

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Today	Worship (Facebook Live) @ BRF	8:00 AM
.....	Bible Class & Sunday School @ BRF	9:15 AM
.....	Worship @ CAT.....	9:45 AM
.....	Congregational Voters' Mtg @ BRF	11:30 AM
Monday	Zoom Confirmation @ BRF.....	4:00 PM
Tuesday	JCI Pastoral Visits	1:00 PM
.....	JCI Bible Class & Visits	6:00 PM
Wednesday	Bible Information Class @ CAT	9:30 AM
.....	Confirmation @ BRF	5:30 PM
.....	Choir @ BRF	6:15 PM
.....	Bible Class @ BRF.....	7:00 PM
Thursday	Ladies Aid @ CAT.....	12:30 PM
.....	Know Your Bible Better BC @ BRF	6:30 PM
Sunday	Worship (Facebook Live) @ BRF.....	8:00 AM
.....	Bible Class & Sunday School @ BRF	9:15 AM
.....	Worship @ CAT.....	9:45 AM
.....	Bible Class @ CAT	11:00 AM



DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday	Matthew 5:17-37	Proverbs 24:3-6
Monday	Matthew 5:38-6:4	Proverbs 24:7-9
Tuesday	Matthew 6:5-34	Proverbs 24:10-14
Wednesday	Matthew 7:1-23	Proverbs 24:15-18
Thursday	Matthew 7:24-29	Proverbs 24:19-22
Friday	Matthew 8:1-17	Proverbs 24:23-27
Saturday	Matthew 8:18-22	Proverbs 24:28-29



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FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

BLACK RIVER FALLS LOCATION

N6598 County Rd. A. Black River Falls, WI 54615

Worship Time: 8:00 a.m.

Bible Class & Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

CATARACT LOCATION

N6774 Acorn Ave. Sparta, WI 54656

Worship Time: 9:45 a.m.

Bible Class: 11:00 a.m.

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

“Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again” (2 Corinthians 5:14,15). Those words sum up well the “why” and “what” of our Christian lives. Today we look at one aspect of our Christian lives as we are encouraged in our life of sharing Jesus with others.

WORSHIP HOSPITALITY

*We are pleased that you have joined us for worship. If you are in need of **restrooms**, they are located in the hallway to the right as you exit the sanctuary. If your child becomes restless during the service there is a **quiet room** outside the sanctuary if you need to take them out. **Hearing assistance** is available in Black River Falls. Please speak to an usher for assistance. And if it has become difficult to stand for longer periods of time, **please do not feel that you must stand** each time the congregation is invited to stand.*

A FEW NOTES ON OUR WORSHIP

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GIFT CARDS

The Ladies of Faith will be collecting gift cards from Jan 9th through Feb 6th for the married students at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. They prefer cards from Kwik Trip, Walmart, Pick-n-Save, or Piggly Wiggly. Please give the cards to Pastor Neumann or Annette Markhardt on or before Feb 6th.

LADIES AID

The Ladies Aid will meet Thursday—February 3—at 12:30 p.m. at the Cataract church. We will start with a potluck meal.

2022 WELS COULEE WOMEN’S RETREAT

On April 2, 2022, Christ Lutheran Church in West Salem will host a Women’s Retreat. This retreat provides an opportunity for WELS/ELS women and their friends to gather together, encourage each other with God’s Word, & go forth to share God’s Word with others.

Registration forms and itinerary are available online at www.facebook.com/WCWRetreat. There are a few copies in the gathering area as well.

Register by March 15 – discount for early registration By February 15.

NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR

The February Newsletter and Calendar can be found in the gathering area. If you do not receive yours via email, please pick one up today.

SUNDAY SERMONS

Copies of Sunday sermons can be found in the gathering area. Sermons can also be found online at www.faihwels.com.

CONGREGATION MEETING TODAY

We will have our quarterly congregational meeting today at 11:30 a.m. at our Black River Falls location. At this meeting we will set our 2022 church budget and elect the new council members. Voters', this is important work that God has set before you, please do all you can to be there. **Information can be found in the gathering area.**

CHURCH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

According to the Church Constitution, Article V, Sections 2 and 3 states: After receiving from the recording secretary a list of expired terms of office, the nominating committee shall select from the voting membership a slate of candidates for the vacancies in keeping with the scriptural requirements stated in Article VIII, Section 1 of the constitution. Each candidate shall be informed of the responsibilities of the office to which he is nominated. Consent of each nominee is necessary for candidacy.

The candidates' names shall be published and also posted (with the council members' names) three Sundays before the election. Additional recommendations for nominations may be made in writing to the nominating committee through any voting member. The committee shall consider such written nominations and take appropriate action posting any revisions.

Nominees: Dave Spaude; Grady Severson

Church Council/Nominating Committee: Dale Jessie; Garrett Jessie; Tyler Jessie; Rick Treptow; Dave Spaude; Kirk Goetzka

One by One

Our service today, as always, focuses on God's Word and his grace and mercy to us. However, portions of our worship today take on a different format. In addition to confession and absolution, Scripture readings, a sermon, and hymns, we will also have a Bible Class.

This Bible Class will utilize a presentation given by WELS Pastor David Rosenau at the WELS National Conference on Lutheran Leadership in January 2020. Using powerful personal stories and drawing from his wealth of experience both as a detective and a parish pastor, Pastor Rosenau helps Christians understand why it is so important to see every soul as a treasure and why we want to be willing to spend the time and effort necessary to share the gospel with each one.

Prayer before Worship

Give me a caring heart, O Lord, to love and seek the lost. Overcome my fear, and grant me courage to share my hope of salvation with those who have no hope. Make me faithful in my daily life so that all I say and do may glorify you. Amen. *(Taken from a book published by Northwestern Publishing House titled—"There's a Prayer for That...")*

Service Participants

Presiding Minister

Pastor Joel Neumann

Pianist/Organist

Mrs. Nancy Templeton (8 am)

Mr. Tucker Fatla (8 am)

Mrs. Rachel Neumann (9:45 am)



Morning Praise

OPENING HYMN

The Love of Christ, Who Died for Me | 749 (1,2)

please stand for verse 2



1 The love of Christ, who died for me Is
 2 My sins I see on - ly in part, My
 3 O liv - ing Lord of life, for whom The



more than mind can know, His
 self - re - gard - ing ways; The
 heav - ens held their breath, To



mer - cy mea - sure - less and free To
 se - cret pla - ces of my heart Lie
 see, tri - um - phant from the tomb, A



meet the debt I owe. He
 bare be - fore his gaze. For
 love that con - quers death, Pos -



came my sin - ful cause to plead; He
 me the price of sin he paid; My
 sess my heart that it may be Your



laid his glo - ries by, For
 sins be - yond re - call Are
 king - dom with - out end, O



L The Lord grant you peace for all your days.



C A - - - men.

Be Seated

CLOSING HYMN

I Hear the Savior Calling | 560

FAITH IN ACTION

DEDICATION TO THE WORD OF GOD

- Last Sunday
 - Worshipers in God's House 72
 - Worshipers online 13
 - Bible Class 33
 - Sunday School 6
- Wednesday Bible Class 12
- Thursday Bible Class 4



L Let us praise the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.



L The Lord bless and keep you.



C A - men.



L The Lord's face ev - er shine up - on you.



C A - men.



me a home - less life to lead, A
all a - like on Je - sus laid, He
Christ who died for love of me And



shame - ful death to die.
died to bear them all.
lives to be my friend.

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives. (*1 John 1:8-10*)

C: **Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge. Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.** (*Psalm 51:1-5*)

P: Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool (*Isaiah 1:18*). For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us (*Psalm 103:11-12*). On account of Jesus' saving work for you, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

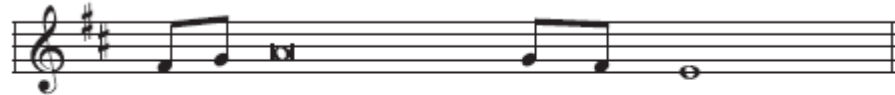
RESPONSE

The Love of Christ, Who Died for Me | 749 (3)

3 O living Lord of life, for whom The heavens held their breath,
To see, triumphant from the tomb, A love that conquers death,
Possess my heart that it may be Your kingdom without end,
O Christ who died for love of me And lives to be my friend.



L O Lord, o-pen my lips.



C And my mouth shall de-clare your praise.



L Hasten to save me, O God.



C O Lord, come quickly to help me.

◇ All people do not know they are treasured and loved by God and redeemed by the blood of his Son

◇ You/I need to be ones who look at people and love them

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (Galatians 2:20)

◇ After Joann died, Pastor Rosenau's wife said that if it was only for Joann, all they had sacrificed for him to become a pastor would have been worth it. What did she mean?

One
by one

Please stand

CATCH & CLASP

◇ You and I are a treasure to God

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are...Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. (1 John 3:1,2)

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. (1 Peter 2:9,10)

◇ All people have been treasured and loved by God and redeemed by the blood of his Son

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.. (John 3:16)

But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²² This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. (Romans 3:21-24)

if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ² He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. (1 John 2:1,2)

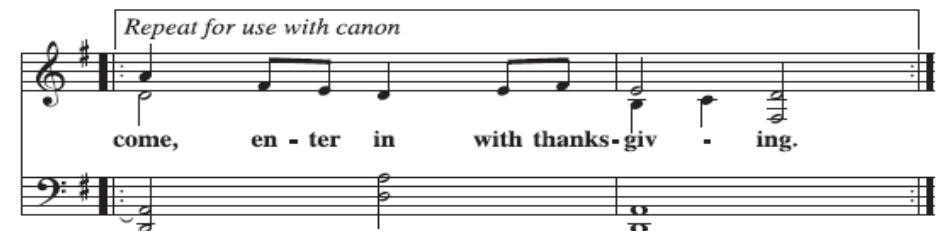


L Give glory to God, our light and our life.



C Come, oh, come, let us wor - ship.

VENITE



The congregation sings the refrain while Pastor sings the verses.

Verse 1

*You are a great and a wondrous God, cupping in your hands all the depths of earth.
You made the hills and the mountains high, You made the seas and the dry land.*

Refrain

Verse 2

*Come, let us worship and, bowing low, kneel before the One who has made us all.
You are the God whom we call our own, We are the flock that you shepherd.*

Refrain

Be seated

LESSON

John 4:1-26

Jesus found out that the Pharisees had heard he was making and baptizing more disciples than John, ² though it was not Jesus himself who was baptizing but his disciples. ³ So he left Judea and went back again to Galilee.

⁴ He had to go through Samaria. ⁵ So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the piece of land Jacob gave to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there. Then Jesus, being tired from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

⁷ A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸ (His disciples had gone into town to buy food.)

⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

¹¹ "Sir," she said, "you don't even have a bucket, and the well is deep. So where do you

* Why was Jesus willing to eat with "sinners"?

* How did the Pharisees and teachers of the law deal with "sinners"?

* What light do the following passages shed on this parable?

"For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. I will search for the lost and bring back the strays." (Ezekiel 34:11,16)

We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:6)

* If you had a hundred \$5 bills in your wallet or purse and you lost one. would you notice? If you did notice, would you put as much effort into finding that one bill as the shepherd put into finding his one lost sheep? What does this tell us about the value that the shepherd placed on his one lost sheep?

* Contemplate:

The shepherd's motivation in searching was _____ personal gain or loss.

The shepherd's motivation was the _____ the sheep would suffer if not found.

⇒ Joann said she didn't have the courage to come back to church the next week. Consider what this says about the challenge of walking into a church as a visitor.

How did Pastor Rosenau address her fear?

- He set an _____.
- He offered something to _____.

⇒ Joann said she didn't believe in heaven and her husband Dick said he didn't believe in God or that God wrote the Bible. Consider Pastor Rosenau's response to these remarks.

CONTEMPLATE

Luke 15:1-7 Now the tax collectors and "sinners" were all gathering around to hear him. ² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³ Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴ "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶ and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' ⁷ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

get this living water? ¹² You are not greater than our father Jacob, are you? He gave us this well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his animals."

¹³ Jesus answered her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I will give him will never be thirsty ever again. Rather, the water I will give him will become in him a spring of water, bubbling up to eternal life."

¹⁵ "Sir, give me this water," the woman said to him, "so I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶ Jesus told her, "Go, call your husband, and come back here."

¹⁷ "I have no husband," the woman answered.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say, 'I have no husband.' ¹⁸ In fact, you have had five husbands, and the man you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true."

¹⁹ "Sir," the woman replied, "I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, but you Jews insist that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

²¹ Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will not worship the Father on this mountain or in Jerusalem. ²² You Samaritans worship what you do not know. We worship what we do know, because salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But a time is coming and now is here when the real worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for those are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth."

²⁵ The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (the one called Christ). "When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

²⁶ Jesus said to her, "I, the one speaking to you, am he."

SEASONAL RESPONSE

We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

HYMN OF THE DAY

O God of Mercy, God of Might | 499 (1-4)

SERMON

Mark 10:21

God's

Mark 10:21 Jesus looked at him, loved him, and said to him, "One thing you lack. Go, sell whatever you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

Please stand

YOU ARE GOD; WE PRAISE YOU

Te Deum

The congregation will sing the refrain. After that we will follow the parts as marked with everyone joining in the refrains.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff: "You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac-claim you." The music is a simple, hymn-like melody.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

Be seated

ONE BY ONE BIBLE STUDY

VIDEO

Every Soul is Unique

CLARIFY

Every soul is an individual with their own past, their own questions, their own concerns. Only by listening carefully and caring deeply about that soul will we be able to connect with them and connect them with the gospel.

CONSIDER

⇒ Consider what can be learned from the way Pastor Rosenau interacted with the three newcomers on his first Sunday.

EVANGELISM PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord and Savior, you have purchased us to be your own for all eternity. You have given purpose to our time in this life by making us your witnesses to lost sinners.

C: **We thank you for the high privilege of working with you to gather your elect into your kingdom.**

P: As you looked with compassion on the lost sheep of Israel, grant that your Holy Spirit may move us to look with compassion on the lost of our day.

C: **Fill us with zeal to do all that we can to bring them the precious gospel.**

P: Enable us to be faithful witnesses to all whose lives we touch,

C: **whether it be in the privacy of our homes or in our communities.**

P: We thank you for missionaries and their families who are willing to live and work in distant lands. Keep them from harm of body and soul, and give them joy in their difficult assignments.

C: **Above all, we ask you to bring those who hear the Word to repentance and faith.**

P: Look with compassion on all people, especially those who are suffering. Give help and relief to all who are in need.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow

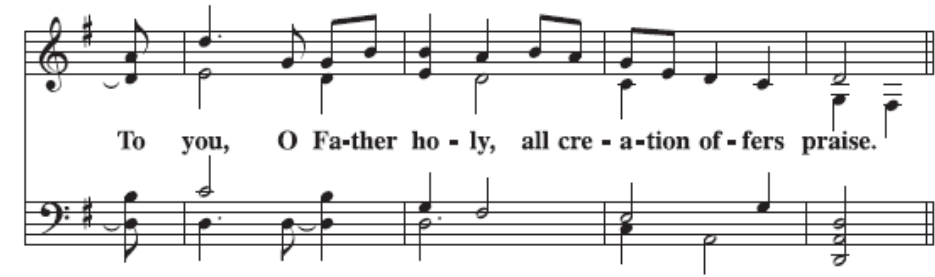
P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer

P: We know you are a patient and merciful God. Forgive us, therefore, for the times we have failed to share the message of your love with those who need it most.

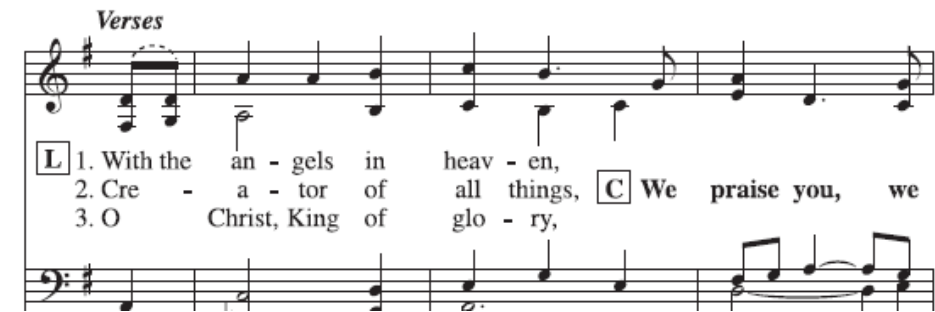
C: **Renew us, restore us, and use us to proclaim your love by Word and deed to all people near and far.**

P: We ask this in your most holy name, and join in the prayer you taught us:

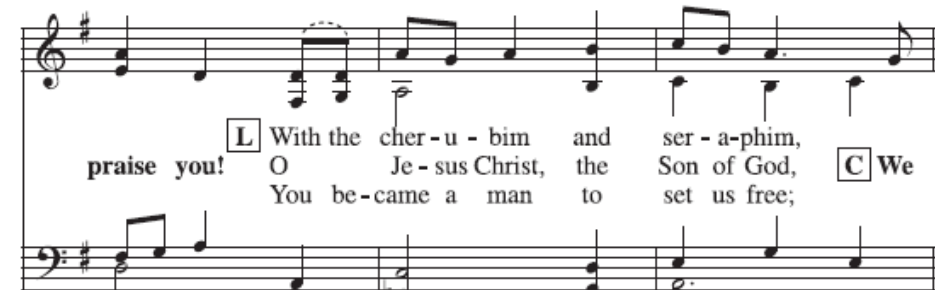


To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise.

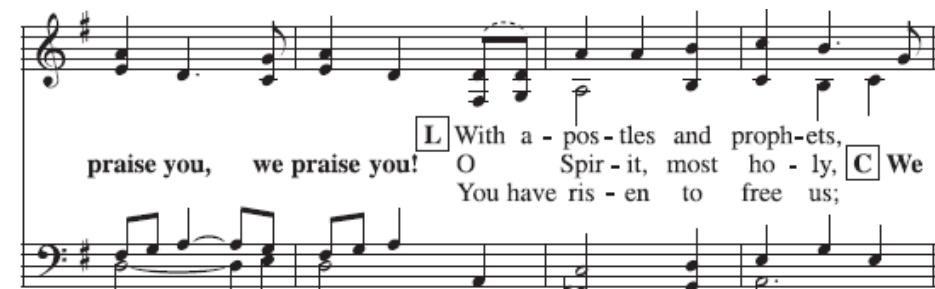
Verses



[L] 1. With the an - gels in heav - en,
2. Cre - a - tor of all things, [C] We praise you, we
3. O Christ, King of glo - ry,



praise you! [L] With the cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
[C] We O Je - sus Christ, the Son of God,
You be - came a man to set us free;



praise you, we praise you! [L] With a - pos - tles and proph - ets,
[C] We O Spir - it, most ho - ly,
You have ris - en to free us;

praise you, we praise you! **L** With the mar-tyrs and your
 To the Trin-i-ty most
 And with all your saints in

ho-ly Church,
 bless-ed, **C** We sing in end-less praise!
 glo-ry, *to Refrain*
to Refrain
to Final Refrain

Final Refrain

① **C** You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac-claim you.

To you, O Fa-ther ho-ly, all cre-a-tion of-fers praise,

all cre-a-tion of-fers praise, all cre-a-tion of-fers praise.

GATHERING OF THE OFFERING

This is a moment in our worship when members and friends of Faith respond to God's good news with gifts to support His work. If you are a visitor, please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. You are our guests—we rejoice in the opportunity to share God's Word with you!

Please stand

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

L In the morn-ing, O Lord, I call to you;
 be mer-ci-ful to me and hear my prayer.

C Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have
 mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy.