

# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## *Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany*

Sunday, January 28, 2024

*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 1.....p. 151  
Holy Communion

**HYMNS:** 725v.1,4; “Face of God”; 842; 528; 845; 583

**FIRST LESSON:** Deuteronomy 18:15-20 (p. 161)

**SECOND LESSON:** 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 (p. 956)

**GOSPEL LESSON:** Mark 1:21-28 (p. 836)

**SERMON:** “Amazing Love” (Mark 1:21-28)

**SERVING IN GOD’S HOUSE TODAY:**

**ELDER:** David

**ELDER NEXT MONTH:** David

**USHERS:** Bill & Linda, David

**USHERS NEXT MONTH:** Ron, Mike & Iris

**FINANCE STEWARDS:** Cheryl & Liz

**STEWARDS NEXT WEEK:** Pam & Barb

**SOUND OPERATOR:** Fred

**LIVESTREAM OPERATOR:** Darcy

**ALTAR GUILD TODAY:** Marian

**ALTAR GUILD NEXT WEEK:** Rebecca

**LESSON READER TODAY:** Matt

**LESSON READER NEXT WEEK:** Philip

**GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION:** Luther said of the Lord's Supper, "The Sacrament is the Gospel." As we partake of our Lord's very body and blood in the Sacrament, not only is the Gospel received (the forgiveness of sins), but the Gospel is also proclaimed (the Lord's death). As we make this common proclamation to one another and to the world, we also acknowledge that oneness in the Gospel and all its articles is confessed by those receiving the Sacrament together. Guests desiring to commune are thus asked to speak with the pastor before the service.

**PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION:** 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.

**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**



**Special needs:** John, Walter and Donna, Patricia, Ritva and family, Alice, Reiner, Marsha, Shirley, Sara, Susan, Shirley, Michelle (Stan's daughter), Marian, Sue, Mike and Anne, Stan, Gerda, Melissa, Cheryl, Rachel and children, Lloyd and Elsie

**Homebound:** Becky, Ana, Grace, Nancy, Delbert

**Family Focus:** Ron and Connie; Doug; James; Ed and Christina; Fred and Eric; Mark, Jazmine, Riley and Everett

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** 80

Livestream: Peak Viewers: 3

Total Unique Viewers: (until January 23<sup>rd</sup>): 6

**GOD'S KIDS:** 4

**TO ALL COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS:** Please start preparing your report for the 2023 Annual Report. Due date is *next Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>*. Please send them to Fred.

**MISSION OF THE MONTH:** Canadian Lutheran World Relief  
As an international relief and development agency of the Lutheran communities, CLWR provides opportunities for Canadians to respond to national and international needs.

**LIFE QUOTES:** “The Holy Spirit teaches us and enables us to be more effective with our body language, to hold the hands of those who are afraid of walking alone, to hug the ones who are falling apart for whatever reason, to lift those who sinned against God and against their brothers. We do all this by sharing the forgiveness that is found in Christ.” *Rev. Dr. Hector Hoppe, guest speaker on “The Lutheran Hour” – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife*

**UPCOMING MEETINGS OR EVENTS:** If your group is planning to have a meeting or event, please indicate this information in the office calendar which is on the water cooler.



**FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR:** If you would like to provide flowers for the altar, please let the office know a week or two in advance so that it can be included in the bulletin.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We are looking for help in some areas. If you are interested in being an usher, a counter for Sunday offerings, a sound operator or livestream operator, please speak with Pastor or let the office know.

**CHECK YOUR MAILBOXES:** February 2024 calendars are in your mailbox. If you haven’t visited your mailbox recently, please do so in order to get your copy of the calendar to ensure that you don’t miss any fellowship activities, bible studies and meetings.

**ITEMS NEEDED FOR OUR FOOD PANTRY:** We are getting low on some items which are: *cereal, cereal bars, Kraft dinner, sugar, pasta, pasta sauce, canned meat, canned fish, hearty soups, fruit cups, peanut butter, juice boxes, canned vegetables, (but not baked beans), personal hygiene items, and a variety of soups, but not tomato.* If you would like to help out in a different capacity, you are most welcome to provide grocery store gift cards. These cards are given at the discretion of the pastor to those individuals requiring perishable items.

***LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: “Nature Abhors a Vacuum”***  
(Ephesians 4:32)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

What fills the heart that has no room to forgive? Hear this inspirational message on CFPL-980 AM on Sunday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca)

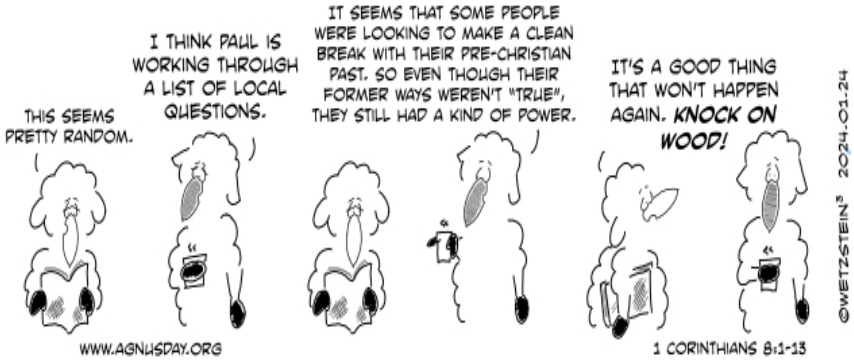
***FROM THE ELDERS:*** Check out Lutheran Public Radio at [lutheranpublicradio.org](http://lutheranpublicradio.org) or their podcasts "issues, etc." and "The Word of the Lord Endures Forever" or download the LPR app for Lutheran bible studies and discussions pertaining to the culture in which we live.

***UKRAINE NEEDS OUR HELP!*** Considering the crisis in the Ukraine and the humanitarian needs that are arising, we are inviting members to consider donating to the C.L.W.R – Ukraine. The Synod of Evangelical Lutheran Churches in Ukraine (SELCU) consists of 14 Congregations; 5 Mission Stations; 3 Humanitarian Foundations; and 1 Seminary. Your donations can be made through Faith offering, use the Lutheran Church Canada website (Missions) or directly to C.L.W.R. [donations@clwr.org](mailto:donations@clwr.org).

***FAITH TELECARE MINISTRY*** is in operation in our congregation. Five members have taken the task to call members from time to time. The purpose of the Telecare Ministry is to strengthen our relationship with each other and to deliver rich information to the membership. Please give these members your support and prayers. *Pastor Castillo*

***HELP NEEDED!*** London4Life London Association (formerly London Area Right to Life is wanting to use our fellowship hall for their Annual General Meeting on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 or their second choice Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from approximately 8:00 a.m.to 12:00 noon. Coffee and tea would be served to their members. If you are able to provide access, and make/serve coffee and tea either morning for them, please let Marian Rutledge or the office know ASAP. Thank you!

**COFFEE HOUR AT FAITH** will be held after non-Communion worship services. Please sign up to prepare coffee and tea and also clean up afterwards.



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**THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE**

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| <b>Wed.</b>   | 10:00 a.m. | Ladies Bible Study (Faith)            |
| <b>Thurs.</b> | 10:00 a.m. | Bible Study (Faith)                   |
| <b>Fri.</b>   | 10:00 a.m. | Office hours at Grace                 |
| <b>Sat.</b>   | 11:00 a.m. | Confirmation class (at parents' home) |
|               | 3:00 p.m.  | Spanish Devotion / Bible Study        |
| <b>Sun.</b>   | 9:00 a.m.  | Grace Morning Worship /Holy Communion |
|               | 9:00 a.m.  | Bible Study (Faith)                   |
|               | 11:00 a.m. | Faith Morning Worship                 |
|               | 11:00 a.m. | God's Kids (Faith)                    |