome at the Lord's table during holy communion, all are welcome to this family of faith. People of all races, ages, social status, sexual orientations and gender identities are united here in our mission to love God, love others and serve.

**Please sign a
Worship Card
and place it in
offering plate.**



SHEPHERD OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY
Open at Faith Monday Jan 22, 3-6pm
Current Needs
Boxed potatoes ▪ Syrup (plastic bottles)
Jelly (plastic bottles) ▪ Soup (large cans)
Contact Reneé Stone, 865-599-7424.



SALVATION ARMY SHELTER VISIT
Tues Jan 23, depart from Faith 5pm
Current Needs L-XL men's boxer briefs & women's sizes 8-11 briefs
Contact Michael Lee, 865-405-6585 or Debbie Ragucci, 865-567-1945



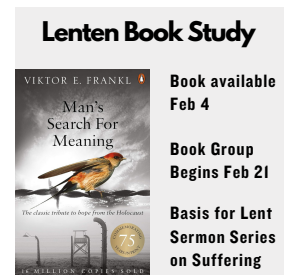
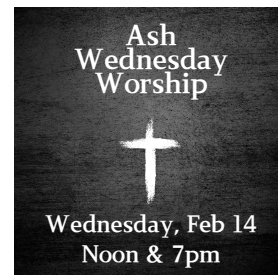
KNOX AREA RESCUE MINISTRIES
Faith serves lunch Jan 27
Need casseroles, brownies, and servers
Contact George Herbold 865-207-0216

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

TODAY @ Peace Lutheran Cedar Bluff for 3rd Sunday of month event with Knox-area ELCA youth. NOTE the time change from our fall events.
3rd-5th grade, 12:30-2pm | 6th-12th grade 2:30-4pm
Wed Feb 7, 6:30-7:30pm, First Wednesday Youth at Faith for grades 6-12

FIRST WEDNESDAY FEB 7

Join us for dinner, fellowship, and growing in faith with classes, choirs, and groups. There's something for everyone! RSVP for dinner with this QR code or at tinyurl.com/FirstWed020724



WORSHIP THEMES

- † Jan 21 What is stewardship and why should I be a good steward?
- † Jan 28 How can I give my time and talents as a way to love God and serve others? In-gathering of time and talent inventories.
- † Feb 4 How can I give my finances as a way to love God and serve others? In-gathering of financial pledges for 2024.

DIG IN, GROW DEEP, LEARN WITH OTHERS

- † Adult Bible Class Sundays, 10:15am in the Cup
- † Teen Sunday School, 10:15am in the Youth Room
- † Confirmation, 10:15am in the Library near the Nursery
- † Childrens' Sunday School, 10:15am in the classroom near the Nursery
- † Tuesday Bible Study, 1:30pm in the Cup

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

- † Spirituality Book Group, Tuesday, February 6, 6:30pm in the library. Join us as Donna Diechert presents **Penny Wise** by Neta Jackson and Dave Jackson.
- † 2024 Offering Envelopes are in the narthex for you.
- † 2024 Flower Chart is posted by the library. Sign up now to honor or remember loved ones with flowers on our altar.
- † Columbarium Niches are available for \$1,800 (members) and \$2,500 (non-members). Application forms are found in our *Columbarium Booklet* located in the narthex.
- † Handbell Rehearsals, Wednesdays 5:30pm
- † Chancel Choir Rehearsals, Wednesdays 6:30pm
- † Praise Band Rehearsals, Thursdays 6pm & Sundays 10:15am

Preparing for Next Week

Monday: Genesis 12:1-9, 1 Corinthians 7:17-24, Psalm 46 • **Tuesday:** Genesis 45:25-46:7, Acts 5:33-42, Psalm 46
Wednesday: Proverbs 8:1-21, Mark 3:13-19, Psalm 46 • **Thursday:** Deuteronomy 3:23-29, Romans 9:6-18, Psalm 111
Friday: Deuteronomy 12:28-32, Revelation 2:12-17, Psalm 111 • **Saturday:** Deuteronomy 13:1-5, Matthew 8:28-9:1, Psalm 111
Sunday: Deuteronomy 18:15-20, Psalm 111, 1 Corinthians 8:1-13, Mark 1:21-28

Dr. Bob Stelter — Pastor
Greg Bohlken — Ministry Associate
Lynn Rognsvoog — Organist
Collin Kasefang — Choir Director

Members of Faith Lutheran Church — Ministers
Sandra Bohlken — Contemporary Worship Leader
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Tiffany Bryson — Nursery Caregiver
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Mildred Fenske — Prayer Chain Coordinator
Alicia & David Brondos — Missionaries

PRAYER CONCERNS

Members: Shaun Allred, Arlene Aring, Mary Blackburn, Leon Cole, Myles Cooper, Mac Curtis, Patsy Elmore, Pat & Nick Gary, Green family, Jonas Greenman, George Herbold, Bonnie Legako, Kris Lehman, Lin & Mike McKinley, Joe Poole, Randy Schaefer, Bobbie Steele, Maurice and Rebecca

This column will start anew on the first Sunday of each month.

Friends: Nicole Blackburn, Marsha Bode, Dee Bohn, Sharon Brokenshire, Karen Bryant, Ginger Cameron, Jan Colangelo, Mary Beth Connor, Bill Crain, Nancy Crain, Errol Dennis, Sr. & family, Doran family, Brandy & Brian Duke, Vader Ernst, Joel Garber, Grayson family, Gutelius family, Terry Ann Hackney, Rita Heavner, Ross Holt, Linda Holtz, Hwangbo family, Joy Hymmer, Mike Jones, Donna Knick, Liebert family, Buddy Little, Loyacano family, David Matthews, Reuben & Aldene Meland, Audra Tyler Moore, Noble family, Ray Reason, Marilyn Savilisky, Scaglione family, Scalise family, Jim Shea, Lynn Siegfried, Donna Smith, Austin Stephens, Micki Weith, Frank Tyler, Lauren Wolfe, Mya, Ro & Haven Wolfe, Martha Woodward, Darcy, Donna, Caleb, Carol, Diane & Gabe, Joy & Bobby, Jody, Teresa *and those we name to you.*

Joy: First Wednesday gatherings each month!

Love: Marriage of Ben Dickinson to Ericka Beane on January 13 and the marriage of Brittany Moore to Douglas Rountree on December 27, 2023.

Joy at the Birth of:

Alvin, son of Antonia & Kevin Roberts; big brother, Felix.
Adam Christopher, son of Abby & Travis Dean;
grandparents: Nancy & Stephen Dean.
Carter, son of Kristen & Chris Joy; big sister, Cora.

Comfort in the Midst of Death for Family & Friends: Harold Chapel, Charles Carroll, Alexine Adams, Roger Madson, Mary Ruth Frazier, Jack Cleave, Lee North.

Salvation Army Friends: Denisha, Tara, Leila, Theresa, Jayda, Larissa, Stephanie, Brittany, Genesis, Gibby, James, Ralph, Jimmy, Teddy, Fey, Eddie, Roy, Bill.

Prayers, Concern & Assistance: The people of Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, Russia. Mentally & physically challenged. Veterans.

Learning & Pastoral Development: William Bales at Concordia Seminary.

Partnerships: Bishop Pro-Tem Michael Burk & the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Bishop Strickland & the Southeastern Synod; Alicia & David Brondos, Missionaries in Mexico; Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry; Quiet Music Ministry; Tyson House; Deacon Ministry; Knox Area Rescue Ministry; Via de Cristo Ministry; Salvation Army Women's & Men's Homeless Shelters; Community Coalition Against Human Trafficking; Cole Center Caregivers and Parkinson Band, Mercy Ships, Lutheran Church & School in Guatemala, AL-ANON, Narcotics Anonymous.

Peace: Protection for all armed forces, especially: Anthony Hu, Jacob Cole, Tyler Hitter, Anthony Hu, Chase Linell, Olivia Parrott, Alex Primka, Christine Russ, Alex Serrano, Sam Thompson, Mitchell Yount, Greg Zager.

Week of January 21-27, 2024

Sunday, January 21 - What is Stewardship?

- 9:00am Traditional Worship Service
- 10:00am Fellowship
- 10:15am Adult Sunday School
- Childrens Sunday School
- Confirmation
- Teen Sunday School
- 11:11am Contemporary Worship Service
- 12:30pm 3rd-5th Grade area youth at Peace Lutheran
- 2:30pm 6th-12th Grade area youth at Peace Lutheran

Monday, January 22

- Noon Via de Cristo Reunion Group *Library*
- 3-6pm Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry open

Tuesday, January 23

- 10:00am Mom's Club of Northshore
- 1:30pm Bible Study Small Group *The Cup*
- 5:00pm Salvation Army Visit
- 6:00pm MOPS
- 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous *The Cup*

Wednesday, January 24

- 4:15pm Staff Meeting
- 5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 25

- 10:00am Mom's Club of Northshore
- 6:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal
- 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous *The Cup*

Friday, January 26

- 9:30am UT Cole Center Parkinson Band
- 7:00pm Narcotics Anonymous Group *The Cup*

Saturday, January 27

- 11:00am AL-ANON meeting
- Noon Faith serves lunch at Knox Area Rescue Ministry

Sunday, January 28 - Giving Time and Talents

- 9:00am Traditional Worship Service
- 10:00am Fellowship
- 10:15am Adult Sunday School
- Childrens Sunday School
- Confirmation
- Teen Sunday School
- 11:11am Contemporary Worship Service

Giving 1/14/24

Offerings last Sunday: \$ 25,867

Offerings Year-to-Date: \$ 36,433



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