

# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod



## **The Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

January 26, 2025

Divine Service, Setting One – LSB 151

**8:00 & 10:30\*am, 5:00 pm**

\*livestreamed on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)

## **AS WE GATHER**

When Jesus unrolled the scroll, the people might have been expecting words from His mouth, but what they got was the Word made flesh, the Word that endures forever. It did not take long before they found reason to wonder. “Is this not Joseph’s son?” The reality is that there are always those who look for reason to doubt or to reject but the Word is given to bring forth faith. The Word is given that by hearing we might believe, but wherever God’s Word is spoken it is also a scandal and offense to the way we see ourselves and our salvation. Jesus has come to address us with the Word of Life so that by hearing we may believe and by believing we may see that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. The best appreciation for God’s Word is faith.

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**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

$\text{†}$   $\text{†}$   $\text{†}$  **WORD**  $\text{†}$   $\text{†}$   $\text{†}$

**INTROIT** – *Psalm 102:18–22; antiphon: v. 13*

*Leader:* You will arise and have pity on | Zion;\*  
it is the time to favor her; the appointed | time has come.



**C** Let this be recorded for a genera- | tion to come,\*  
so that a people yet to be created may | praise the Lord:

*Leader:* that he looked down from his | holy height;\*  
from heaven the Lord looked | at the earth,

**C** to hear the groans of the | prisoners,\*  
to set free those who were | doomed to die,

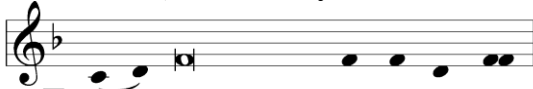
*Leader:* that they may declare in Zion the name | of the Lord,\*  
and in Jerusa- | lem his praise,

**C** when peoples gather to- | gether,\*  
and kingdoms, to wor- | ship the Lord.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\* and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

You will arise and have pity on | Zion;\*  
it is the time to favor her; the appointed | time has come.

**KYRIE** – Lord, Have Mercy – *Mark 10:47*



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



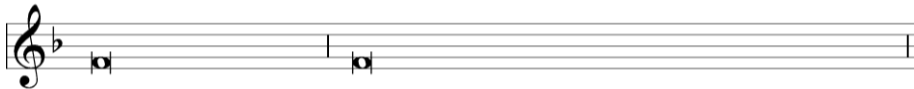
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



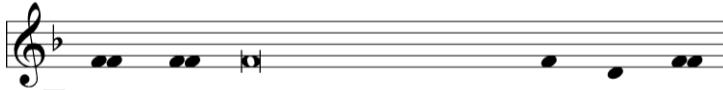
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS – *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

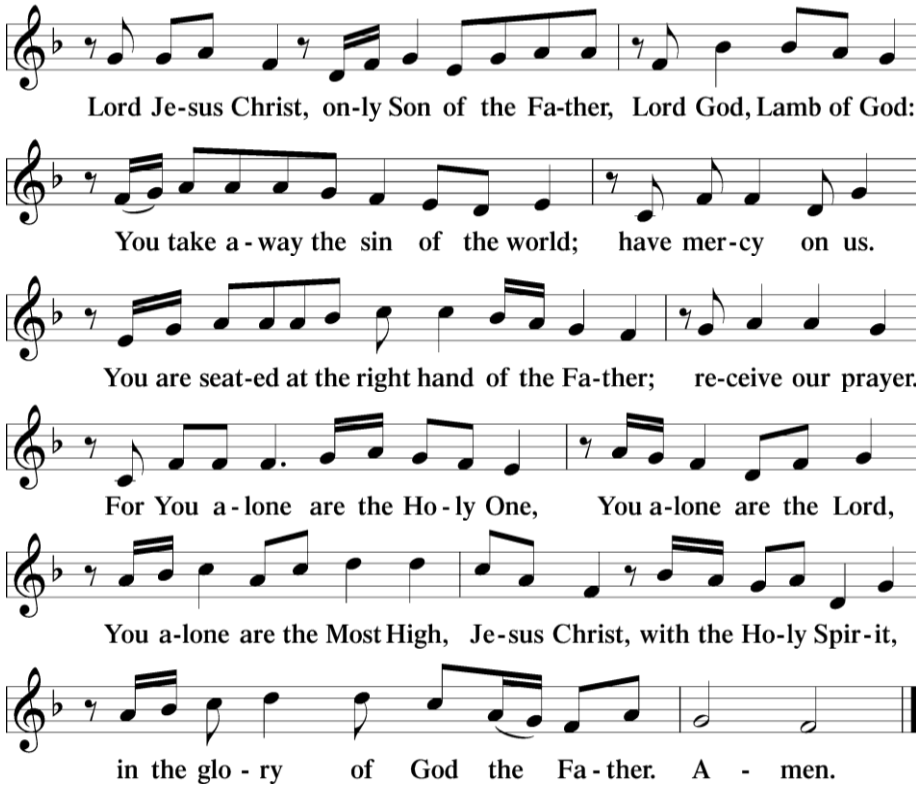
**P** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:  
 You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
 You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.  
 For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,  
 You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,  
 in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

**SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY**

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray... one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

**FIRST LESSON – Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10** – They taught the Word of the Lord clearly so that the people might understand.

<sup>1</sup> All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the Lord had commanded Israel. <sup>2</sup>So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup>And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. . . .

<sup>5</sup>And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. <sup>6</sup>And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people

answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. . . .

<sup>8</sup>They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

<sup>9</sup>And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, “Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

**GRADUAL** – *Psalm 117:1-2a; Psalm 96:8* - **The congregation sings all.**

Praise the Lord, all na - tions! Ex  
tol him, all peo - ples! For great is his stead-fast love toward us, and the  
faith - ful - ness of the Lord en-dures for - ev - er. As - cribe to the Lord the  
glo-ry due his name; bring an of-fer-ing, and come in-to his courts!\_

**SECOND LESSON** – **1 Corinthians 12:12-31a** – Though individually members, we are all one Body in Christ.

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup>For the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? <sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.



your hearing.” <sup>22</sup>And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” <sup>23</sup>And he said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Physician, heal yourself.’ What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.” <sup>24</sup>And he said, “Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. <sup>25</sup>But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, <sup>26</sup>and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. <sup>27</sup>And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.” <sup>28</sup>When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. <sup>29</sup>And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. <sup>30</sup>But passing through their midst, he went away.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

## 8:00 am – CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

### HYMN OF THE DAY – LSB 839 – O Christ, Our True and Only Light



1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light, En - light - en  
 2 Fill with the ra - diance of Your grace The souls now  
 3 O gent - ly call those gone a - stray That they may  
 4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold; Re - call the  
 5 That they with us may ev - er - more Such grace with



those who sit in night; Let those a - far now  
 lost in er - ror’s maze; En - light - en those whose  
 find the sav - ing way! Let ev - ’ry con - science  
 wan - d’rers to Your fold. U - nite all those who  
 won - d’ring thanks a - dore And end - less praise to



hear Your voice And in Your fold with us re - joice.  
 in - most minds Some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.  
 sore op - pressed In You find peace and heav’n - ly rest.  
 walk a - part; Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart,  
 You be giv’n By all Your Church in earth and heav’n.



**SERMON – *Expectations Fulfilled Unexpectedly* – Luke 4:16-30**

**8:00 am – APOSTLES' CREED**

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

**10:30 am and 5:00 pm – NICENE CREED**

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**A** ...Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** ...one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**OFFERING – *O Christ, Our True and Only Light* (arr. Christopher S. Ahlman)**

OFFERTORY – LSB 159 – Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19

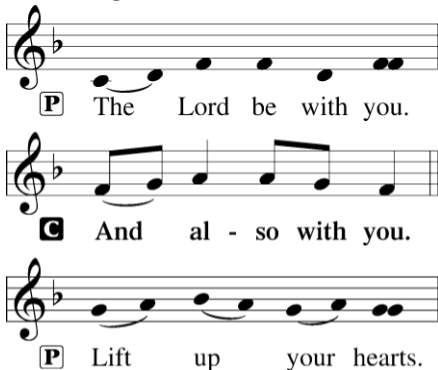


**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

8:00 am – Continues with the Lord's Prayer (page 11)  
and concludes with the Benediction and Hymn to Depart (pages 15-16).

✠ ✠ ✠ SACRAMENT ✠ ✠ ✠  
10:30 am & 5:00 pm – LSB page 160

PREFACE



**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And al - so with you.  
**P** Lift up your hearts.

**For Guests and  
Visitors Desiring the  
Sacrament**

As a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, we confess, in accord with the Scriptures, that **in this sacred meal Jesus Himself is truly present to forgive our sin and strengthen our faith.**

Participation in this meal indicates that you **believe, have been baptized, and have been taught** according to our Lord's command **and are in doctrinal agreement** with this confession.

- **If you are visiting from outside the Lutheran Church or are new to the faith,** we welcome you to come to the altar with arms crossed to receive a blessing.
- **If you desire to receive instruction for the Lord's Supper,** please speak with one of our pastors.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

### SANCTUS – Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Bless-ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** ...one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### LORD'S PRAYER

**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;

#### Distribution Notes:

If you need **gluten-free wafers**, please let one of the pastors know.

**Non-alcoholic** grape juice, containing *a trace amount of wine*, is available in the center of the tray.

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.

## WORDS OF OUR LORD

### PAX DOMINI – The Peace of the Lord – John 20:19

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C** Amen.

### AGNUS DEI – Lamb of God – John 1:29

**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## DISTRIBUTION

**Anthem** – *O Love that Will Not Let Me Go* (arr. Carson Cooman)

*O Love that will not  
let me go,  
I rest my tired soul  
in thee;  
I give thee back the  
life I owe,  
That in thine ocean  
depths its flow  
May richer, fuller  
be.*

*O Light that follows  
me all my way,  
I give my flickering  
torch to thee;  
My heart restores  
its borrowed ray,  
That in thy  
sunshine's blaze its  
day  
May brighter,  
fairer be.*

*O Joy that seeks me  
through the pain,  
I cannot close my  
heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow  
through the rain,  
And feel the  
promise is not vain,  
That morn shall  
tearless be!*

-Georg Matheson  
(1882)

LSB 636 – Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, Leave the  
 2 Has - ten as a bride to meet Him, And with  
 3 He who craves a pre - cious trea - sure Nei - ther  
 4 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der O - ver



gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, Come in - to the day - light's  
 lov - ing rev - 'rence greet Him. For with words of life im -  
 cost nor pain will mea - sure; But the price - less gifts of  
 this sur - pass - ing won - der That the bread of life is



splen - dor, There with joy your prais - es ren - der.  
 mor - tal He is knock - ing at your por - tal.  
 heav - en God to us has free - ly giv - en.  
 bound - less Though the souls it feeds are count - less:



Bless the One whose grace un - bound - ed This a - maz - ing  
 O - pen wide the gates be - fore Him, Say - ing, as you  
 Though the wealth of earth were prof - fered, None could buy the  
 With the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to



ban - quet found - ed; He, though heav'n - ly, high, and  
 there a - dore Him: Grant, Lord, that I now re -  
 gifts here of - fered: Christ's true bod - y, for you  
 us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious con - so -



ho - ly, Deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.  
 ceive You, That I nev - er - more will leave You.  
 riv - en, And His blood, for you once giv - en.  
 la - tion, Pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion!

5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,  
 Truest friend, and dearest treasure,  
 Peace beyond all understanding,  
 Joy into all life expanding:  
 Humbly now, I bow before You;  
 Love incarnate, I adore You;  
 Worthily let me receive You  
 And, so favored, never leave You.

6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,  
 Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,  
 Jesus, joy of my desiring,  
 Fount of life, my soul inspiring:  
 At Your feet I cry, my maker,  
 Let me be a fit partaker  
 Of this blessed food from heaven,  
 For our good, Your glory, given.

7 Lord, by love and mercy driven,  
 You once left Your throne in heaven  
 On the cross for me to languish  
 And to die in bitter anguish,  
 To forego all joy and gladness  
 And to shed Your blood in sadness.  
 By this blood redeemed and living,  
 Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,  
 Let me gladly here obey You.  
 By Your love I am invited,  
 Be Your love with love requited;  
 By this Supper let me measure,  
 Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.  
 Through the gift of grace You give me  
 As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

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### LSB 626 – Come, Let Us Eat



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,  
 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,  
 3 In His pres - ence now we meet and rest,  
 4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y Word,



Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.  
 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.  
 In His pres - ence now we meet and rest.  
 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y Word.



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,  
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,  
 In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,  
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the King - dom,



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 In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er.  
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**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE – Nunc Dimittis – Luke 2:29-32**



**C** Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful-



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre-



pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -



veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.



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.

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**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

**P** We give thanks to You, almighty God ... one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**BENEDICTION – Numbers 6:24-26**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## HYMN TO DEPART – LSB 924 – Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



1 Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with  
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's  
3 Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us From our strug - gling



joy and peace; Let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing,  
joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion  
pil - grim way, Let not fear of death ap - pall us,



Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us;  
In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,  
Glad Your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.  
ev - er faith - ful To Your truth may we be found.  
may we ev - er Reign with You in end - less day.

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## SILENT PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS

### POST-SERVICE MUSIC – *Hail, O Source of Every Blessing* (arr. Brian L. Hanson)



**2024 Year-End Offering Statements** not already picked up were mailed out early this past week.

If you have questions, contact Financial Secretary [Doug Hackman](mailto:ddhackman@outlook.com) no later than **TOMORROW** ([ddhackman@outlook.com](mailto:ddhackman@outlook.com)). If your **2025 offering envelopes** are missing or mislabeled, please contact the church office.



## TODAY

6:00pm **Endowment Committee meeting**

## TUESDAY, January 28

9:30am **Chinese Bible Study** (Grand Hall)

2:00pm **Quilting** (Kitchen)

5:15pm **First Steps in Music** (Classroom C; ages 0-5)

## WEDNESDAY, January 29

10:00am **Men's & Women's Bible studies**

7:00pm **Senior Choir**

8:00pm **Bible Study** ([Zoom](#)): *A Longer Look at the Lessons for Epiphany*



Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by the **Barthelme family** in celebration of **Sara's** birthday.



## January 30 - February 6

Pastor Edwards will be traveling to **Belize** with Dr. Gordon Green

- to assist Dr. Green and his team in a dental clinic in a local prison, and
- to visit with Pastor Micah Wildauer, exploring mission opportunities for Faith.

## NEXT SUNDAY, February 2

11:30am **Spirit Camp call-out meeting**

6:00pm **Deadline for Super Sunday Sub pre-orders**



**Camp Lakeview** Registration and **Campership** applications

- 1) Visit [lakeview.camp](http://lakeview.camp) for details and early registration
- 2) Apply for Faith Campership at Faith

## SATURDAY, February 8

**Biblical Workshop: Unlocking the Mystery of Jesus in the Old Testament** (St. Peter's, Columbus)

**SUNDAY, February 9**

**Super Sunday Sub sandwiches available for pickup** after both morning services (pre-orders only)

A green poster with a repeating pattern of chili peppers. A white rectangular box in the center contains the event details. At the bottom left, there is a small logo with a cross and the word 'SURE' and a call to action.

**CHILI COOKOFF**  
Saturday February 15th  
6pm in the gym

Sign up to compete in the narthex

Cornbread and Dessert Auction donations can be brought day of

LutherBucks will be available to purchase at the event

**Come out and support our youth as we  
fundraise for NYG2025!**

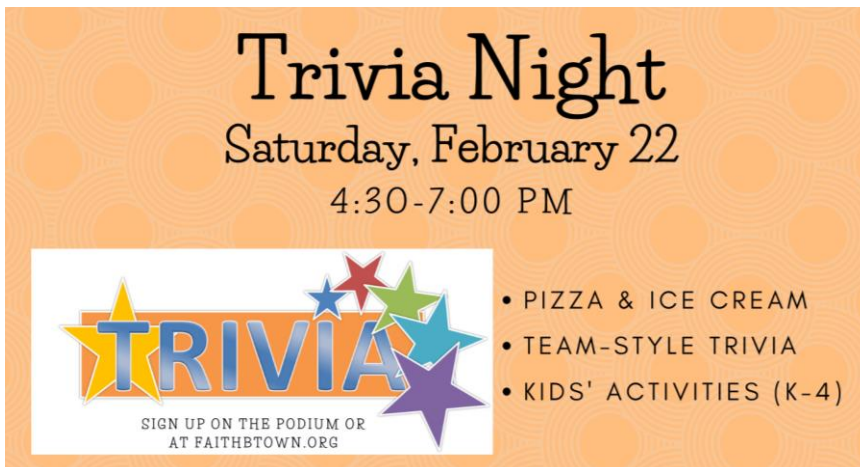
**SATURDAY, February 15**

**6:00pm Chili Cookoff and Dessert Auction**

**SATURDAY, February 22**

**11:00pm Secret Sisters Luncheon** (*Red Lobster*)

**4:30pm Trivia Night**

An orange poster with a subtle pattern of concentric circles. The text is centered and reads 'Trivia Night' in a large serif font, followed by the date and time. Below the text is a logo for 'TRIVIA' with colorful stars. To the right of the logo is a list of activities. At the bottom of the logo area, there is a sign-up instruction.

**Trivia Night**  
Saturday, February 22  
4:30-7:00 PM

**TRIVIA**

- PIZZA & ICE CREAM
- TEAM-STYLE TRIVIA
- KIDS' ACTIVITIES (K-4)

SIGN UP ON THE PODIUM OR  
AT [FAITHBTOWN.ORG](http://FAITHBTOWN.ORG)

# SPIRIT CAMP 2025



# JUNE 9-12



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# Winter Care In-Gathering through February 2

As we reflect upon the abundant blessings that God has provided, let us remember that the harsh winter conditions can bring much suffering to the homeless and others in need.

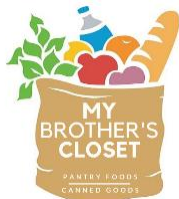
We recently donated a large number of items from **My Brother's Closet** to a downtown church's severe winter shelter that was in desperate need of supplies.

**Salvation Army** is also distributing winter care kits at this time.

To help with these efforts the following items may be placed in the marked bins in the narthex through **Sunday, February 2** and will be passed along for distribution by those organizations:

- winter coats
- stocking hats
- gloves
- scarves
- socks
- hot hands
- lip balm
- fast food gift cards
- snack crackers
- hand wipes
- travel-sized shampoo

Although the most urgent need is in these next few weeks, items will be accepted throughout the winter for ongoing needs. Thank you for your support and generosity!



*Jesus said, "...Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it for me."*

Matthew 25:40