

# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## *Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany*

Sunday, February 23, 2025

*Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel. (Philippians 1:27)*

**MORNING WORSHIP at FAITH.....11:00 a.m.**  
**GOD'S KIDS. ....11:00 a.m.**  
**MORNING WORSHIP at GRACE ..... 9:00 a.m.**

**OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

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**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Saviour, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

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**OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** Divine Service Setting 4. . . . . .p.203  
Holy Communion

**HYMNS:** 706; 820; 851; 544; 479

**FIRST LESSON:** Genesis 45:3-15 (p. 39)

**SECOND LESSON:** 1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42 (p. 961)

**GOSPEL LESSON:** Luke 6:27-38 (p. 862)

**SERMON:** “Power To Do The Three Impossibilities” (Luke 6:27-38)

**WELCOME VISITORS AND FRIENDS!** *Glad to have you worship the Lord with us today! God has placed us here to make disciples of Christ, build them, and send them out. We pray you are strengthened in faith in Christ today through the word of God. And please do come and worship with us again. We would be honoured if you signed the guest register at the back of the church.*

**WE THANK PASTOR KRESTICK** for leading us in worship this morning.

**LIFE QUOTES:** “Handmade by the one true God and designed in His image, we are inherently valuable, not only for this life but for all of eternity.” *Michelle Bauman, Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

**GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION:** According to God's Word, the entire congregation declares a mighty sermon when it receives the Lord's Supper. It declares the central truth of our faith, that Christ gave His Body and Blood for our forgiveness. As doctrinal unity is central to this common proclamation, the congregations of Lutheran Church-Canada have promised to practise closed communion. Guests are, therefore, asked to speak with the pastor before communing. You may find it helpful to read Luther's Questions and Answers on p.329 (LSB) prior to communing at the Lord's table today.



***SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:***

**ELDER:** Darcy

**ELDER NEXT MONTH:** Jack

**USHERS:** Ron, Art & Della

**USHERS NEXT MONTH:** Fred, Walter & Donna

**FINANCE STEWARDS:** Cheryl & Liz

**STEWARDS NEXT WEEK:** Pam & Barb

**SOUND OPERATOR:** Fred

**SOUND OPERATOR NEXT MONTH:** Matt

**LIVESTREAM OPERATOR:** Darcy

**ALTAR GUILD TODAY:** Linda

**ALTAR GUILD NEXT WEEK:** Rebecca

***IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:***



**Special needs:** Walter and Donna, Patricia, Ritva and family, Reiner, Marsha, Susan, Shirley, Michelle (Stan's daughter), Marian, Sue, Mike and Anne, Stan, Lloyd and Elsie

**Homebound:** Becky, Nancy, Stan, Ana, Alice, Grace

**Family Focus:** Patrick, Naomi and Hardy; Howard, Jennifer, Sheldon, Mekannah and Michael; Walter and Donna; Jim, Lillian, Matthew and Katie

**SUMMER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL(VBS) 2025:** Exciting news, VBS will be happening this summer at Faith and Grace. Last year's VBS was a huge success; 27 children at Faith and 5 at Grace. Bible study, memory verses, crafts and missionary story was led by 2 missionaries from CEF Ontario. This year we will be hiring 2 missionaries again from CEF Ontario. The theme for this year is Intergalactic Voyage. The date is Aug 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>. Elders are looking for volunteers and specifically at this time a coordinator. If you are interested, please contact Jack Geurkink, 519-535-0353, [jdgeurkink@gmail.com](mailto:jdgeurkink@gmail.com)

**VBS 2025 Intergalactic Voyage  
Volunteers Are Needed**

The date is Aug 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Please give prayerful thought to how you can serve. Please pray for God's blessings on this time of sharing and learning of His Word.

**God is So Good To Us!**

I offer to serve Him in VBS as:

- **VBS Co-ordinator**
- Crafts co-ordinator
- Recreation co-ordinator
- Meal kitchen co-ordinator
- Shepherd a class
- Assist with crafts
- Assist with recreation
- Activity Leader
- Kitchen helper
- I will bring requested food (list coming)

Name and contact information

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***PLEASE DROP THIS SHEET OFF IN THE OFFICE***

**FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR:** If you would like to provide flowers for the altar, please sign up on the flower chart which is on the wall across from the library so it can be announced in the bulletin. For last minute, call before Wednesday's bulletin deadline.

**NEW BIBLE STUDY! "NURTURING YOUR FAITH: PATIENT URGENCY"** Today, many Christians are reluctant to have a conversation about God, faith or lack of faith. Many feel poorly equipped to talk about Jesus in everyday situations. This study will help participants become more eager to share in spiritual conversations and to patiently encourage others to participate in God's kingdom, coming to Jesus. These Bible studies are held on the first and third Sundays of each month (normally non-communion), at 10:00 a.m., in class-room #1 (just inside the back entrance), and are about 45 minutes in length. Come and join us!

**A PANCAKE SUPPER** will be held on Shrove Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> with pancakes being served from 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. There will be a free will offering with proceeds going to the Love Fund. In order to help with planning, there is a sign-up sheet on the fellowship bulletin board in the hallway.

**TO ALL COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS:** Please start preparing your report for the 2024 Annual Report. The due date is next **Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**. They should be emailed to either our church Chairman at [chairflc@rogers.com](mailto:chairflc@rogers.com) or Church Secretary at [faithlutheranchurch@rogers.com](mailto:faithlutheranchurch@rogers.com)

**COFFEE HOUR AT FAITH** is held after non-Communion worship services. Sign up sheets are in the office and at the kitchen counter. Set up can be before service. It involves making coffee, tea and juice. Snacks can be store bought or homemade (gluten free is also appreciated) the choice is yours.

**MISSION OF THE MONTH:** Lutheran Hour Ministries  
This is a traditional time of support for the Lutheran Hour and Lutheran Television throughout the Synod.

**LADIES OF FAITH AND GRACE - YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE MARCH LWML MEETING** on March 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 a.m. Pastor Manna from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will be joining us to share the good news of his mission trip to Eritrea in East Africa. His presentation will include his story as a refugee in Canada and how God is using him, his learnings from the Eritrean refugees, and how he provided spiritual support. Looking forward to seeing you next Saturday.

**TAX RECEIPTS ARE IN YOUR MAILBOX:** Take a look in your mailbox as the 2024 tax receipts and the March calendar have been printed. If there are still 2024 tax receipts in your mailbox, they will be mailed on Monday.

**PASTOR BODE IS RETIRING!** We have been informed by Foothills Lutheran Church that Pastor Bode's retirement will be next Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. We have been invited to send him a note or message to celebrate this milestone via email to [miriam@foothillslutheran.com](mailto:miriam@foothillslutheran.com).

If you want to send a note via mail, the church address is Foothills Lutheran Church, 3104 34 Ave NW, Calgary, AB T2L 2A3

**LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "It's Best to Be With Jesus"**  
(Luke 9:28-36)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

Life was not meant to be a do-it-yourself project. We need God's help, His strength, His gifts. Hear this inspirational message on CFPL-980 AM on Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca)

**FOOD BANK:** is temporarily closed and will not accept any food donations at this time. In the meantime, the Elders are working on a way to re-open our food bank. This will require two volunteers who could dedicate one morning per week to disperse food if requested. Both will need to be in attendance on the same morning and will require Vulnerable Sector Screening prior to starting this volunteer role. Please contact Jack Geurkink for details.

**LWML MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS** are now due. The rates for three issues (Fall 2025 to Spring 2026) are: Regular print \$15.00, Large print \$18.00 and Digital edition (via email) \$10.00. Please submit payment to Rebecca by March 9<sup>th</sup> at the latest via cash, cheque (payable to Faith Lutheran Church), or designate the amount to "Tapestry" with your regular offering.

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 38; COMMUNED: 29**  
**GOD'S KIDS: 4**

**PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING:** God continues to bless us far beyond what we deserve. Let us remember to regularly return our very best to the Lord.



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<b>THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE</b>		
<b>Sat.</b>	9:30 a.m.	LWML
<b>Sun.</b>	9:00 a.m.	Grace Morning Worship / Holy Communion
	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Faith)
	11:00 a.m.	Faith Morning Worship
	11:00 a.m.	God's Kids (Faith)

