

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
- CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE -
January 11, 2026 • 1st Sunday After Epiphany
Celebrate Generosity

GATHERING SONGS

*There's Nothing That Our God Can't Do
Come, Now Is the Time to Worship*

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS FOR CELEBRATE GENEROSITY

Pastor: Blessed be the Holy Trinity †, the giver of all good, the source of all joy.

Congregation: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for confession.

P: God of all,

C: You have given us all that we need and you ask that we share your abundance.

We confess that we have not responded to your call of generosity, to being open channels of your grace. We clench our fists when you ask for open hands; we close our minds when you ask for love toward our neighbors. Open our hearts to live in the abundance of your creation; loosen our grip and restore our souls, that we may freely give and receive. Amen.

P: Beloved in Christ, God makes all things new. In the name of Christ, † you are forgiven. Your hearts are unfurled and your grasping is unbound. You are free to live as flowing streams of God's abundant grace. Celebrate generosity.

C: Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PARISH NEWS

VIDEO PRESENTATION IN CELEBRATION OF ELMER SYLER'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1-9 *pew Bible, page 657*

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice on the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

GOSPEL: Matthew 8:28-34 *pew Bible, page 886*

When he came to the other side, to the region of the Gadarenes, two men possessed by demons came out of the tombs and met him. They were so fierce that no one could pass that way. Suddenly they shouted, "What have you to do with us, Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Now a large herd of swine was feeding at some distance from them. The demons begged him, "If you cast us out, send us into the herd of swine. And he said to them, "Go!" So, they came out and entered the swine, and suddenly, the whole herd stampeded down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the water. The swineherds ran off, and, going into the town, they told the whole story about what had happened to the men possessed by demons. Then the whole town came out to meet Jesus, and when they saw him they begged him to leave their region.

Greg Bohlken: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON *The Hand of God*

Greg Bohlken

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

SERMON SONG *Great Are You Lord*

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

OFFERINGS FOR MISSION & MINISTRY

OFFERING SONG *I Christ Alone*

Lynn Rognsvoog

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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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 SONG *Here I Am to Worship*

Lynn Rognsvoog

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.

EPIPHANY BENEDICTION

Pastor: May God's generosity flow freely through you. May you be filled with the abundance of God's love † and held in God's peace.

Congregation: Amen.

SENDING SONG *Hallelujah Feeling*

SENDING

Praise Band: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Congregation: Celebrate generosity.

All: Thanks be to God.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

ALTAR GUILD	Melissa Horning
GREETER	Deb Miller
USHERS	Matt Gray, Ethan Gray
COMMUNION MINISTERS	Lisa Stelter, Vicki Adams, Connie Rist, Dawn Ellis, Carrie Parrott
PROJECTION & LIGHTS	Jennifer Berry

*The flowers on the altar are given by **Nancy & Steve Dean** in celebration of **Elmer Syler's 100th birthday.***

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Guidance: Our 2026 Council Members: David Mabry, Steve Dean, Mary Bales, Carrie Parrott, Ritchie Case, Christina Landau, Connie Rist, Dawn Titsworth, Emily Wright, Pastor Bob Stelter

Comfort in the midst of death for the family and friends of: Michael Lee, Sarah.

Shepherd of Hope Pantry Friends: Julie, Westen, Kristi, Trent, Sandra, Ted, Bill, Janet, Billy, Alisa, Chris, Zack, David, Theresa & Tom, Barbara, Maria & Samuel, Rhonda, Sally, Clyde, Larry & Jeanna, Willie, Veloz *and those known to God.*

Salvation Army Friends: Paula, Julie, Stephanie, Daphne, Elizabeth, Ren, Lisa, Cheryl, Wendy, Al, Gabby, James, Gibby, Jay, Alfredo, Chris, Grant, Grant, Jr., Zayne, Lois, Adam, Jason, Gary, Brandon, Sean, Jason *and those known to God.*

Concern & Assistance: Those dealing with addiction while incarcerated. Mentally & physically challenged. Veterans. Refugees and those living in fear of deportation. Persecuted Christians. The people of Jamaica, Nigeria, Iran, Israel, Syria, Palestine, Ukraine, Russia.

Partnerships: Bishop Yehiel Curry & the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Bishop Kevin Strickland & the Southeastern Synod; Alicia & David Brondos, Missionaries in Mexico; Seminarian Sam Sosebee; Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry; English Language Learning Classes, Quiet Music Ministry; Tyson House; Deacon Ministry; Knox Area Rescue Ministry; Via de Cristo Ministry; Salvation Army Women's & Men's Homeless Shelters; Street Hope; Cole Center Caregivers and Parkinson Band; Mercy Ships; Lutheran Church & School in Guatemala; AL-ANON; Narcotics Anonymous.

Peace & Protection for all armed forces, especially: Jacob Cole, Anthony Hu, HM, Andrew McDonald, Alex Primka, Christine Russ, Sam Thompson, Chris Yonke, Mitchell Yount.

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Carrie Parrott, Treasurer
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Dawn Titsworth
Pastor Stelter

11:11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

January 11

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, Serve.

If you are new, please sign a worship card and place it in the offering plate.

Sunday School Classes are regularly held at 10:15 a.m.

Adult Bible Class: The Holy Land Revealed - In the classroom side of the Cup

Teen Sunday School (6th - 12th grade): In the Youth Room

Confirmation Class (8th - 10th grade): In the Library

Children's Sunday School for 5th grade and younger:

- Ye Littles of Faith for Kindergarten and younger in East hallway classroom next to Nursery
- The Mighty Kids Kingdom for 1st - 5th grades in West hallway classroom, 2 doors past youth room

Tuesday Bible Study (Open to All): In the classroom side of the Cup

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*Staying connected through at least one of these ways allows you to know what's happening in between Sundays so you can plan ahead and be involved. If you follow us on social media, please be **sure to share our posts!***

EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 10 a.m. English Language Class
- 10:15 a.m. Birthday Celebration
- 11:11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
- 5 p.m. Anglican Worship

MONDAY, JANUARY 12

- 9 a.m. PEO Chapter S
- 3 p.m. Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry
- 6:15 p.m. English Language Class

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13

- 1:30 p.m. Bible Study Class
- 6 p.m. Evening Prayer
- 6:30 p.m. Spirituality Book Club
- 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

- 9:30 a.m. PEO Chapter AH Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 6 p.m. Chili Cook Off
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

- 9:30 a.m. Handy Faithfuls
- 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16

- 9:30 a.m. Cole Center Caregiver Community
- 7 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

- 11 a.m. Al-Anon
- 1 p.m. Michael Lee Visitation
- 2 p.m. Michael Lee Memorial

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 10 a.m. English Language Class
- 10:15 a.m. Bible Study/Sunday School
- 11:11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
- 2 p.m. Choir Open House

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Anglican Rites Service**
 - Sunday, January 11, 5 p.m.
- **Spirituality Book Club**
 - Tuesday, January 13, 6:30 p.m.
- **Chili Cook Off**
 - Wednesday, January 14, 6 p.m.

DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS THIS WEEK

Monday: Genesis 35:1-15, Acts 10:44-48,
Psalm 89: 5-37

Tuesday: Jeremiah 1:4-10, Acts 8:4-13, Psalm 89: 5-37

Wednesday: Isaiah 51:1-16, Matthew 12:15-21,
Psalm 89: 5-37

Thursday: Isaiah 22:15-25 Galatians 1:6-12,
Psalm 40:1-11

Friday: Genesis 27:30-38, Acts 1:1-5, Psalm 40:1-11

Saturday: 1 Kings 19:19-21, Luke 5:1-11, Psalm 40:1-11

Sunday: Isaiah 49:1-7, Psalm 40:1-11, 1 Corinthians 1:1-9,
John 1:29-42

Faithful Response

Offerings last week: \$ 3,270

Offerings year to date: \$ 3,270



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