

THIS IS MY SON, THE BELOVED

MATTHEW 3:17





Baptism of Our Lord

Saturday, January 10, 2026 ~ 5:00pm

Sunday, January 11, 2026 ~ 9:00am

In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.

PRELUDE

"No Other Name"

Jubilation

GATHERING

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

We believe that God gathers with us wherever we may be. As we begin worship, you may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water! Water! We praise you, O God, for water—the Mississippi River, the rain that nourishes animals and plants, the water for drinking and bathing. We praise you, O God, for water.

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We praise you, O God, for our water stories—a flood that cleansed the earth, the sea that drowned the enemy, a river that healed leprosy. We praise you, O God, for water.

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We remember the waters of Jesus— baptized in the Jordan River, calming the Sea of Galilee, drinking from Jacob's Well, healing at the pool of Bethesda, washing the disciples' feet. We praise you, O God, for water.

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We praise you, O God, for this font, for through this water you have birthed us into the family of Christ, bathed us in forgiveness, and enlivened us in the Spirit. We praise you, O God, for baptism.

We praise you, O God, for baptism.

O God, you are the Ocean, sustaining this earth. O God, you are the River, saving us from death. O God, you are the Fountain, granting us health and well-being. We praise you, O God, today, tomorrow, forever. Amen, and amen.

Amen, and amen.

GATHERING SONG

"Come and Sing Praises"

(Sing twice)

Light shuffle Am7 D9 Bm7 Em7

As - crite to the Lord, O might - y ones, as -

Am7 D7 C/G G Am7 G/B

crite to the Lord glo - ry and strength. As -

Cmaj7 D9 Bsus B7/D# Em7

crite to the Lord the glo - ry due His name.

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a piano accompaniment on the left (treble and bass clef) and a vocal line on the right (treble clef). The tempo is marked 'Light shuffle' and the key signature has one sharp (F#). The first system has chords Am7, D9, Bm7, and Em7. The second system has chords Am7, D7, C/G, G, Am7, and G/B. The third system has chords Cmaj7, D9, Bsus, B7/D#, and Em7. The lyrics are: 'As - crite to the Lord, O might - y ones, as -', 'crite to the Lord glo - ry and strength. As -', and 'crite to the Lord the glo - ry due His name.'

G/A A7 Cmaj7/D D7

Wor - ship — the Lord in the beau - ty of His hol - i - ness.

Cmaj7 Bm7

Come and sing prais - es — to the Rock of all

Am7

a - ges. Come and sing prais - es to

D7 G7 Cmaj7

Je - sus, my Lord. — Come and a -

dore Him, bow down be - fore Him,

come and sing prais - es to Je - sus, our Lord.

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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 our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

A reading from Isaiah.

¹ Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;

I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
² He will not cry out or lift up his voice
or make it heard in the street;
³ a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth,
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
⁵ Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
⁶ I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
⁷ to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
⁸ I am the LORD; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
⁹ See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 29

¹ Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
² **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**
³ The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
⁴ **The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;**

the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶ **the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

⁷ The voice of the LORD
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸ **The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹ The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰ **The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

¹¹ O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43

A reading from Acts.

³⁴ Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Help Us O Lord"

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.

Chords: D, Dmaj7, D7, G, Em7, G/D, A

Tempo: ♩ = 90

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in the key of D major. It 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. Chords are indicated above the staves. The tempo is marked as ♩ = 90.

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Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

ANTHEM

"Made for Love"

Jubilation

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We confess our faith.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

Each prayer petition will conclude, "Merciful God,"

The congregation responds, "receive our prayer."

SHARING OF THE PEACE

THE OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

"Help Us Oh Lord"

vv. 1 & 3

♩ = 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:

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps). The tempo is marked as 108 beats per minute. The chords are Em, C, D, and Em. The lyrics are written below the notes.

♩ = 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

Re - Help us, oh Lord, to feel the
 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 in our sis - ters' eyes.
 prayer by bap - tis - mal birth.
 in in Je - sus' name. We

OFFERING PRAYER

Nourishing God, you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Through this meal, satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come.

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.

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.

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 with 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

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table; taste and see.

COMMUNION SONG "Lamb of God"

$\text{♩} = 100$ E^b (D) (guitar: capo 1) $\text{B}^b\text{m}/\text{G}$ (Am/F $\sharp$) A^b (G)

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

E^b/G (D/F $\sharp$) $\text{A}^b\text{Maj}7$ (GMaj7) $\text{Gm}7$ (F $\sharp\text{m}7$)

you take a way the sin of the

1, 2, 3 $\text{C}7$ (B7) E^b (D) F (E) F7 (E7) B^b7 (A7)

world: have mer-cy on us.

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C7 (B7) Eb (D) F (E) F7 (E7) Bb7 (A7) Eb (D)

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 worshiping 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

"Enter In"
"Come to the Table"

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

Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise + bless you now and forever.

Amen.

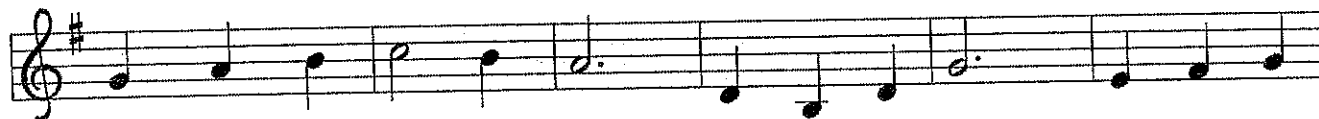
SENDING SONG

"Drawn to the Light"

ELW #593



1 Peo - ple who walk in dark - ness have sought a light in the
2 How can we tell a heav - en from hell if ev - 'ry - one
3 Where is the sun? Oh, there will be none! The Lamb is the



heart of the dark - est night. Just when we thought all would be
dwells in the dark of night? Morn - ing dis - pels, gent - ly com -
one who is shin - ing bright, bids us to come! Life has be -



lost, we were drawn to the light of God.
pels, and we're drawn to the light of God.
gun when we're drawn to the light of God.



Refrain
Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night, drawn to the



light and the morn - ing. Glo - rious and bright, oh, what a



sight to be drawn to the light of God.

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Music: LA CROSSE, John C. Ylvisaker
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.
Thanks be to God.



THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SHARE IN OUR WORSHIP

SATURDAY	5:00 pm Worship Service
Ushers	Denny & Joan Hennigan
Reader	Neal Becker
Communion Assistant	Joan Hennigan
Counters	Kelly Goldsmith & Joan Hennigan

SUNDAY	9:00 am Worship Service
Ushers	Joni Kuehl-Schneider & Kristy Looney
Reader	Michael Strom
Communion Assistant	Michael Strom
Counters	Joni Kuehl-Schneider & Kristy Looney

Choir Director	Susan Becker
Organist	Susan Becker
Jubilation Leader	Neal Becker
Online Streaming Crew	Craig Bloomingdale, Lucas Golinghorst, Scott LaPlante, & Kevin Zidarich



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Resistance Movements

Herod plotting to kill. John at the riverbank. Peter in Jerusalem. Judas at the table. Thomas behind closed doors. Nicodemus in the night. Family at home. Crowds in the streets. Quite a collection, but merely a sampling of a much longer list. There are plenty in the pages of the scriptures, and in the circles of our daily rounds: they—we—who are wannabe followers and wannabe saboteurs, the well-meaning and the conspiratorial, neighbors we like, others we refuse to trust, family we put up with (or don't), coworkers we admire, mentors we respect, activists we fear, leaders we oppose. A lengthy list indeed. And this is what is shared among such a collection of souls: people standing in the way of, objecting to, arguing against Jesus. Road blockers.

Mystery floats in and over the murky baptismal ripples of the Jordan River. To this day, thousands throng to wade in those waters to receive, to remember, to renew, to celebrate baptism. Jesus came there too and was met by his cousin, the famous, wild, wandering baptizer, who tried to stop him. Make of John's protest what you will (humility, confusion, disagreement, panic, pride?), his inclination was to prevent Jesus' public repentance, Jesus' plain-to-be-seen-and-heard turning away from the expectations of the world order toward the divine imagination of God.

It is not always (more than likely rarely, though at times it surely is) evil intention that is the seed that grows to oppose God's invocation to take delight in merciful justice and breathe the spirit of righteousness. We clash, as John the Baptizer clashed (how often?), with heaven's hopes and blessings for all that God created in goodness, even as we are unmindful of our own dissent.

It is for *us*, in our moments and ways of objecting, that God—ever mindful of us—parts heaven's clouds, that we might see and hear the way of God's beloved Son.

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

Baptism of Our Lord
 January 10 & 11, 2026

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.



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.

Steve Mixdorf	Anderson Sears	Marilyn	Linda
Henry Storjohann	June Mephram	Kelly	Donna
Patty Denner	Anna Mundy	James	Julie
Barb Conklen	Rebecca Casson	Cindy	Judy
Meyer Mixdorf	Linda Demuth	Thad	
Cheryl Torey	Cherri Grimes	Dave	



Mark Your Calendars
Cheeseburger In Paradise Potluck will
be held in the Fellowship Hall
on **Saturday, February 28, 2025.**

Sign up today in the
Gathering Space!



Do you knit, crochet, or quilt? The May 2026 Synod Assembly will be collecting donations of prayer shawls and lap quilts. We would like to send several of these items with our pastors and delegates to the assembly. If you have any questions or need a prayer shawl pattern, contact Linda Szemkus at 563-940-4512.

Feed Our Children

During the month of January we are asking for applesauce and fruit cups.



The **2026 Offering Envelopes** are on the Welcome Center counter. Please contact Rhonda Webber if you have not had envelopes before, but would like some for the new year.



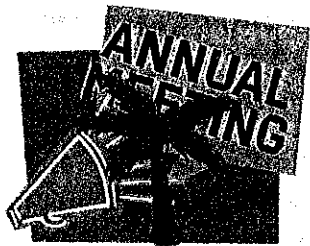
Do you love to bake? Bread bakers for the communion loaves are needed for worship services in 2026. Please sign up on the bulletin board at church.



We need communion assistants, readers and ushers weekly. Please sign up to assist in worship any way that you are able. ***Please consider volunteering and sign up on the bulletin board*** to help our Faith Family heads complete the worship schedule. Thank you! *Nina Looney, Worship & Music Team Leader*



January 3 & 4 - 5:00 pm: 50, 9:00 am: 61, Online: 46, Total: 157



FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOTIFICATION

January 18, 2026 10:15 am Budget Meeting

January 25, 2026 9:00 am Annual Congregational Meeting ,
following a brief worship service
(Review of Reports, Election of Congregational
Leaders, 2025 Budget Approval)

January 25, 2026 Immediately following the annual meeting
Special Meeting (Election of Officers)

Budgets will be available by January 17 for pick up at church.



Give something unexpected this Christmas!

Thank you for your support of the ELCA Good Gifts program. It is a fun, meaningful way to honor friends and family with gifts that make a difference in the world. Choose from more than 50 gift-giving options, each with the ability to make real, lasting change in the life of someone in need. You may give on-line using this link goodgifts.elca.org or in-person at Faith Lutheran Church.



In-person giving is easy:

1. Select an ornament with a symbol of the item you wish to purchase, write your names on it and place it on the tree.
2. Place your donation in the drop box, please make checks payable to Faith Lutheran Church.
3. Select a card to let friends and loved ones know about the ELCA Good Gifts that have been given in their honor.

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*Thank you for your generosity during the holidays to help abate world hunger!
Service in the World Team will be tallying up the gift after worship on **January 11.***



CHRISTMAS Special OFFERING

Our Christmas special offering will go to Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI). LSI empowers families and communities by recognizing and honoring the strengths and gifts of every individual. It is affiliated with the ELCA and a member of Lutheran Services in America.

More information can be found on their website, <https://lsiowa.org/>. Please have offerings in by **January 11.**

WEEKLY *Sneak Peek*

Saturday, January 10

5:00 pm Jubilation Worship in
Sanctuary & Online

Sunday, January 11

9:00 am Jubilation Worship in
Sanctuary
10:15 am Fellowship
10:15 am Sunday School
4:00 pm 4H Meeting

Monday, January 12

Office Closed

Tuesday, January 13

1:00 pm Bible Study
5:30 pm Food Pantry

Wednesday, January 14

10:45 am Resounding Joy
5:15 pm Confirmation Meal
5:45 pm Confirmation Conversations
6:00 pm People of Praise
7:00 pm High School Youth

Thursday, January 15

6:30 pm Church Council Meeting

Friday, January 16

9:30 pm Food Pantry

Saturday, January 17

5:00 pm Worship in Sanctuary &
Online

Sunday, January 18

9:00 am Worship in Sanctuary
10:15 am Fellowship
10:15 am Budget review
10:15 am Sunday School



Pastor Carrie and Pastor Heather are available for Pastoral Care, but we need your help to know when and where that is needed. Please contact us at the church office at **(563) 285-4501**. For after-hour emergencies, please contact Pastor Carrie at **(641) 275-1326** or Pastor Heather at **(563) 639-9606**.

Lifeline Screening will be at Faith on Monday, January 26, offering the following health screenings (for a charge):

- Carotid Artery Disease Screening
- Atrial Fibrillation Screening
- Peripheral Artery Disease Screening
- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening

Call to schedule an appointment
near you! **800-324-9458**
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