



FAITH LUTHERAN

Epiphany 3
January 12, 2012

BEFORE WORSHIP

As you prepare to worship your Lord today, spend a few quiet minutes in prayer before the service. Review the lessons, the service notes, and pray this prayer:

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FOR THE CHILDREN:

A Staffed Nursery is available for your use at any time during the service. It is located in Rooms 1 and 2.

A Cry-Room is available if your little ones need a moment. It is located near the balcony stairs at the back of the sanctuary. A speaker and window let you see and hear the service.

Children's Activity Sheets give activities and lessons pertaining to the Scripture lessons for the day. Ask an usher at the door into the sanctuary.

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A Changeless Message for a Changing World

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Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful word.

- **Restrooms** are located in the hallway directly opposite the entrance to the sanctuary.
- **Hearing assistance devices** are available. Speak to an usher.
- **Large print service folders** are available. Speak to an usher.



TODAY'S THEME:

THE HOLY MINISTRY

SERVICE OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN: #463, *Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult*

INVOCATION

L(eader): The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C(ongregation): And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

L: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

L: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

L: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OUR SONG OF PRAISE¹



1 Fa - ther, we praise you, now the night is o - ver. Ac - tive and
2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for your man - sions; Ban - ish our
3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it, Trin - i - ty



watch - ful, stand - ing now be - fore you, Sing - ing, we of - fer
weak - ness, health and whole - ness send - ing. Bring us to heav - en,
bless - ed, send us your sal - va - tion; Yours is the glo - ry,



prayer and med - i - ta - tion; Thus we a - dore you.
where your saints u - nit - ed Joy with - out end - ing.
gleam - ing and re - sound - ing Through all cre - a - tion.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

The leader says the Prayer of the Day.

C: Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

¹ We worship our God this morning with the ancient song of praise, *Christe Sanctorum*. This hymn was written by Gregory the Great in the 6th century A.D., and it reflects the wonderful legacy that historic Christianity has left for the Church today.

FIRST LESSON: 1 KINGS 19:15, 16, 19-21

¹⁵ The LORD said to him, "Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet.

¹⁹ So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him. ²⁰ Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. "Let me kiss my father and mother good-bye," he said, "and then I will come with you."

"Go back," Elijah replied. "What have I done to you?"

²¹ So Elisha left him and went back. He took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the plowing equipment to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his attendant.

PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 62

Read responsively with the leader

L: My soul finds rest in God alone;

C: my salvation comes from him.

L: He alone is my rock and my salvation;

C: he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

L: Find rest, O my soul, in God alone;

C: my hope comes from him.

L: Though your riches increase,

C: do not set your heart on them.

L: My salvation and honor depend on God;

C: He is my mighty rock, my refuge.

L: Trust in him at all times, O people;

C: pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

SECOND LESSON: ACTS 13:1-5

¹In the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. ²While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." ³So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

⁴The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus. ⁵When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the Jewish synagogues. John was with them as their helper.

VERSE OF THE DAY: #772, *When Jesus Came from Nazareth*

Sung by the choir



1 When Je - sus came from Naz - a - reth, he
2 He led them o - ver un - known ways whose
3 We make our vows, O Christ, to - day to



walked be - side the sea. He saw four
end they could not see And, when they
serve you faith - ful - ly. For you have



fish - er - men and called, "Come, fol - low,
fal - tered, called a - gain, "Come, fol - low,
called us each by name, "Come, fol - low,



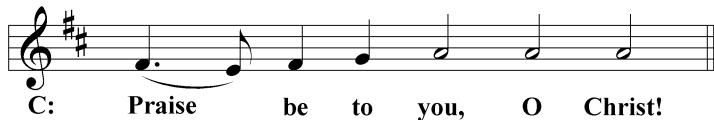
fol - low me! Come, fol - low, fol - low me!"
fol - low me! Come, fol - low, fol - low me!"
fol - low me! Come, fol - low, fol - low me!"

THE GOSPEL LESSON: MARK 1:14-20

¹⁴After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵"The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"

¹⁶As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." ¹⁸At once they left their nets and followed him.

¹⁹When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. ²⁰Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.



HYMN OF THE DAY: #543, *God of the Prophets*

SERMON:

What are you going to do with your Nets?

Mark 1:14-20

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING:

The members of Faith Lutheran Congregation have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

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; 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 LORD'S BLESSING

L: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord
with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: #542, *Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give*

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Announcements

Welcome to guests and visitors! We are glad that you are here, and hope that you will join us again soon.

A New FaithBuilders Class begins January 22nd: Our FaithBuilders class is for people interested in becoming members of Faith, or for people just looking to build their faith through the study of the basic teachings of the Bible. Classes are held on Sunday at 11:45am and the same topic is repeated on Tuesdays at 7:00pm. If you would like to attend, contact Pastor Schroeder. Childcare is available. Everyone is welcome.

Women's Bible Study: We will start a new study this Wednesday, January 25th at 7pm. The study is called "God Loves Moms" and will teach us about many of the moms in the Bible as well as help us to learn about our own life as a mother. Childcare is available. Speak to Sarah Kvidt or Ruth Curtis if you have questions. Please join us.

Teen Group Ice Skating: Our next teen group event will be on Saturday, January 28th at the ice skating rink in Centennial Olympic Park. The cost is \$7 for admission, \$2 for skate rental, and \$1 for lockers. We will plan to meet at 1pm at church to ride together, and we will try to be back before 5. If you're interested, sign up at vicar's desk. Thanks.

Men's Softball League: Registration for Coweta County's men's church softball league is open. The season starts the week of March 5th and lasts 10 or 11 weeks. The games in the past have been on either Tuesday or Thursday at 7, 8 or 9 pm and played at the Hunter Complex on Hwy 16 in Newnan/Sharpsburg. The cost will range from \$35 to \$50, depending on roster size. Interested? Contact Scott Buth at scottbuth@gmail.com or buthhalfdozen@numail.com.

Adult Choir Practice: No experience necessary, just a willingness to lift your voice in song. Practice is on Wednesdays at 8:00pm in the balcony of the church and lasts one hour.

2012 WELS International Youth Rally will be held June 27-30 at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. The age range is from confirmed eight graders to high school graduates. The theme for the rally is "Fill Up!" based on John 10:10. Registration will be open from Feb. 15 to May 15. Highlights include spiritual and educational workshops, recreational workshops, worship music led by Branches Band, daily devotions, an Olympic-size pool on campus, recreation fields, and excursion opportunities. Please speak to Vicar Reichert if interested.

Upcoming Schedules:

Cleaning:	Week of Jan 23—Jan 28:	Family 1 (Bjornas)	Family 2 (K. Johnson)
	Week of Jan 30—Feb 4:	Family 1 (Bloy)	Family 2 (Joyner)
Nursery:	Sun, Jan 29: Gibson	Sun, Feb 5: Madden	
Video Taping:	Sun, Jan 29: Katherine Curtis	Sun, Feb 5: Keith Schroeder	



International Youth Rally



June 27-30, 2012
University of Tennessee
Knoxville

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I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

John 10:10