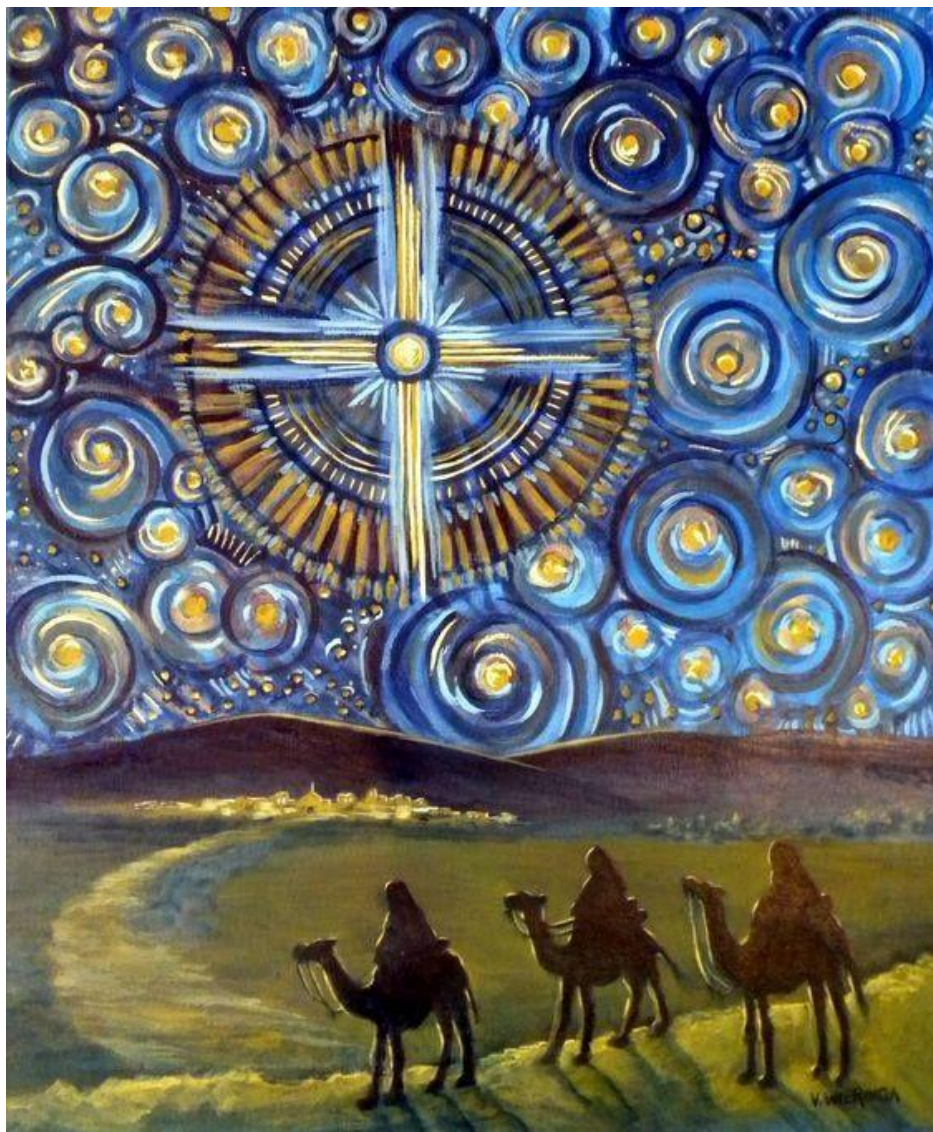


# *Faith Lutheran Church*

*We extend our whole-hearted welcome to all who worship with us, for we believe that everyone who enters our doors is God's guest.*

*Second Sunday of Christmas / Epiphany  
January 5, 2025*



## The Preparation

### THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE GATHERING

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#### THE PRELUDE

*Christmas Day*

*Chris Tomlin*

#### \* THE BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

C **Amen.**

P Let us come into the light, the assuring light of God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Together we pray,

C **Merciful God, you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

P God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

C **Amen.**

**\* THE ENTRANCE HYMN**

Little Drummer Boy

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Come they told me, pa rum pum pum pum  
Our new born king to see, pa rum pum pum pum  
Our finest gifts we bring, pa rum pum pum pum  
To lay before the king, pa rum pum pum pum,  
rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum,  
So to honor him, pa rum pum pum pum,  
when we come.

Little baby, pa rum pum pum pum  
I am a poor boy too, pa rum pum pum pum  
I have no gift to bring, pa rum pum pum pum  
To lay before the king, pa rum pum pum pum,  
rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum,  
Shall I play for you, pa rum pum pum pum,  
on my drum?

Mary nodded, pa rum pum pum pum  
The ox and lamb kept time, pa rum pum pum pum  
I played my drum for him, pa rum pum pum pum  
I played my best for him, pa rum pum pum pum,  
rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum,  
Then he smiled at me, pa rum pum pum pum  
me and my drum.

**\* THE GREETING**

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** **And also with you.**



Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;



blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.



Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;



send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!



1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the



dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,



set us free by the truth you now bring us.



Shine on me, shine on me:

*Refrain*

## \* THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Together we pray,

**C Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## THE FIRST LESSON:

*Jeremiah 31:10-14*

<sup>10</sup> Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,  
and declare it in the coastlands far away;  
say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,  
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

<sup>11</sup> For the Lord has ransomed Jacob,  
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

<sup>12</sup> They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,  
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
and over the young of the flock and the herd;  
their life shall become like a watered garden,  
and they shall never languish again.

<sup>13</sup> Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy,  
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

<sup>14</sup> I will give the priests their fill of fatness,  
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,  
says the Lord.

L The Word of the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**

## THE SECOND LESSON:

*Ephesians 1:3-10*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the

praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, 10 as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

**L** The Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

**\* THE VERSE**

The image shows a musical score for a three-line verse. It is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are: "Help us O Lord to hear your word O - pen our hearts to feel your word Give us the strength to live your word each day". The chords indicated above the notes are: D, DM7, D7, G, Em7, G/D, and A.

**THE GOSPEL READING:**

*Matthew 2:1-12*

**C GLORY TO YOU, O LORD**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw



that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord. **C** **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST**

**THE SERMON**

Pastor Armen

**\* THE HYMN OF THE DAY**

**We Three Kings**



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing  
 2 Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I  
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense  
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a  
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,  
 bring to crown him a - gain; king for - ev - er,  
 owns a de - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,  
 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,  
 God and Sac - ri - fice; heav'n sings al - le -



moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.  
 ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.  
 glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.  
 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.  
 lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.



*Refrain*  
 Oh, star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright;



west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

## \* THE APOSTLES' CREED

A Together we confess our faith,

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

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

## \* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Filled with good news of great joy, let us offer our prayers for the church, the earth, and all people.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We commend these prayers to you, O God, trusting your grace made known to all, through the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**THE OFFERING** (The people of God respond to his love with their gifts.)

## THE VOLUNTARY

## \* THE OFFERTORY HYMN

(Intro C) G F G C

Ev - ery - bo - dy's got some - thing to of - fer young and old the prince and the pau - per

Am F G C

Ev - ery - bo - dy's got some - thing to of - fer in the name of the Lord

C F Am7 G

To the lost and the low - ly ones the mes - sage it is clear  
To the be - lie - vers gath - ered here the mes - sage it is true

G F Am7

we have all got a gift to give our hands our hearts our tears  
we have all got a gift to give in all we say and do



**\* DEDICATION OF FAITH COMMITMENTS (PLEDGES)  
AND THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**P** Let us pray.

**C** God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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**\* THE PREFACE**

**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts. **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.

**\* THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

After supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**\* 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.**

**THE DISTRIBUTION**

(After all have communed those able are asked to rise for the communion blessing.)

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C** **Amen.**

**\* THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**A** Together we pray,

**C** **We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

**THE SENDING**

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**\* The Benediction**

**P** The Spirit of the triune God ✠ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. **C** **Amen.**

**\* THE SENDING HYMN**            Go Tell It On The Mountain

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere.

Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere.

Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo above the earth,  
rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Savior's birth.

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere.

Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,  
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere.

Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

**\* THE DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace. Live in hope.

C Thanks be to God.

**THE POSTLUDE**

***Faith's Weekly Announcements***  
***Welcome to all of you attending this morning!***

**Food Pantry**

This week the food bank especially needs laundry detergent. All donations should be placed in the bin in the narthex.

**Notes:** There is still time to sign up for Friendship Tables. The sheet is in the narthex.

~ The 2025 giving envelopes are available in the narthex.

Please pick yours up today.

~ The Annual Meeting will be held on January 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am.

**Ladies Luncheon**

**New Year – New Restaurant – Later Date**

The first Ladies Luncheon of 2025 will be held at 11:30 am on Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, at Mariachi's Bar and Grill. It is located at 41 Chaillet Road #15, Cape Haze, FL 33947. This is on SR 771 (Gasparilla Rd.) near the S. Gulf Cove addition. For those of you with long memories, it is in the same shopping plaza where the British Pub used to be located. If you need additional directions, call me. We will order off the menu with separate checks. Sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Come for the enjoyment of fellowship and laughter! Deadline to sign up is Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. Kathie Wiley (941-662-5383)

**Attendance last Sunday: 52**

## THIS WEEK AT FAITH

<b>Every week day morning</b>	6:30 am	AA meets
<b>Monday</b>	8:00 pm	AA meets
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:30 am	Men's Breakfast
	8:30 am	Work Crew
	9:00 am	Lutheran Chicks

### Serving Today

**Altar Guild:** Joan Thoren

#### First Service

**Lector/ Worship Assistant:** Kathryn Gallagher

**Ushers:** Harold & Linda Schultz

#### Second Service

**Lector/ Worship Assistant:** Brian Lindhurst

**Ushers:** Jay Fisher, Gene Newlon, Bobbie Neilson

### WE PRAY FOR...

Sandy Cox

Bob Ash

Larry Bennet

Deb Bush

Chris Hoops

Jim Porter

Carolyn Furman

Ginny Linsberg

Toni Newton

Zack Stearns

Lynette Cormier

Byron Myrick

Kay Culver

Myers family

Marcia and Gary Wilkins

Sylvia and Al Armen

John and Linda Schleede

### Your Church Council

Jeff Kamm (President), Larry Bennett (Vice President), Sandy Cox (Secretary), Art Hanson (Treasurer), Jim Taylor, Jeff Petersen, Gene Newlon, Jay Fisher and Sue Baran