

And all...  
were going out to [John]  
and were being baptized by  
him in the river Jordan,  
**CONFESSING  
THEIR SINS.**

*Mark 1:5, ESV*



**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**

# **WELCOME**

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

Please sign the guest register in the entry  
as you leave the church today.

## **TODAY'S SERVICE**

**January 14, 2024**

**Speaker:**

Pastor Matthew Ude

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# PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

## *Psalm 29*

Give unto the LORD, O you mighty ones, Give unto the LORD glory and strength. <sup>2</sup> Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name; Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. <sup>3</sup> The voice of the LORD is over the waters; The God of glory thunders; The LORD is over many waters. <sup>4</sup> The voice of the LORD is powerful; The voice of the LORD is full of majesty. <sup>5</sup> The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars, Yes, the LORD splinters the cedars of Lebanon. <sup>6</sup> He makes them also skip like a calf, Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox. <sup>7</sup> The voice of the LORD divides the flames of fire. <sup>8</sup> The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; The LORD shakes the Wilderness of Kadesh. <sup>9</sup> The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth, And strips the forests bare; And in His temple everyone says, "Glory!" <sup>10</sup> The LORD sat *enthroned* at the Flood, And the LORD sits as King forever. <sup>11</sup> The LORD will give strength to His people; The LORD will bless His people with peace.

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## #4 God Himself Is Present

### INVOCATION

p In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

### CONFESSION OF SINS

p God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

c If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His son cleanses us from all sin.

p If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

c If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- all** Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen
- p** Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.
- c** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

## PRAYER

p Let us pray . . . Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## THE WORD

**Genesis 1:1-5** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> The earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was*<sup>t</sup> on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup> Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup> And God saw the light, that *it was* good; and God divided the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.

**Romans 6:1-11** What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup> Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? <sup>3</sup> Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? <sup>4</sup> Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup> For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness* of His resurrection, <sup>6</sup> knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. <sup>7</sup> For he who has died has been freed from sin. <sup>8</sup> Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, <sup>9</sup> knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. <sup>10</sup> For *the death* that He died, He died to sin once for all; but *the life* that He lives, He lives to God. <sup>11</sup> Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

# THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, The resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.



## To Jordan's River Came our Lord



1 To Jor-dan's riv - er came our Lord,  
2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized  
3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood  
4 Then from God's throne with thund'rous sound



The Christ, whom heav'n - ly hosts a - dored,  
The Son of God in flesh dis - guised  
And John bap - tized the Lamb of God,  
Came God's own voice with words pro - found:



The God from God, the Light from Light,  
To stand be - neath the Fa - ther's will  
The Ho - ly Spir - it, Heav'n - ly dove,  
"This is my Son," was his de - cree,



The Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.  
And all his prom - is - es ful - fill.  
De - scend - ed on him from a - bove.  
"The one I love, who pleas - es me."

# SERMON

**Mark 1:4-11** <sup>4</sup> John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. <sup>5</sup> Then all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup> Now John was clothed with camel's hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> And he preached, saying, "There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. <sup>8</sup> "I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." <sup>9</sup> It came to pass in those days *that* Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> And immediately, coming up from<sup>1</sup> the water, He saw the heavens parting and the Spirit descending upon Him like a dove. <sup>11</sup> Then a voice came from heaven, "You are My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

# IT'S ALL ABOUT THE WATER

Through the waters of baptism Jesus was anointed for his ministry. At the waters of baptism the heavens were opened. In the waters of baptism we receive forgiveness, a new heart and the gift of the Holy Spirit. This is not a gift we should ever look lightly upon. We ought to celebrate and marvel at the wonderful things God has done for us in this sacred sacrament.

# #298:1-3 Baptized Into Thy Name Most Holy

## OFFERING HYMN 441:1,2

1. We give Thee but Thine own,  
Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone,  
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

2. May we Thy bounties thus  
As stewards true receive  
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,  
To Thee our first-fruits give!

## PRAYERS - THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

## THE BENEDICTION

p The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.  
Amen

**#751 God's Own Child**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sunday, January 14**

9am Worship Service

10:15am Bible Class

10:00 am Sunday School

**Tuesday, January 16**

6:30 Elders Meeting

7:30 Council Meeting

**Wednesday, January 17**

4:15 Confirmation Class

**Friday, January 19**

3:30 BB Practice

**Sunday, January 21**

9am Worship Service

10am Sunday School

10:15 Bible Class

## **FRUITS OF FAITH**

Sunday Service – 57

Communion - 40

New Year's Eve Service – 14

Communion - 8

## **USHERS FOR JANUARY**

Jeff Jones, Gary Brown,  
David Draeger, Wayne Draeger

## **COUNTERS**

**This Week Team # 4**

Lynn Dumke, Tyler Denson

**Next Week #5**

Steve Meilahn, Jim Kok

## **PRAYER LIST**

**Terry and Dede Dykstra** - in a car accident

**Gary Brown** - went to the hospital with breathing last wee,

**Curtis Brown**

## **VOTERS MEETING**

Annual voters meeting January 25.

## **WALK WITH THE APOSTLE PAUL (GREECE AND TURKEY TRIP)**

The deadline for registering for the group trip to Greece/Turkey/Italy is this week, January 12th. The trip is currently planned for May 27-June 5, 2024 with a three day extension to Rome for those who are interested. We are currently a couple of travelers short of our minimum group size. If you have been thinking of going, please register this week. The trip will include stops in Athens,

Corinth, Berea, Thessaloniki, Philippi, Ephesus and visits to the traditional sites of many of the locations visited by the Apostle Paul as recorded in the Book of Acts. The extension to Rome will include visits to the Sistine Chapel, Basilica of St. Peter, Catacombs, Colosseum, St. Paul's Church, and more. A video of a similar trip can be seen here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ul-o6E47MMw>. If you would like more information about this trip, please contact Nathanael Mayhew (nnmayhew@sleepyeyelutheran.com). Brochures with additional trip details are available upon request.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL MATERIAL

The bottom bookshelf in the office contains various pieces of past Sunday school materials. If anyone wants any of this, please take it home. After January we will be getting rid of anything that is left.

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Jonah 3:1-5, 10  
Psalm 62  
1 Cor. 7:29-31  
Mark 1:14-20

## 2024 CLC MISSION HELPER TRIP

Applications are still being accepted for the 2024 CLC Mission Helper Trip to Africa. Participants will have the privilege of helping to spread the Gospel to children in Kenya/Uganda, Tanzania, or Zambia in July. The application period will end on January 16th. Find more information and apply online at [www.mht.lutheranmissions.org](http://www.mht.lutheranmissions.org).

## CALL NEWS

Mr. Dan Roehl has been called to be the new professor at Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire, WI, replacing retiring Professor Mark Kranz.

Pastor Thomas Schuetze of St. Paul Lutheran of Lakewood, CO is still considering the calls from Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI and St. Peter's Lutheran of Iron River, MI. Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran in Rapid City, SD has returned the call from Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN.

Ann Sprengeler, teacher at Faith Lutheran School in Markesan, WI, will be retiring from the teaching ministry as of the end of the current school year.



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