



**Sunday Worship Service Outdoors**  
**July 21st, 2024 9:00 AM**  
**Pastor Heather Brown**



Welcome to  
**Christmas In July**  
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July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 | 9:00 AM



***Loved by God, Living for Others***

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

On this bright summer morning, we remember God's gifts to us:

**The gift of a child and the gift of comfort.**

The gift of presence and the gift of joy.

**On this "Christmas in July" Sunday, we give thanks to God for the gift of the Christ Child. Come, let us worship the Lord!**

### **\*GATHERING SONG "O Come All Ye Faithful"**

**ELW 283**

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!

O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem

Come and behold Him, Born the King of Angels

### ***Refrain***

O come, let us adore him. O come, let us adore him.

O come, let us adore him. Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation

Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God, All glory in the highest ***Refrain***

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning

Jesus, to Thee be glory given

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing ***Refrain***

### **\*GREETING**

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

## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 9:2-7**

*This poem promises deliverance from Assyrian oppression, a hope based on the birth of a royal child with a name full of promise. While Judah's king will practice justice and righteousness, the real basis for faith lies in God's passion for the people: The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this!*

<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. <sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. <sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. <sup>5</sup>For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. <sup>6</sup>For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup>His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.  
Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING**

**Titus 3:4-7**

*The appearance of God's grace in Jesus Christ brings salvation for all humanity. Consequently, in the present we live wisely and justly while also anticipating the hope of our Savior's final appearance.*

God saves us not because of what we do. Rather, God is a God of mercy and salvation who graciously cleanses us in baptism and renews our lives through the Holy Spirit. <sup>4</sup>When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup>he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. <sup>6</sup>This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup>so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION    “Love Has Come”**

**ELW 292**

Love has come a light in the darkness!  
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.  
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it,  
Hear how their song of joy arises:  
Love! Love! Born unto you a Savior!  
Love! Love! Glory to God on high!

**\*GOSPEL**

**Luke 2:1-20**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

<sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

<sup>15</sup>When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**\*SONG OF THE DAY “The First Noel”**

**ELW 300**

The first Noel the angels did say  
was to certain poor shepherds  
In fields where they lay  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

***Refrain***

Noel Noel Noel Noel!  
Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the East beyond them far,  
And to the earth it gave great light,  
And so it continued both day and night. ***Refrain***

And by the light of that same star  
Three wise men came from country far,  
To seek for a King was their intent  
And to follow the star  
Wherever it went. ***Refrain***

**\*THE PRAYERS**

**\*SHARING THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

***(Tune: “Angels from the Realms of Glory” ELW 275)***

Thank the Lord, His praises voicing for his promised faithfulness!  
All who seek the Lord, rejoicing tell his love, his name confess,  
For he leads us, with thanksgiving in the paths of righteousness.

At your Word, Lord, let your servant go in peace, for with my eyes  
I have seen your bright salvation, Israel’s light, begin to rise  
As the glory of the nations, leading us to Paradise.

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

**\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*(Tune: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" ELW 288)*

Oh, may the good Lord be with you.

**And may the Lord be with you too.**

Lift your hearts to him in praise.

**To the Lord our hearts we raise.**

Let us offer praises true.

**It is fitting so to do: / Gratefully we si---ng / to the Lo--rd, our King!**

**\*PREFACE**

**\*HOLY, HOLY**

*(Tune: "As With Gladness Men of Old" ELW 302)*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts, by all adored:

Heav'n and earth cannot contain

All the glory of your name!

With the heav'nly host we sing

Highest praises to our King:

Hail! Hosanna! Endless fame

Be to him who, in God's name,

Now draws nigh with us to dwell,

Jesus, our Emmanuel!

Hail! Hosanna! Praises be

To the Lord eternally!

**\*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*(Tune: "Away in a Manger" ELW 277)*

Our Father in heaven, all praise to your name

Your kingdom among us, your will done the same

By mortals and angels. Come, Lord reign alone:

Oh, hear us and bless us from heaven's high throne.

The bread that we yearn for provide us each day;

As we forgive others, our sins take away;

In times of temptation, to lead us be near;

From evil deliver Your children most dear.

For yours is the kingdom; o'er all things you reign

And yours is the power; all things you maintain

To you be the glory, resounding again

From all of creation, forever! Amen.

## **\*INVITATION**

The mystery hidden for the ages is revealed for us in this meal. Come, behold and receive your God.

## **DISTRIBUTION**

## **\*BLESSING & PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BLESSING**

*(Tune: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" ELW 279)*

Now may the good Lord bless and keep, his love in you increase:

Lift up his face with shining grace and grant eternal peace.

To Father Son and Spirit, Eternal One-in-Three,

Be thanks and praise through all our days and to eternity!

### **\*SENDING SONG "Go, Tell it On the Mountain"**

**ELW 267**

**Refrain** Go tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
go tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching  
o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens  
there shone a holy light. **Refrain**

The shepherds feared and trembled  
when, lo, above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus  
that hailed our Savior's birth. **Refrain**

Down in a lonely manger  
the humble Christ was born;  
and God sent us salvation  
that blessed Christmas morn. **Refrain**

### **\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

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## Announcements

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### **DULUTH MISSION TRIP:**

Please hold the following Adult Leaders and Youth in your prayers as they finalize plans to learn and serve with our brothers and sisters in Duluth. Be with Kim Vrana, Dave Smith, Paula Hadlock, Brian Quarne, Mark Cournoyer, Ean Sautebin, Aidan Hadlock, Sydney Quarne, Riley Heller, Ryan Grassman, Maya Cournoyer, Luke Quarne, Brennan Polzin, Madason Cournoyer, Nayla Seevers, Hannah Loucks, Trevin Seevers and Alivia Schiferl during this life-changing week. We are also excited to once again have First

Presbyterian Church joining us this year with 5 youth and an adult leader. We departed at 9 AM on Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **SCRAPBOOKING – JULY 25<sup>th</sup> 2 PM:**

Anyone is welcome to join us for scrapbooking and card making Thursday afternoon from 2:00-3:30 PM. Either bring a project you've been working on, or we have cards and albums for purchase you can work on. There is a Card Kit for \$5.00 for 3 cards. No purchase necessary to attend. Just fun and fellowship! Drinks and treats will be provided. Cindy Esselman Creative Memories Consultant gave 10% of all proceeds to Faith Lutheran Church from our scrapbooking nights.

**CO-DIRECTOR FOR EDUCATION & FAMILY MINISTRY NEEDED:** Are you interested in a 10-15 hr. per week position working with our education program? If so, please contact Pastor Heather or Brenda Fellenz. (Job description is posted in the church office and on Facebook). We are grateful to Marty Yohn for his help these past months but he's ready to retire. ***Deadline: August 1.***

### **FROM THE FINANCE SECRETARY:**

Lloyd Mueller will be stepping down from serving on the Money Counting Team. Thank you, Lloyd, for your many years of service. We need a few more people to help with money counting. The team meets on Monday mornings at 8:30 AM, counts the money collected during the week and on Sunday mornings, completes deposit slips for all accounts, and then takes deposits to appropriate banks. If interested or for more information, contact Pam Johnson at 715-305-1673 or Jeff Tisdell at 715-387-4569.

*Special Thank You from Karen Pugh to who helped her last Sunday.*

*Our sympathies and prayers go out to Jan Taylor's family as Jan passed away on Saturday July 13<sup>th</sup>. The funeral will be held on Thursday July 25<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM. Visitation at 9 AM at Faith Lutheran Church. Luncheon to follow.*



**PLASTIC PLANT POTS & NEWSPAPERS:** *From Social Concerns & Green Team*

Bring your plastic pots & newspapers to the church garage. As for newspapers, we will use them as the start of mulch in the gardens around the church and Parsonage. There will be boxes marked in the garage to put them in, which is unlocked. Thank you!

**TREE PLANTED IN HONOR OF 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY:**

In honor of our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we have planted a tree in Wildwood Park on the west edge of the Upper Pond, just north of the Balboa plaque that's next to the pond at its west center. We will be having a dedication in the upcoming weeks to commemorate this special occasion. Check back for more details.



## ----- Welcome and Prayers -----

**SPECIAL WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS!**

Please fill out our blue visitor card found at the Welcome Center. We have a special gift for you when you place the visitor card in the offering plate or give it to the pastor after worship. We look forward to connecting with you.

**WELCOME TO ALL FAMILIES** with children and infants attending worship today. We have an unstaffed nursery available for young children to play during worship. There are quiet activity bags available that are located near the entrance to the sanctuary. Ushers will be happy to show you where they are located. Our education and youth programs will resume in the fall.

**DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?**

Please use the orange prayer request card behind pew or email the pastor at [pastor@faithmarshfield.com](mailto:pastor@faithmarshfield.com).



**PRAYER LIST:** *Please keep the following people in your prayers. Names will remain on the prayer list for three weeks unless otherwise requested.*

Karen Pugh; Ardith Hendrickson; Jan Fink's niece, Debbie; Maxine Morgan's brother, Keith; Stan Panek; Dave & Diane Herron's niece, Mia; Dan Akin's mother, Kenlynn; Kenneth Post & Tom Krake.

## FAITH NUMBERS CORNER

### ***Service Attendance***

Last Week Attendance: 110

### ***Average Service Attendance***

June Average Attendance: 79

June Average YT Views: 43

### **Weekly General Giving July 7<sup>th</sup>**

Actual \$6,116

*(Includes online giving)*

### **Year to June 30<sup>th</sup> General Giving:**

Actual \$126,777

2024 Budget \$143,000

*(Includes online giving)*

Shortfall \$(16,223)

## **WAYS TO ACCESS THE SUNDAY SERVICE**

- 1) In-person 9 AM Sunday.
- 2) Live-streaming on YouTube at 9 AM every Sunday.
- 3) On the Cable Access Channel 989 on Sundays at 6 PM & Mondays 4 PM.
- 4) Watch anytime on our YouTube Channel.
- 5) Watch anytime on our App. Faith-Marshfield

## **WAYS TO GIVE:**

**CHURCH:** Offering basket will be passed during offering.

**ONLINE:** Go to [faithmarshfield.com](https://faithmarshfield.com) and click on **DONATE**.

**TEXT:** Text [flcmarshfieldgiving](https://www.flcmarshfieldgiving.com) to phone number 1-888-364-4483

**MAIL:** Mail a check directly to *Faith Lutheran Church, 207 S. Cherry Ave., Marshfield, WI 54449*

## **SERVING US TODAY:**

<b>Welcome Desk:</b>	Diane Herron
<b>Greeters:</b>	Terry & Cindy Prust
<b>Ushers:</b>	Jamy & Marty Yohn
<b>Musicians:</b>	Kathy Biederwolf
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Tom Loucks, Jeff Johnson
<b>Reader:</b>	Paul Kapla
<b>Coffee Host:</b>	Lisa Helstein
<b>Baked Goods:</b>	Sue Vick, Diane Rand
<b>Comm. Assists:</b>	Diane Herron Joyce Cesar 1 NEEDED

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FAITH:**

July 21 <sup>st</sup>	9:00 AM – Sunday Worship <i>Christmas In July</i>
July 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Office Closed</i> 7:00 PM – AA Meeting in FH 7:00 PM – Al-Anon Mtg in CR
July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6:00 PM – NAMI Meeting in RR
July 24 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 PM – NA Meeting in CR
July 25 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 AM – Visitation for Jan Taylor 11:00 AM – Celebration of Life Service for Jan Taylor 2:00 PM – Scrapbooking Group in UR
July 26 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Office Closed</i> <i>FLY Mission Trip Returns</i>
July 27 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 AM – Fresh Expressions (offsite) TBD - Audit

## **SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:**

The office is open from **8 AM – 12 PM** Tuesday through Thursday through Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup>.



**m&m's** Faith Lutheran Church  
**"Quarters for Capital"**  
**FUNDRAISER**

- 1 Eat M&Ms**  
(pick up from FLC Office)
- 2 Fill with Quarters**  
(holds \$13 dollars worth of Quarters!)
- 3 Return to FLC Office**  
(by Sunday September 1st, 2024)

**Our goal is to fill 70 Tubes in honor of our 70th Anniversary!**  
*Put on by the Communications Team of FLC to help meet our Capital Campaign Goals for 2024.*

**M&M KICK OFF:** As we celebrate the 70th anniversary of Faith Lutheran Church this year, we are excited to launch a special fundraiser to enhance our church's facilities through the Capital Improvement Fund. Our goal for the Communications Team is to raise \$1000.

**How It Works:**

- Visit our church office to pick up your M&M tube.
- Sign out an M&M plastic tube from the church office.
- Eat all the M&M’s. Yum!
- Fill the tube with your loose quarters – each tube can hold up to \$13 in quarters!
- Turn in your tube filled with quarters to the office and put amount on sign in sheet.

*As we collect the tubes, we will line them up in the office window to see our progress. Your contribution directly supports crucial upgrades and renovations for our church. Return by Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup>.*

**Why Participate:**

By participating in this fundraiser, you are not just filling a tube with quarters; you are investing in the future of our church community. Every quarter counts towards improving our worship spaces, enhancing our educational facilities, and ensuring our church remains a welcoming place for generations to come. Let's embark on this journey together to create a brighter future for Faith Lutheran Church!

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN GOAL FOR 2024 RAISED THUS FAR:**



updated at 7/17/24

2024 Capital Campaign Goal



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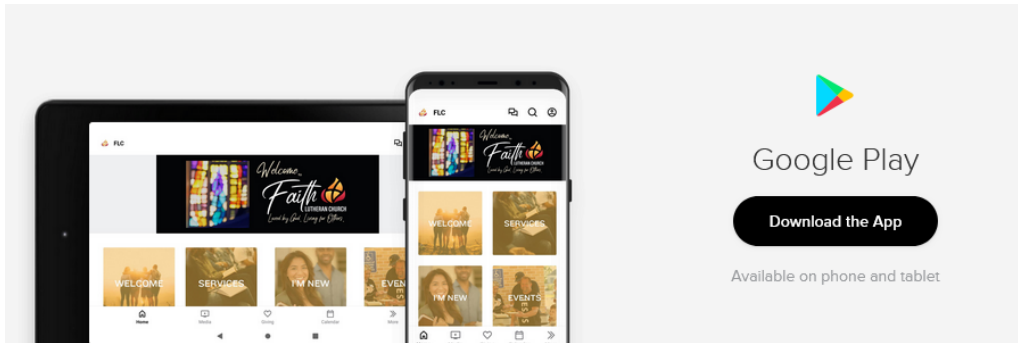
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