

FAITH

LUTHERAN CHURCH

- CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE -
January 14, 2024 • Baptism of Our Lord

GATHERING SONGS

The River
Holy Water

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

On the Wings of a Dove

Verse 1:

When Jesus went down to the river to pray,
He was baptized by John in the Jordan that day.
When these things were done, God blessed His Son.
He sent down His love on the wings of a dove.

Chorus:

On the wings of a snow white dove, God sent His pure, sweet love
A sign from above, on the wings of a dove.

Verse 2:

When troubles beset us, when evils come,
The body grows weak and the spirit grows numb.
When these things beset us, God doesn't forget us,
He sends down His love on the wings of a dove.

Chorus

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NEWS

BIBLE READING Mark 1:4-11 *Pew Bible pg. #912*

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt round his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." ⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

SERMON

The Spirit of the Times . . . And the Holy Spirit

Pastor Bob Stelter

A manuscript of this sermon is available on our website: faithloves.org.

OUR VISION
To be an inspired body of Christ.



OUR MISSION
Love God. Love Others. Serve.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

Congregation: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SPRINKLING FOR BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE

SERMON SONG

All My Fountains

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

OFFERINGS FOR MISSION & MINISTRY

OFFERING SONG

BLESSING OF THE OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION / LORD'S PRAYER / HOLY COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION SONG

COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

Congregation: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Congregation: Amen.

SENDING SONG

The River

DISMISSAL

Praise Band: Our mission calls us to love God, love others, serve!

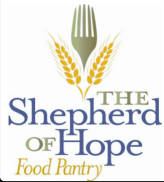
Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Flowers on the altar today are given by Nancy & Stephen Dean in honor of their grandchildren.

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 Renee 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

Next Sunday, Jan 21 @ 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 14, The Feast of the Baptism of Jesus
- † 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

- † Property Team meets Mon, Jan 15, 6:30pm.
- † WELCA Anna Esther Circle, Wed, Jan 17, 10am. Contact Pat Lyman, 865-675-2189.
- † Handy Faithfuls, Thursday, January 18, 9:30am. Help with building upkeep.
- † MOMs of Northshore, Tuesday, Jan 23, 10am.
- † MOPS January 23 at 6pm in the nursery.
- † 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.
- † Lent Comes Early! Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner, 2/13. Ash Wednesday, 2/14.
- † 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: 1 Samuel 9:27-10:8, 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1, Psalm 86 • **Tuesday:** 1 Samuel 15:10-31; Acts 5:1-11
Wednesday: Genesis 16:1-14, Luke 18:15-17 • **Thursday:** Jeremiah 19:1-15, Revelation 18:11-20, Psalm 62:5-12
Friday: Jeremiah 20:7-13, 2 Peter 3:1-7, Psalm 62:5-12 • **Saturday:** Jeremiah 20:14-18, Luke 10:13-16
Sunday: Jonah 3:1-5, 10, Psalm 62:5-12, 1 Corinthians 7:29-31, Mark 1:14-20

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

Members of Faith Lutheran Church — Ministers
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Phylis Garrison — Publications
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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: Marsha Bode, Dee Bohn, Sharon Brokenshire, Karen Bryant, Charles Carroll, Ginger Cameron, Harold Chapel, 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, Rita Heavner, Ross Holt, Linda Holtz, Hwangbo family, Joy Hymer, Mike Jones, Donna Knick, Liebert family, Buddy Little, Loyacano family, David Matthews, Auora Tyler Moore, Noble family, Marilyn Savilisky, Scaglione family, Scalise family, Jim Shea, Lynn Siegfried, 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

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: 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 14-21, 2024

Sunday, January 14 Baptism of Our Lord

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

Monday, January 15

Noon Via de Cristo Reunion Group *Library*
6:30pm Property Team meeting

Tuesday, January 16

1:30pm Bible Study Small Group *The Cup*
7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous *The Cup*

Wednesday, January 17

10:00am WELCA Esther Circle
4:15pm Staff Meeting
5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 18

9:30am Handy Faithfuls
6:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal
7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous *The Cup*

Friday, January 19

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

Saturday, January 20

9:00am Council Retreat & Monthly Meeting
11:00am AL-ANON meeting

Sunday, January 21

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

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

9am Traditional

- Altar Guild: Mary Bales
- Assisting Minister: Collin Kasefang
- Communion Ministers: Darla & Alan Berdal, Marj West, Doug Bales
- Greeter: Gloria Fife
- Ushers: Craig Runger, Steve Dean
- Offering Stewards: Gary Mount, George Herbold

11:11am Contemporary

- Altar Guild: Melissa Horning
- Communion Ministers: Deb Miller, Teensy & Frank Weldon, Jamie Daut, Ava Daut
- Greeter: Yvette Edwards
- Ushers: Matt & Ethan Daut, Matt & Ethan Gray
- Offering Stewards: Gary Mount, George Herbold

Giving 1/7/24

Offerings last Sunday: \$10,640

Offerings Year-to-Date: \$10,640



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