

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
106 8TH STREET, MADISON, MINNESOTA
Church (320) 598-3630 Parsonage (320) 598-3559
February 2, 2020

“Moving forward in faith by providing spiritual
and physical nourishment to all God’s people.”

Light shines in the darkness for the upright. (Ps. 112:4)

**Indicates to please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE

BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

***OPENING HYMN: #793 “Be Thou My Vision”**

***GREETING**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

SPECIAL MUSIC-“This Little Light of Mine” Joyful Ringers and Senior Choir

FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8

L. The Word of the Lord. C. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 15

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians: 1:18-31

L. The Word of the Lord. C. **Thanks be to God.**

L. The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.

***GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12**

L. Glory to you, O Lord. C. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF DAY #728 “Blest Are They”

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***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

L. Hear us, O God. C. Your mercy is great.

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

OFFERING: “What A Friend We Have in Jesus” - Faith Ringers

***OFFERING PRAYER**

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We will commune around the railing today. Our ushers will direct you to come forward for communion. Even if you choose not to receive communion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing with your hands folded. If you will be receiving communion, please hold out your hand to receive the gifts of God. If you are unable to come forward for communion, please inform an usher so we can serve you at your seat.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION”

#479 “We Come to the Hungry Feast”

#719 “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

***PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION**

***BLESSING**

***SENDING HYMN: “Go On Your Way in Joy” - Joyful Noise Singers and Congregation**

***DISMISSAL**

***BELL**

POSTLUDE

Today's worship assistants:

Worship Leaders: Vicar Ann Bjorklund

Organist: Linda Anderson

Secretary: Kari Pearson

Education Coordinator: Ronda Helgemo

Acolytes: Hannah Oie, Kaylee Call

Reader: Eli Lowry

Communion Assistant: Ardis Christensen

Greeters: Rachel Harrison

Videographer: Maynard Meyer

Ushers: Team 2-Dan Wahl

Screen: Derek Halvorson

Please also hold these concerns in your prayers, today and throughout the week: Contact the church office at 598-3630 to add or remove a person.

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS: Ken Beyer, Eunice Hegg, Jackie Lang, Lil Lyng, Alice Morken, Gayle Weber, Ann West, Nylene Shelstad, Betty Peterson, Ron Redepenning and Don Husby.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Dallas Schellberg, Dave Ludvigson, Alice Johnson, Skip Blahosky, Deb Bauler, Leroy Lund, Jerry Kvaal, Harper Lucas, Bonnie Vaala, Ron Christensen, Sam Roering, Dale Kolas, and Teresa Jones.

We would like to thank Kari Pearson for her service to Faith Lutheran Church as our Office Manager/Financial Secretary. Kari's last day was Thursday, January 30. We wish her well in her future endeavors.



Sunday, February 2

9:00 am Worship Service

10:10 am Fellowship/SS/Power Hour

10:30 am Senior Choir Rehearsal

Monday, February 3

7:00 pm AA & Al-Anon

Wednesday, February 4

9:00 am Hot Muffins Exercise Group

3:30 pm Joyful Noise Singers

3:30 pm Confirmation

6:00 pm Faith Ringers

Sunday, February 9

9:00 am Worship Service

10:10 am SS/Power Hour /Fellowship



Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]

Psalms 112:1-9 [10]

1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]

Matthew 5:13-20

January 26
Church Attendance:
120

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ The Flower Committee needs a volunteer for the month of December. If interested please contact Angie Shelstad.
- ♦ The Worship Committee will be helping you shop for your Easter flowers. We'll be taking orders after church services during Lent. You simply place your order with us, and we will pick them up for you. You will be able to take your flowers home after the 10:00 a.m. Easter Worship Service.
- ♦ The Youth Ski Trip to Andes Tower and Pizza Ranch will be on Sunday, February 16th. The bus will leave from Faith at 11:00 am. It is open to all ages with second grade and under needing an adult to accompany them.
- ♦ Sponsors are needed for the radio broadcast (\$50), bulletin (\$25.00) and altar flowers (\$40). If interested contact the office.
- ♦ Faith Lutheran Church is continually trying to assist others. We often do that through fundraisers. As a reminder, Thrivent Financial offers grants to certain policyholders to assist with fundraisers. Do you have a policy and a passion for a particular area of ministry? Let's join forces and maximize our efforts. Contact Vicar Ann, a council or committee member, and we'll see how we can work together.
- ♦ February 15th Little Blessings Preschool will be accepting applications for members of Faith Lutheran Church for 2020/2021 school year. Registration opens to all interested families on March 1st. For more information contact Little Blessings.
- ♦ Little Blessings will be having a Chili Feed on February 7th from 11:00am-1:00pm at the Madison VFW. Enjoy a bowl of chili with toppings, beverage and dessert. Delivery orders must be called in to 598-7498 between 9:30-11:00.
- ♦ The Southwest Minnesota Synod of the ELCA is once again offering "Equipping Congregations Day" on Saturday, February 29, 2020, at Vinje Lutheran and Bethel Lutheran Churches in Willmar from 8:30 am-3:30 pm. You will have your choice of attending 3 of 24 different workshops. Check out the poster on the bulletin board for more information. Contact the church office to sign up.
- ♦ Reminder to Sunday School students: February is the last month you can put your name in the drawing for 1 of 3 movie passes to the Grand Theater. Good luck and we'll see you on Sundays.
- ♦ Save the date! The Quilt Retreat will be on Thursday, April 30 from 9:00am -4:00pm. In addition to making quilts we will also be tying quilts. If you don't know how we will teach you. If you can sew a straight line and have a sewing machine we need you! Morning coffee, a noon lunch, and afternoon coffee will be served.
- ♦ Lenten suppers will start on Ash Wednesday. The confirmation students will be serving the meals as a fundraiser for their Jesus Trip.
- ♦ There are extra copies of the 2019 FLC Annual Report outside the office.
- ♦ Thanks to the volunteers who helped put together the annual report on Friday, January 24th. Your help was very much appreciated!

Ann Bjorklund is not a pastor. But, at the request of our congregational leadership, she has been authorized by the synodical bishop to preside at the sacrament of Holy Communion in our congregation this weekend. For this ministry, she will be in consultation with an ELCA pastor. The authorization is granted in accord with the ELCA's guiding statement, The Use of Means of Grace, which says, "In witness that this sacrament is a celebration of the Church, serving its unity, an ordained minister presides in the service of Holy Communion and proclaims the Great Thanksgiving. Where it is not possible for an extended period of time to provide ordained pastoral leadership, a synodical bishop may authorize a properly trained lay person to preside for a specified period of time and in a