



NEW YEAR'S EVE 2024

PRAYER

PRAISE

PETITION

"God cannot give us a happiness and peace apart from Himself, because it is not there. There is no such thing."

C. S. Lewis

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WELCOME! We extend a sincere welcome to our guests as we come together to worship our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. Your presence enriches our worship as we seek to follow Christ and serve our community. In the pews you will find yellow Welcome! cards. These are a way you can share with us your contact information, and the best way we may serve you. On the backside of these cards is also an invitation to submit prayer requests to the church. We invite you to fill one of these cards out and either put it in the offering plate, or bring it to the welcome station as worship ends. Following service, please join us for a time of fellowship – Saturday evenings this occurs in the lobby of the church, Sunday mornings join us in the Fellowship Hall. For information on becoming a member of Faith Lutheran Church, please connect with Pastor, or one of our members at the Welcome Station. May God bless your worship this day, and always.

OPENING HYMN O God, Our Help in Ages Past (vs 1-3,6)

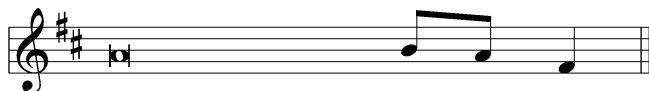
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INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: O Lord open my lips



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.

P: Make haste O God to deliver me



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

+ PSALMODY +

PSALM

Psalms 90:1–12

P: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

C: Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

P: You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!"

C: For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.

P: You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning:

C: in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

P: For we are brought to an end by your anger; by your wrath we are dismayed.

C: You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.

P: For all our days pass away under your wrath; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

C: The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

P: Who considers the power of your anger, and your wrath according to the fear of you?

**C: So teach us to number our days
that we may get a heart of wisdom.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: It Came Upon a Midnight Clear **366**

+ READINGS +

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 1:13-19

The word of the Lord came to me a second time, saying, "What do you see?" And I said, "I see a boiling pot, facing away from the north."

Then the Lord said to me, "Out of the north disaster shall be let loose upon all the inhabitants of the land. For behold, I am calling all the tribes of the kingdoms of the north, declares the Lord, and they shall come, and every one shall set his throne at the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, against all its walls all around and against all the cities of Judah. And I will declare my judgments against them, for all their evil in forsaking me. They have made offerings to other gods and worshiped the works of their own hands.

But you, dress yourself for work; arise, and say to them everything that I command you. Do not be dismayed by them, lest I dismay you before them.

And I, behold, I make you this day a fortified city, an iron pillar, and bronze walls, against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, its officials, its priests, and the people of the land. They will fight against you, but they shall not prevail against you, for I am with you, declares the Lord, to deliver you."

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE PART I **PRAYER** Praise & Petition

EPISTLE READING

Romans 8:31b–39

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE PART II Prayer **PRAISE** & Petition

RESPONSE HYMN: Be Still my Soul, Before the Lord (vs 1,2)

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GOSPEL READING

Luke 12:35–40

[Jesus said:] “Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are

those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

P: *O Lord, have mercy on us.*

C: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE PART III Prayer Praise & **PETITION**

RESPONSE HYMN: Be Still my Soul, Before the Lord (vs 3,4)

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OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN Christ Be My Leader

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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.

COLLECTS

P: *O Lord, hear my prayer*



And let my cry come to You.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: Eternal God, we commit to Your mercy and forgiveness the year now ending and commend to Your blessing and love the times yet to come. In the new year, abide among us with Your Holy Spirit that we may always trust in the saving name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

COLLECT

P: Almighty and everlasting God, You desire not the death of a sinner but that all would repent and live. Hear our prayers for those outside the Church. Take away their iniquity, and turn them from their false gods to You, the living and true God. Gather them into Your holy Church to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

COLLECT

P: Almighty and eternal God, we adore You as the God and Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus, and with the whole Church on earth and all the hosts of heaven we ascribe to You honor and blessing, thanksgiving and praise. Holy, holy, holy are You, Lord God Almighty; heaven and earth are full of Your glory. You created us in Your own image and redeemed us with the precious blood of Your Son. By Your Spirit You sanctified us and called us out of darkness into Your marvelous light. Grant that we may with thankful hearts receive these great mercies and express our gratitude, not only with our lips but also in our lives as we give ourselves to Your service and walk before You in holiness and

righteousness all our days. Deliver us from sin and error, from the frailties of the flesh, the allurements of this present age, and the temptations of the devil. Give us faith that works in love, hope that never disappoints, kindness that never fails, confidence in You that never wavers, patience that does not grow weary, and courage always ready to confess Christ, that we may live in Your mercy and die in Your peace; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

COLLECT FOR PEACE

P: Almighty God, You have called Your Church to witness that in Christ You have reconciled us to Yourself. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may proclaim the good news of Your salvation so that all who hear it may receive the gift of salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.



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P: Let us bless the Lord



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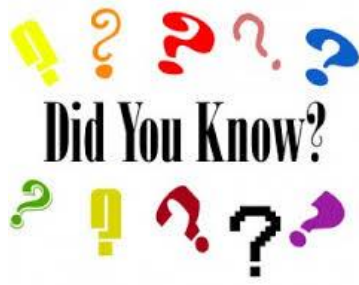
P: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



CLOSING HYMN:

Abide With Me

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BIBLE TRIVIA

The sign above Jesus on the cross was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin (**Lk 23:38**)(**Jn 19:20**).

Joseph wept 7 times (**Gen 42:24**)(**Gen 43:30**)(**Gen 45:2,14-15**)(**Gen 46:29**)(**Gen 50:1,17**).

The time period between Jesus' resurrection and ascension was 40 days (**Acts 1:3**).

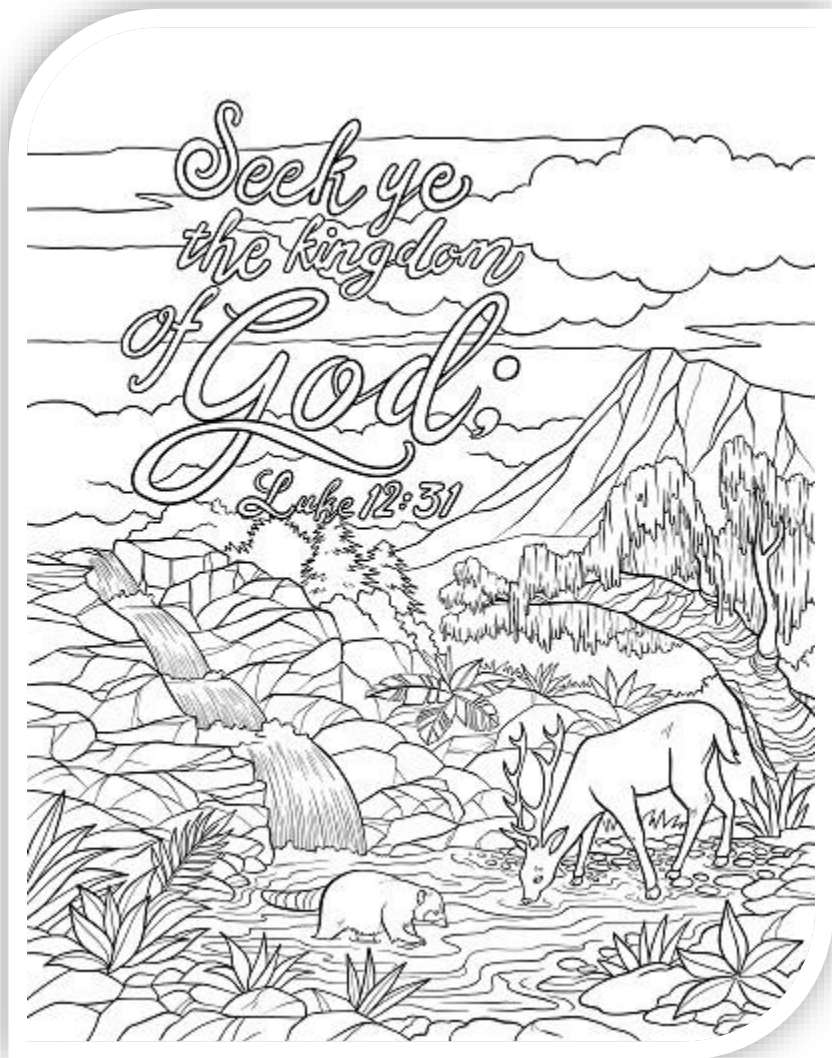
Paul uses the word "grace" within the first 5 verses of each book he wrote. Paul also gives "thanks" in the 1st chapter of 11 of his 13 books. Judah gave his first son (Er) to marry Tamar. God killed him for being wicked. Then Judah gave his second son (Onan) to marry Tamar. God killed him too for being wicked. Judah would not give his third son to marry Tamar, but later unknowingly had sex with her, thinking she was a prostitute. She bore him twins. (**Gen 38:6-26**). God miraculously caused the sun to stand still in the sky, providing light for 24 hours straight (**Josh 10:12-14**).

As a sign to Hezekiah, God caused the sun's shadow on a sundial to go back ten degrees (**Isa 38:7-8**).

In response to King Belshazzar's contempt for the holy things of God, God sent a "hand" which wrote a message on the wall. The King was terrified. Daniel told him the message said he would die. He was killed that night. (**Daniel 5**)

(I always get a picture of "Thing" from the Addams family. Creepy!)

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!



"Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants!"

Luke 12:37,38

Please connect with Pastor Galligar and let him know you are able to assist with Sunday School, beginning in January.

WELCOME TO THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN:

We are so happy that you are here today! At Faith, we want you to feel at home.

- First, please relax and enjoy your time here. Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't fret about it. Your children are welcome here! Those joyful noises are music to His ears, and ours.
- To make it a bit easier on your family, please dare to sit toward the front where your children can see all that is happening near the altar, note the colors, hear the music, watch the pastor, see the candles, pay attention to the letters and images on the altar, pulpit and font, and embrace the action at the altar. What Jesus does here promises to engage them.
- Be sure to sing and say and pray your parts too as you stand and sit. The kids learn by following our example.
- If you or your child must leave, please hurry back. We want your children here so much that we hope the quiet room will only have to be used on special occasions. Like Jesus, we want your kids in worship, not out.
- If you need a little help, just let us know. There are lots of folks who would love to lend you a hand.

Please know that while you are caring for your children, the rest of us will be rejoicing in Jesus' words, "***Let the little children come to Me and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these.***" (Luke 18:16) We know that you are a gift to the church, so we will do our best to welcome, smile, encourage, help, and bless you all.



WELCOME TO FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH!



A SEASON OF HOPE is the worship and bible study series that will begin next week at Faith. This 9-week series is designed to help us see the path and the plan of the Father as it works itself out over the course of Jesus' life. Each week we will look into how that plan continues to unfold itself, within the Gospel narrative. From the beginning, in the Garden of Eden, immediately following the Fall into sin, God began revealing His plan of salvation. As time stretched out, through His relationship with His people, God shared more and more about how things would look and how things would go. This "*Season of Hope*" helps us grow more intimately aware of how He has connected all things in Christ Jesus. Reading the verses below will make for a good beginning for this series, and a good start to this blessed New Year.



Isaiah 40:31

Micah 7:7

Romans 5:3-4

Romans 15:13 1 Corinthians 13:13

Jeremiah 29:11

Romans 15:13

Romans 12:12

Hebrews 11:1

Isaiah 40:31

1 Peter 1:3

Romans 8:24-25

- 4th & 5th January
- 11th & 12th January
- 18th & 19th January
- 25th & 26th January
- 1st & 2nd February
- 8th & 9th February
- 15th & 16th February
- 22nd & 23rd February
- 1st & 2nd March

God's Plan Blossoms

All Those Gathered Agree

Mission Matters

God's Character Defined

The Father's Purpose Revealed

Mission Impossible

A Glimpse Beyond

God's Love is My Strength

The Goal All Along