

Be reconciled

MATTHEW 5:24





Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Saturday, February 11, 2023 5:00pm

Sunday, February 12, 2023 9:00am

In today's reading from Deuteronomy we are called to choose life by loving and obeying God. Much of today's gospel reading echoes portions of the Ten Commandments. Jesus' instructions to the crowd reveal a pattern of behavior that honors both God and the neighbor, resulting in life and health for the whole community. We too are invited to embrace these commandments, not out of fear of retribution, but because God has promised that to do so means life for us.

PRELUDE

"Come, Now is the Time to Worship"

Jubilation

GATHERING

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Round the Table"

vv. 1 & 2

Larry Olson
Hans Peterson

♩ = 86

C F C Am G

Come to-geth-er 'round the ta-ble. Come and taste the won-der,

C F C Am F G C

a healing touch and a deep connec-tion from the liv-ing cen-ter of it all.

Last time Fine F C Dm7 C/E

Seek-ing mean-ing on the run you try and save the day.
 Bring a friend or en - e - my or one you hold or blame.
 Hear ere - a - tion groan for life. Will hate and hun-ger cease?

But all is read - y will you come? Love in-vites the way.
 With each oth - er we are one, here in Je - sus' name.
 In the roar of vi - o - lence the world cries for peace.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,

we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG "Don't You Know It's Time to Praise the Lord"



1. Don't you know it's time to — praise the Lord in the
(2.) lives with - in the prais - es — of His peo - ple. — He



sanc - tu - ar - y of His — Ho - ly Spir - it? — So
loves to hear us call up - on His name. —



set your mind on Him and let your praise be - gin, and the



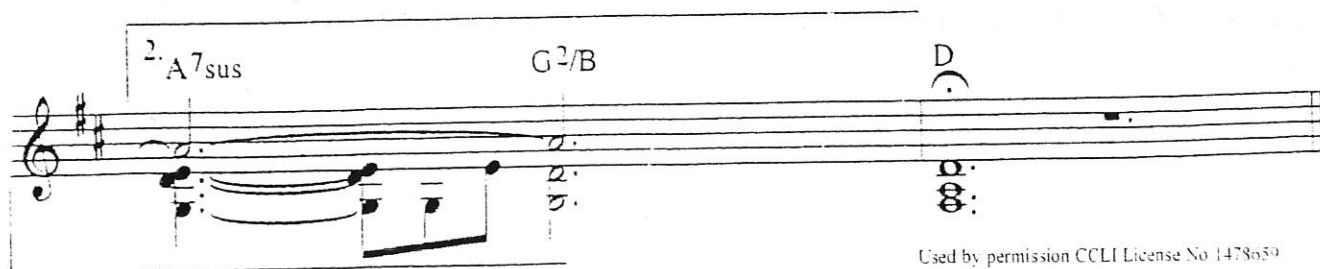
glo - ry — of the Lord will — fill this place. Praise the



Lord, — praise the



Lord. — 2. He



GREETING

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

A reading from Deuteronomy.

[Moses said to the people:] ¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live. ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 119:1-8

- ¹Happy are they whose way is blameless,
who follow the teaching of the LORD!
²**Happy are they who observe your decrees**
and seek you with all their hearts,
³who never do any wrong,
but always walk in your ways.
⁴**You laid down your commandments,**
that we should fully keep them.

- ⁵Oh, that my ways were made so direct
that I might keep your statutes!
- ⁶**Then I should not be put to shame,
when I regard all your commandments.**
- ⁷I will thank you with a true heart,
when I have learned your righteous judgments.
- ⁸**I will keep your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

A reading from First Corinthians.

¹Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. ⁹For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Help Us O Lord"

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major, 4/4 time. The tempo is marked '♩ = 90'. The score consists of two systems of staves. The first system contains the first two lines of music, and the second system contains the next two lines. The lyrics are written below the staves. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The time signature is 4/4. The tempo is marked '♩ = 90'. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and bar lines. 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 score ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

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.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:21-37

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ²¹“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’

²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you; you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

³¹“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³²But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ ³⁴But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

ANTHEM

“In Christ Alone”

Jubilation

APOSTLES CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 THE PEOPLE

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*Each prayer petition will conclude, "Lord, in your mercy,"
The congregation responds, "hear our prayer."*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

THE OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

"Help Us Oh Lord"

vv. 1 & 3

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment. It features two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The tempo is marked as ♩ = 108. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The first system includes the lyrics: "Help us, oh Lord, to do what is right and wise. Teach us to live your king - dom, come here on earth. of - fer in joy what you first to us gave." The second system includes the lyrics: "Help us to see our bro - thers needs that are in dis - guise. O - pen our lives to treat each per - son with e - qual worth. Our - selves, our time, the ver - y things that our hands have made." Chord symbols are placed above the staves: Em, C, D, Em in the first system, and Am, C, D in the second system.

♩ = 108

Em C D Em

Help us, oh Lord, to do what is right and wise.
Teach us to live your king - dom, come here on earth.
of - fer in joy what you first to us gave.

Am C D

Help us to see our bro - thers needs that are in dis - guise.
O - pen our lives to treat each per - son with e - qual worth.
Our - selves, our time, the ver - y things that our hands have made.

Em B7

Help us, oh Lord, to feel the
Re - mind us we're fam - i - ly; we're
Re - ceive them all now, this is our

C D Em B (last time end on Em)

pain bound prayer in our sis - ters' eyes.
in by bap - tis - mal birth.
Je - sus' name. We

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OFFERING PRAYER

Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,
Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name:

Blessed are you, O holy God: You are the Life and Light of all. By your powerful word you created all things. Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

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.

Again, 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.

Remembering, therefore, his preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. **Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and taste the joy of God!

COMMUNION SONG

"Lamb of God"

The musical score is for the Communion Song "Lamb of God". It is written for guitar and voice. The tempo is marked as ♩ = 100. The guitar part is in the key of D major (one sharp) and uses a capo at the first fret. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, Bread of Life, Prince of Peace, Lamb of God." The score includes a guitar part with chords and a vocal line with lyrics.

♩ = 100

E7 (D1) (guitar: capo 1)

B7m/G (Am/F#) A7 (G)

Lamb of God,
Bread of Life,
Prince of Peace,
Lamb of God.

E♭ G (D-F#) A♭Maj7 (GMaj7) Cm7 (F#m7)
 you take a way the sin of the
 world: have mer-cy on us,
 world: grant us your peace. grant us your peace.

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DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Believing in the real presence of Christ, we invite all present to participate in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. All who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ is present in the gifts of bread and wine are welcome at the Lord's table. Please follow the directions of the pastors to receive communion. Both wine and grape juice are available for communion. The grape juice is the darker color in the middle of the tray. Those who do not wish to receive communion and children who are not yet receiving communion will receive a blessing. Those who are worshipping with us online are invited to have bread and wine or juice available for worship, and we will commune you at the end of communion.

COMMUNION ANTHEMS "Come As You Are"
 "The Holy Heart"

Jubilation

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.
Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table.
Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.
Amen.

BLESSING

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod + bless,
strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.
Amen.

SENDING SONG

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

CHORUS

E



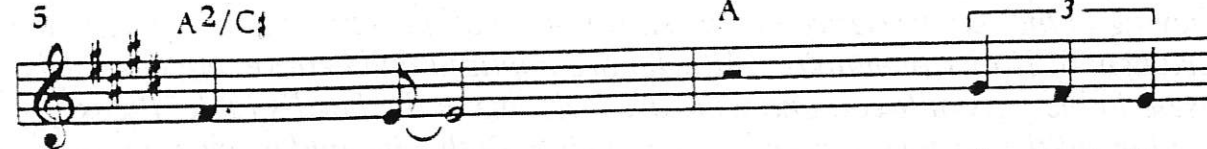
O - pen the eyes — of my heart, — Lord,

3 **B⁶/D⁴**



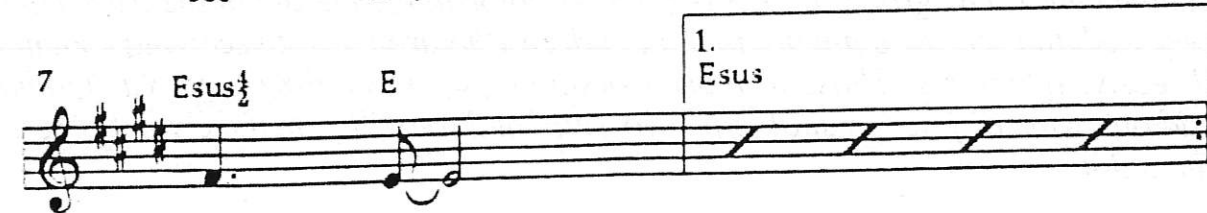
o - pen the eyes — of my heart; — I want to

5 **A²/C⁴** **A**



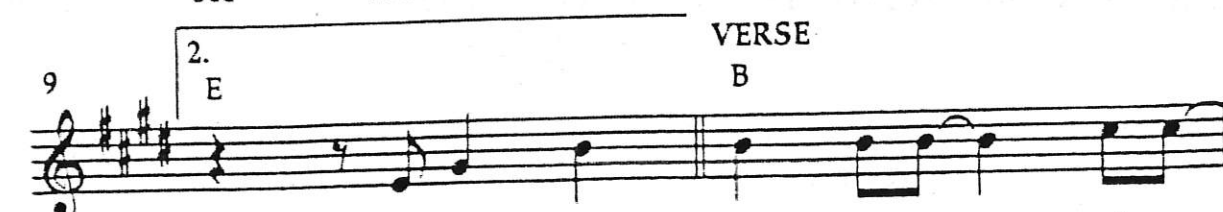
see You, — I want to

7 **Esus¹** **E**



see You. —

9 **E** **VERSE** **B**



To see You high and lift - ed up, —

11 C $\sharp$ m E/A
shin-ing in the light of Your glo -

13 C $\sharp$ m/B B $\sharp$ sus B
ry. Pour out — Your pow'r and love —

C $\sharp$ m F $\sharp$ m
— as we sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho -

17 B $\sharp$ sus (optional repeat to beginning) TAG E 2
- ly." — Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho -

20 B/D $\sharp$
- ly. — Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho -

22 A 2 /C $\sharp$
- ly. — Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho -

24 A 1.2.3. Esus $\frac{1}{2}$ E
- ly. — I want to see You. —

26 Esus 4. Esus $\frac{1}{2}$ E E 2
see You. —

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SHARE IN OUR WORSHIP

SATURDAY	5:00 pm Worship Service
Ushers	Brad & Janet Merrick
Reader	Sue Braack
Communion Assistant	Janet Merrick
Counters	Joan Hennigan & Kelly Goldsmith
SUNDAY	9:00 am Worship Service
Ushers	Ken & Sue Oetzmann
Reader	Joni Schneider
Communion Assistant	Marshall Mess
Counters	Dave & Betty Griffin
Choir Director	Susan Becker
Organist	Teri Wittkowski and Susan Becker
Jubilation Leader	Neal Becker

A New Community

Anyone who has ever lived or worked with other humans likely knows that community is messy. We hurt each other, sometimes intentionally but often by accident. We say things we regret. We stay silent when we should speak up, or we impose our own beliefs on others when we should start by listening instead. We act rashly out of fear or ignorance or exhaustion. We trample over one another in an attempt to achieve, to win, to earn, or to protect what we assume is rightfully ours.

Jesus knows this side of humanity, and today he invites us to imagine another way. Today's gospel sounds harsh to our ears, but it might actually be an invitation into a community that looks more like the kingdom of God: a community of radical inclusivity, compassion, and care for one another. In this type of community, no one can be simply thrown aside or left behind. Honesty and integrity are the foundation of communication. People are seen in their full, beloved humanity, not as objects to be consumed or cast aside for the sake of others.

In our world today, we might wonder if such a community is possible, but in worship, we get to practice living in a community of faith together every week. Through the reading of scripture, we are reminded of the larger story of God in which we find our meaning: a living story of love, grace, and mercy. We confess our sins before one another and receive forgiveness and a fresh start. We are given our identity as God's beloved through baptism, and we are fed with Christ's own body and united with one another in holy communion. It is Christ at work in us who makes true healing and reconciliation possible, both in our congregations and throughout the world.

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GRACE - GIFTED FAITH - LIFTED
CALLED TO SHARE, SEEK AND SERVE CHRIST.

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
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WELCOME TO WORSHIP Today we gather to celebrate God's love and grace as revealed to us through Jesus Christ. For those that might be interested in knowing more about the ministries and activities of the congregation there are some printed materials available for you to take. The materials are located on the counter just inside the east entrance of this building. You can also find more information through the church website at faithlutheraneldridge.com.

CHILDREN are always welcome in worship. Special children's bulletins are available for their use.

VISITOR? CHANGE OF ADDRESS? INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES? HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST? Please feel free to complete the information card located in front of you next to the hymnals and pass the card to the outer aisle during announcements and an usher will pick them up during the call to worship.



Altar Flowers

If you are interested in providing altar flowers, please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex, or by using the link on our web site, www.faithlutheraneldridge.com



Trusting that God hears our prayers, we keep these people and all who are in need in our prayers.

Ron McFate	Janet Bowman	Melissa Alden	Hugh Lickiss
H.O. Nelson	Kathy Stoltz	Sue Vogel	Glen
Sheila Baustian	Steve Mixdorf	Andrew Arp	Kelly
Sally Puls	Roger Lewis	Norman Harms	Vaughn
Jensen Spencer	Ed Stoltz	Kim Pierce	Sarah
Ann Kuehl	Jerry Schwien	Jeanette Myers	
Carol Judge	Judy Knoer	Bill Lind	
Carolyn Scheibe	Jan Kluever	Lincoln Regnier	
Madison Russo	Bob Morehead	Ed Precht	

SUPER



SUBS

Super Bowl Sandwich and Caramel Chex Mix Mission Trip Fundraiser

Thank you to all who pre-ordered subs and Chex mix! Please remember to pick up your orders this weekend after services. We will have a limited quantity of extra subs and Chex Mix for sale. Thanks again for supporting the mission trip!

Youth SuperBowl



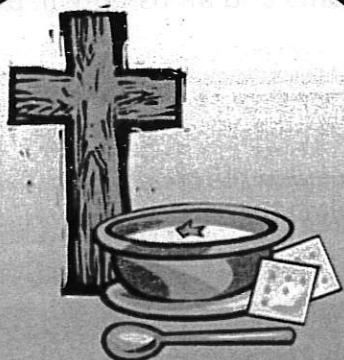
SOUPER BOWL



Root for Your Favorite Team
and Support the North Scott
Food Pantry By Dropping off
Your Canned Soup
Donations at the church
January 28th-February 12th



The current North Scott Food
Pantry needs are soup, pasta,
and hot cereal. Thank you!



The Worship & Music Team will be hosting a congregational
Ash Wednesday Soup Supper at 6 pm, prior to the 7 pm
worship service on February 22. A variety of soups and
sandwiches will be served for all to enjoy. Confirmation
students will be assisting with set-up, serving and clean
up. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex and all are
encouraged to attend.

****Help for Faith Family Heads****



Prior to each month one of the 10 Family Heads calls or
emails the members on their family list to find the
individuals willing to serve at worship as ushers, lectors,
and communion assistants. We need to update the list
of members that would be willing to serve anytime
when the Family Head cannot find volunteers on their
list for the month. Please use the sign up sheet on the
bulletin board. Thank you for your support.

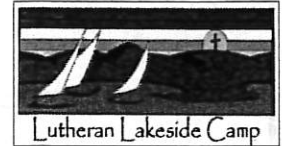
Nina Looney, Worship and Music Team Leader



New Offering Envelopes

The 2023 Offering Envelopes are now available! They are arranged alphabetically on the Welcome Center counter for you to pick up.

Summer Camp at Lutheran Lakeside



Registration is now open for Lutheran Lakeside Camp this summer. We are planning to attend camp **July 16-21**. There is Junior Camp for those who have completed grades 3-5 and Confirmation Camp for those who have completed grades 6-8. As in years past, Faith will cover \$150 of the cost of camp per child (including friends that they might invite). For more information about camp, please go to www.lutheranlakeside.com and click on the Summer Camp drop down menu for more information and the Camp Registration tab when you are ready to register.

Adults are invited to join us for the adult mission trip to do work around the camp that week as well, so if that is something that would interest you, please let Pastor Carrie know.

If you have any questions about camp, please contact Pastor Carrie (pastorcarrie@csteldridge.com or call or text 641-275-1326), and she will be happy to answer them!

A BETTER ME IN 2023 *Inclusive Renewal Day*

On Saturday, February 25th, from 9:00 am-3:00 pm, at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church's Parish Center, 4105 North Division Street in Davenport, there will be a day of spiritual renewal, songs, and crafts for adults with disabilities and their family, friends and caregivers who want to deepen their relationship with God. Please call (563) 210-3470 to register, volunteer, or if you have any questions. There is also a registration form on the bulletin board in the narthex.



5pm: 54, 9am: 64, Online: 54, Total: 174

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Saturday, February 11	5:00 pm	Jubilation Worship
Sunday, February 12	9:00 am	Jubilation Worship
	10:00 am	Fellowship Hour
	10:15 am	Sunday School
Monday, February 13	<i>Office Closed</i>	
	6:00 pm	Lions Club Exec Meeting (FH)
Tuesday, February 14	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Food Pantry
Wednesday, February 15	5:00 pm	Confirmation Meal
	5:30 pm	Confirmation Conversations
	6:15 pm	People of Praise
	7:00 pm	High School Youth
	7:15 pm	Resounding Joy
Thursday, February 16	6:30 pm	Church Council Meeting
Friday, February 17	9:30 am	Food Pantry
Saturday, February 18	5:00 pm	Worship
Sunday, February 19	9:00 am	Worship
	10:00 am	Fellowship Hour
	10:15 am	Sunday School

thank you

Thank you to all who helped plan, decorate, manage, serve, clean up and attend the Cheeseburger in Paradise party last weekend. It was a fun event! Check out our Facebook page for fun photos!

