



FAITH LUTHERAN
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W O R S H I P

8:15am – Traditional
9:30am – Gather & Grow
10:30am - Contemporary

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*“Raising Up
Families and Followers
of Jesus Christ”*

**Third Sunday After
the Epiphany**

January 22, 2023

10:30 AM



The people who walked in darkness have seen a
great light; Isaiah 9:2a

THE DAWN OF A NEW DAY

AS WE GATHER

When Jesus appeared on the scene of human history, His coming was like the light of a new day. Isaiah had prophesied a day would come filled with joy as at the harvest or when victors divide spoils. But daylight also reveals problems covered by darkness, like the divisions at the Church in Corinth, as Paul writes. Jesus' light not only reveals, but it also forgives, heals, and enlivens. People brought the sick and demon-possessed to our Lord, and the first four disciples jumped at the opportunity to follow Him. What ills shall we bring to worship today for resolution? Sins requiring forgiveness, gloom needing joy, divisions seeking reconciliation? Jesus came into human history to die and rise for us; today He comes through Word and Sacrament in grace and mercy to meet our deepest needs. Let us rejoice in the light of God's forgiveness, mercy, and love.

WELCOME

Here I Am To Worship

Light of the world - You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see - Beauty that made
This heart adore You - Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus

So here I am to worship - Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God - And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy - Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days - Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above - Humbly You came
To the earth You created - All for love's sake became poor

Bridge

And I'll never know how much it cost - To see my sin upon that cross
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INVOCATION

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *1 Corinthians 1:18; Psalm 27:14*

Pastor The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing,
Congregation **but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.**

Pastor Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage;
Congregation wait for the LORD!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *Matthew 4:17; Philippians 3:20; 1 Corinthians 1:18*

Pastor St. Matthew writes that Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Let us respond by confessing our sins and asking our Lord's forgiveness.

Congregation Heavenly Father, we confess our sins to You. We are too much a part of this fallen world. Because our citizenship is in heaven, invade our thoughts, words, and deeds by Your gracious power. Help us to live each day as pilgrims heading to the eternal promised land. Turn us from our sinful direction to follow our Savior's gracious lead, walking in ways pleasing to You for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Pastor "For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." Be assured that through Jesus' blood-bought rescue, you are already citizens in the Kingdom of heaven. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation Amen.

FLS STUDENTS SING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation Amen.

MISSION MOMENT Options Baby Bottle Drive

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 9:1-4*

¹There will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. ³You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. ⁴For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 4:12–25*

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

Congregation Glory to You, O Lord.

¹²When [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵“The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—¹⁶the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.”

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

¹⁸While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. ²⁵And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

My Lighthouse

In my wrestling and in my doubts - In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through - You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

In the silence You won't let go - In the questions Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through - You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Chorus

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse - Shining in the darkness
I will follow You oh - My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
I will trust the promise - You will carry me safe to shore
Safe to shore safe to shore safe to shore

I won't fear what tomorrow brings - With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through - You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Bridge

Fire before us - You're the brightest
You will lead us - Through the storms (hey)

REPEAT 3X

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SERMON

This I Believe (The Creed)

Verse 1

Our Father everlasting - The all creating One
God Almighty - Through Your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son - Jesus our Saviour

Chorus 1

I believe in God our Father - I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit - Our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection - That we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

Verse 2

Our judge and our defender - Suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You - Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious life - Forever seated high

Bridge

I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

Chorus 2

I believe in life eternal - I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion - And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection - When Jesus comes again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

Let us pray for the Church here and around the world, that God's light would shine through us, attracting many who still walk in the darkness of their own making, and uniting in faith and confession all who trust in Christ their Lord.

Congregation **Light of the world, use Your Church to enlighten those who live in this world's darkness, and enable our brothers and sisters to find in their Savior the true source of peace and concord.**

Pastor Let us pray for governments local and national, that God would open leaders' eyes to see opportunities for peace between nations and safety and concord among their citizens.

Congregation **Light come to us from above, we ask that You guide, protect, and defend elected officials, police in our communities, and troops deployed, that peace may break out and the Church may prosper.**

Pastor Let us pray for those near and dear to us, [*including . . .*]. Lord Jesus, **Congregation** **source of light and health and peace, hear the prayers of all who call to You in their illnesses, sorrows, and grief. Shine on them in blessings and peace so that faith may remain firm until it is replaced by sight.**

Pastor Let us pray for expectant parents, helpful counselors, and resourceful agencies as they seek to help families be nurseries of growth in body, soul, and mind.

Congregation **By Your gracious visitation, give them strength, increase their love, and provide unexpected joy in their service to You and the people around them.**

Pastor Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Congregation **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Congregation 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.

BENEDICTION

Pastor The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

Congregation Amen.

Build My Life

Verse 1

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing - Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe - We live for You

Verse 2

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name - Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe - We live for You
We live for You

Chorus

Holy there is no one like You - There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

Bridge

I will build my life upon Your love - It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone - And I will not be shaken

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DISMISSAL

Pastor Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
Congregation Thanks be to God.

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