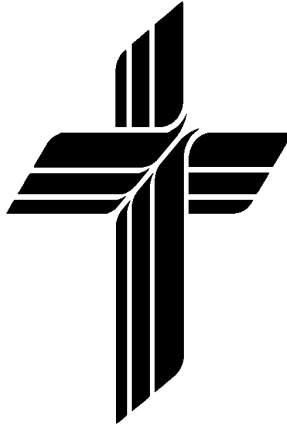


# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

La Crosse, Wisconsin  
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

The Epiphany of Our Lord  
January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021



***Our purpose:*** Faith Lutheran Church exists to share with all, God's love through Christ and His promise of salvation!

***As We Gather...*** We may think of New Year's Resolutions: promises we made on New Year's Eve to bring about some kind of improvement. John the Baptist was in the wilderness proclaiming a baptism for the repentance for the forgiveness of sins. This baptism was a new start. Often, we fail to keep our New Year's Resolutions. However, God works in us through baptism a promise that He keeps. The life of a baptized Christian is to keep on returning to those promises that were given to us on our baptism day by continuing to walk in Christ's renewed life.

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## 346 When All the World Was Cursed

sts. 1, 4



1 When all the world was cursed By Mo-ses' con-dem-na-tion,  
4 O grant, dear Lord of love, That we re-ceive, re-joic-ing,



Saint John the Bap-tist came With words of con-so-la-tion.  
The word pro-claimed by John, Our true re-pen-tance voic-ing,



With true fore-run-ner's zeal The great-er One he named,  
That glad-ly we may walk Up-on our Sav-ior's way



And Him, as yet un-known, As Sav-ior he pro-claimed.  
Un-til we live with Him In His e-ter-nal day.

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### Versicles

LSB 235

- L** O Lord, open my lips,
- C** and my mouth shall declare Your praise.
- 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.

### Alleluia

LSB 235

- C** Alleluia, alleluia.

### Antiphon (Common)

LSB 235

- L** Give glory to God, our light and our life.
- C** O come, let us worship Him.

# Venite

LSB 236



**C** O come, let us sing to the Lord;



let us make a joy-ful noise to the rock of our sal-va - tion.



**I** Let us come in - to His pres - ence with thanks - giv - ing;



let us make a joy - ful noise to Him with songs of praise.



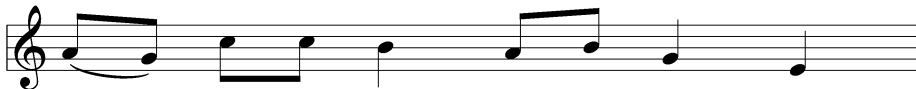
**II** For the Lord is a great God and a great king a-bove all gods.



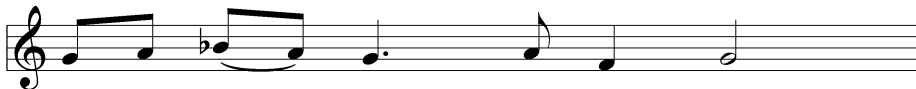
**I** In His hand are the depths of the earth;



the heights of the moun - tains are His al - so.



**II** The sea is His, for He made it;



and His hand formed the dry land.



**I** O come, let us wor - ship and bow down;



let us kneel be - fore the Lord, our mak - er.

**II** For He is our God, and we are the peo-ple  
 of His pas - ture and the sheep of His hand.  
**C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;  
 as it was in the be-gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men.

### Antiphon (Common)

LSB 237

- L** Give glory to God, our light and our life.
- C** O come, let us worship Him.

### Introit

- P** Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights.
- C** I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.
- P** Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.
- C** You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."
- P** Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.
- C** Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling,
- P** for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessèd are all who take refuge in him.
- 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.
- P** Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

### Luther's Small Catechism

- P** Confession
- P** What is Confession?
- C** Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

## Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 1:1–5*

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle Reading

*Romans 6:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Reading

*Mark 1:4–11*

<sup>4</sup>John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” <sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Final Reading Response

LSB 238

- L** In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.
- C** But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

## 405 To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

sts. 1, 6

1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, The Christ, whom  
6 Now rise, faint hearts, be res - o - lute; This man is  
heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, The God from God, the  
Christ, our sub - sti - tute! He was bap - tized in  
Light from Light, The Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.  
Jor - dan's stream, Pro - claimed Re - deem - er, Lord su - preme.

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## Sermon

## Benedictus

LSB 238

**C** Bless - ed be the Lord, the God of Is - ra - el;  
He has come to His peo - ple and re - deemed them.  
He has raised up for us a might - y Sav - ior,  
born of the house of His ser - vant Da - vid.



Through His ho - ly proph - ets He prom - ised of old



that He would save us from our en - e - mies, from the hands of all who



hate us. He prom - ised to show mer - cy to our fa - thers



and to re - mem - ber His ho - ly cov - e - nant.



This was the oath He swore to our fa - ther A - bra - ham:



to set us free from the hands of our en - e - mies,



free to wor - ship Him with - out fear, ho - ly and



righ - teous in His sight all the days of our life.



☐ You, my child, shall be called the proph - et of the Most High,



for you will go be - fore the Lord to pre - pare His way,

to give His peo-ple knowl-edge of sal-va - tion by the for-give-ness  
of their sins. In the ten-der com-pas-sion of our God,  
the dawn from on high shall break up - on us  
to shine on those who dwell in dark-ness and the shad-ow of death  
and to guide our feet in - to the way of peace.  
**C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the  
Ho - ly Spir - it; as it was in the be - gin - ning,  
is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

## Prayer of the Church

**P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*[Various petitions are offered, when the Pastor says, "Lord in your mercy" The congregation replies "Hear our Prayer."]*

**P** ... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.



## Collect of the Day

- L** 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.
- C** Amen.

## Collect for Grace

- L** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## Luther's Morning Prayer

- C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

*LSB 241*

- L** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
- C** 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.**

**Benedicamus**

*LSB 241*

- L** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

**Benediction**

*LSB 242*

- P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the  $\text{✠}$  Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.
- C** Amen.

**600 Mark How the Lamb of God's Self-Offering**

*sts. 1, 3*

1 Mark how the Lamb of God's self - of - f'ring Our hu - man  
3 Grant us, O God, the strength and cour - age To live the

sin - ful - ness takes on In the birth - wa - ters of the  
faith our lips de - clare; Bless us in our bap - tis - mal

Jor - dan As Je - sus is bap - tized by John.  
call - ing; Christ's roy - al priest-hood help us share.

Hear how the voice from heav - en thun - ders, "Lo,  
Turn us from ev - 'ry false al - le - giance, That

this is My be - lov - ed Son." See how in dove-like  
we may trust in Christ a - lone: Raise up in us a

form the Spir - it De - scends on God's A - noint - ed One.  
cho - sen peo - ple Trans - formed by love to be Your own.

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## Verse to Ponder

*Psalm 139:14*

<sup>14</sup>I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works;  
my soul knows it very well.

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### **Text: Mark 1:4–11** **Title: A Cleansing Flood**

\_\_\_\_\_ OPENS HEAVEN FOR THE LORD'S FORGIVEN CHILDREN.

I. \_\_\_\_\_ forgives sinners.

John the Baptizer was the last, great Old Testament \_\_\_\_\_.

II. \_\_\_\_\_ opens heaven.

The temple curtain was \_\_\_\_\_ feet high by twenty feet wide.

III. \_\_\_\_\_ makes you a child of God.

As part of God's family, everything He has is \_\_\_\_\_.