



**“THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD
IS ON ME, BECAUSE HE HAS
ANOINTED ME TO PROCLAIM GOOD NEWS
TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME
TO PROCLAIM FREEDOM FOR THE PRISONERS
AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT FOR THE BLIND,
TO SET THE OPPRESSED FREE,
TO PROCLAIM THE YEAR
OF THE LORD’S FAVOR.”**

• LUKE 4:18-19

Faith Lutheran Church

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Adult Bible Study at 9:00am

Worship Service at 10:00am

January 26, 2025

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Welcome & Greeting

Ross Besel

Announcements

Call to Worship Psalm 19:7-9

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

Caller: Come let us worship the Lord!

Congregation: Let us praise the Lord in this place!

Caller: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Caller: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them to the Lord.

Caller: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Invocation

(Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14)

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

Congregation: Amen

Confession

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

(1 John 1:8)

Congregation: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(1 John 1:9)

Time for Reflection

Leader: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

All: Most gracious and merciful Father, we come before you with humble hearts in desperate need of you. We recognize that you are perfect, and we are not. We have failed to trust you and yet, we are grateful that your Spirit is drawing us to you. Forgive us our sins and cleanse us from the anxious thoughts that plague our minds and the sin that so easily entangles us. Give us the strength to live for you and to trust you. Increase our faith we pray. Amen.

Absolution

(Psalm 103:8-12; 1 Timothy 1:15-16)

Greet one another in the peace of the lord.

Opening Song

(Ephesians 4:19-20; 5:19, Colossians 3:16)

“There is Freedom”

Verse 1

When I’m walkin’ through the valley

Your presence is around me

‘Cause nothin’ stands between

me and my God

And the fear that was my prison

Is no longer where I’m livin’

‘Cause nothin’ stands between

me and my God

There’s no place I go that He is not

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CHORUS

Where the Spirit of the Lord is
there is freedom
We'll be dancin' through the darkness
'cause we believe it
Every stronghold has to break
at the name of Jesus
Where the Spirit of the Lord is
there is freedom

Verse 2

When the ground below is shakin'
My joy cannot be taken
'Cause nothin' stands
between me and my God
So I'm lookin' to Jesus
Through a veil that's torn to pieces
'Cause nothin' stands
between me and my God, no

CHORUS (Repeat)

Song "I Believe"

Verse 1

I believe there is one salvation one doorway that leads to life
One redemption, one confession I believe in the name of Jesus Christ

Verse 2

I believe in the crucifixion by His blood, I have been set free
I believe in the resurrection Hallelujah, His life is death's defeat

CHORUS

All praise to God the Father all praise to Christ the Son
All praise to the Holy Spirit our God is three in One
The King who was and is and evermore will be
In Jesus mighty name, I believe

Verse 3

I believe in the hope of Heaven He's preparing a place for me
Far beyond what hearts imagine ears have heard or eyes have seen

Verse 4

I believe that a day is coming He's returning to claim His bride
Light the altar, keep it burning see the Lamb who rose a roaring Lion

CHORUS

Apostle's Creed

(1 Timothy 1:18-19; 2 Timothy 3:14)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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

The Word of God

(2 Timothy 3:16; Colossians 3:16)

First Reading Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

¹And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. ²So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. ³And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law.

⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. ⁶And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

⁸They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. ¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴ For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²² On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, ²⁴ which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ²⁵ that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Song “I Stand Amazed”

Verse 1

I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene
And wonder how He could love me a sinner condemned unclean

CHORUS

How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be
How marvelous! How wonderful! Is my Savior’s love for me

Verse 2

He took my sins and my sorrows and He made them His very own
He bore the burden to Calvary and suffered and died alone

CHORUS

Verse 3

When with the ransomed in glory His face I at last shall see
‘Twill be my joy through the ages to sing of His love for me

CHORUS

Gospel Reading Luke 4:16-30

¹⁶ And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. ¹⁷ And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
 because he has anointed me
 to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
 and recovering of sight to the blind,

to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²² And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³ And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "'Physician, heal yourself.'" What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.'" ²⁴ And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. ²⁵ But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, ²⁶ and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷ And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸ When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. ²⁹ And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. ³⁰ But passing through their midst, he went away.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, oh Christ!

Sermon (2 Timothy 3:16; 4:2; Acts 2:42)

Sermon Title "The Promise of Good News"

Ross Besel

Receiving of our Tithes and Offerings

Song of Response "No Longer Slaves" *Sung by Lake Laws*

Kyrie

Prayer: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy.

Prayer: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy.

Prayer: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy.

Prayer: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy.

Prayer: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Congregation: Amen

Prayers of the Church

(Galatians 6:1-2; 1 Timothy 2:1)

After each petition: Prayer: Lord, in your mercy

Congregation: Hear our prayer

We Pray for:

- Tim Kolash and family – Tim has heart failure
- Connie – recovering from illness
- Leroy (Shawntel's father) - pneumonia
- Steve (Paul's brother-in-law) – serious health issues
- Tom – ongoing health issues
- Mary L. – recovering from heart attack
- Guy (Steve's friend) – health issues
- Jim (Steve's friend) – health issues
- Mary (friend of Bonnie) – salvation and next steps
- Ron – recovering from cancer treatments
- Leia (Bob & Mary's friend) - cancer
- Linda (Shawntel's client's grandmother) – blood cancer
- Gary – lung cancer
- Larry (Mig's nephew) – cancer
- Tammy (Tara's cousin) – cancer

- Lee – tongue cancer
- Schools in our community
- Our Nation and the World

Prayer: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen

The Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6:9)

All: 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

Response of Thanksgiving

Caller: Be not afraid when a man becomes rich, when the glory of his house increases.

Congregation: May the radiance of Christ shine brightly upon and through our lives.

Caller: The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge!

Congregation: May the radiance of Christ shine brightly upon and through our lives.

Caller: The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Congregation: May the radiance of Christ shine brightly upon and through our lives.

Caller: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

Congregation: May the radiance of Christ shine brightly upon and through our lives.

Closing Song “There is Freedom”

Verse 1

When I’m walkin’ through the valley
Your presence is around me
‘Cause nothin’ stands between
me and my God
And the fear that was my prison
Is no longer where I’m livin’
‘Cause nothin’ stands between
me and my God
There’s no place I go that He is not

CHORUS

Where the Spirit of the Lord is
there is freedom
We’ll be dancin’ through the darkness
‘cause we believe it
Every stronghold has to break
at the name of Jesus
Where the Spirit of the Lord is
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When the ground below is shakin’
My joy cannot be taken
‘Cause nothin’ stands
between me and my God
So I’m lookin’ to Jesus
Through a veil that’s torn to pieces
‘Cause nothin’ stands
between me and my God, no

CHORUS (Repeat)

Benediction

(Numbers 6:22; 2 Corinthians 13:14)

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to
shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up
His countenance upon you and give you peace.

All: Amen

Dismissal

(Romans 5:1; Romans 12:1)

Leader: Now go in peace, serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

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Announcements

- **TODAY – Adult Bible Study at 9:00am.**
- **Tuesday - Quilting Ladies meet at the church at 10:00 am**
- **Wednesday – Men’s Weekly Fellowship at 6:30pm at the home of Paul Westphall (13459 N. Smith Rd, Pocatello) All men are welcome to attend!**
- **NEXT Sunday, February 2nd – Important!! Congregational Meeting immediately following the service. The meeting is to vote for Dillon Corbin to become our Pastor.** Dillon is looking at joining the synods Specific Ministry Pastor (SMP) program this fall to become the future pastor of Faith Lutheran Church. There needs to be a decision made in early February so that the enrollment process can proceed.
- **NEXT Sunday, February 2nd – Our first of the new year Bible Camp meeting after the Congregational Meeting.**
- **If you have a new prayer request, or want to update an existing prayer, please send an email to: faithpocatelloprayers@gmail.com**
- **Did you know that online giving is here, and it’s easy! Just go to venmo@faith-pocatello and submit your offering or tithe.**
- **Last Sunday’s attendance was: 54**
- **Church Financial Updates for November and December 2024:**

November	Offerings	\$7,476	Expenses	\$9,600
December	Offerings	\$13,001	Expenses	\$4,651

If you are in need of pastoral care during the week please contact our Head Elder Robert Fossum at 208-390-7640 or fossumrm@gmail.com

Next week Deacon Aaron Hayes will be leading our service