

Hymn 97 — *Let Us All with Gladsome Voices*

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Announcements

- **Next Sunday** — Grace-Sleepy Eye worship services begin at 9 a.m. Worship here at Faith begins at 10:45 a.m. A Church Council meeting is scheduled to follow next Sunday’s service.
- **Christian Women’s Retreat:** Our CLC sister-congregation, Immanuel-Mankato, is again hosting an annual Christian women’s retreat. The retreat will be held April 13-15 at the Best Western Hotel in Lacrosse, WI. Pink informational pamphlets for the retreat can be found on the table at the back of the sanctuary.
- **December CLC Missions Newsletter:** A new December newsletter from the CLC Board of Missions is available on the table at the back of the sanctuary.
- **From President Schierenbeck - Missionary Koenig Retirement:** *Pastor David Koenig has announced that he will be retiring from his full-time overseas missionary call. He feels that it is time for a younger man to take up the work in India. He has agreed to continue in the work until someone accepts the call to replace him. He has also agreed to work with the new missionary to help him get adjusted to the work and responsibilities in India. Pastor Koenig has also indicated that he would be willing to serve in short term efforts overseas as the Lord wills. We thank the Lord the Church for Pastor Koenig's zeal and strength as He has used Dave to pursue our outreach opportunities not only in India but also in Africa and Myanmar as well as other areas. The Lord has remarkably opened doors in areas where we least expected them.*
- **CLC News:** The CLC Missions Board has extended a divine call to the Rev. Michael Gurath to serve as full-time foreign missionary to fill the position held by Missionary David Koenig, who has announced his retirement. This call will include work in both India and East Africa. He is now living in the Phoenix area but is currently not serving under a call.

Our Response of Faith — December 25, 2011

Attendance: 23

Unified Budget.....	\$185.00
Ladies Aid.....	\$ 20.00
“Sheep & Shepherds” Payment.....	\$ 12.00
Total.....	\$217.00

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*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday,
today, and forever.*
— *Hebrews 13:8*

JANUARY 1, 2012 – SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS (NEW YEAR’S DAY)

Pre-service Meditation: Ps. 111, pg. 147
Organist: Kristen Friedrichs

Hymn 119 — *Great God, We Sing That Mighty Hand*

Pastor: The Invocation
People: *Amen.*

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord!

People: *Who made heaven and earth.*

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.
People: *And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.*

All: O Almighty God, merciful Father, I a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee, and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy; and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: The Absolution
People: *Amen.*

The Scripture Reading – Colossians 3:12-17

Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; 13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. 14 But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. 15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. 17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

The Nicene Creed -- Hymnal, pg. 22

Hymn 125 — *The Old Year Now hath Passed Away*

The Sermon – Ecclesiastes 1:9-10

That which has been is what will be, That which is done is what will be done, And there is nothing new under the sun. 10 Is there anything of which it may be said, "See, this is new"? It has already been in ancient times before us.

“Out with the Old, in with the ... Same?”

The Offertory

Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, And uphold me with Thy free spirit.

Hymn 120:1-3 — *Help Us, O Lord! Behold, We Enter*

The Offering and Prayer

Communion Today -- Confessional Lutherans teach and believe that participation in the Lord's Supper is not only a precious means of grace, but also a statement of agreement with your fellow-communicants concerning the Bible's teachings. If you are a guest here today, before thinking of communing with us you will want to have an opportunity to compare the teachings of our church with your own beliefs. If you have questions or would like to consider communing with us in the future, please speak to the pastor

The Service of Communion

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: *And with thy spirit.*
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
People: *We lift them up unto the Lord.*
Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.
People: *It is meet and right so to do.*

Pastor: The Prefaces

People: *Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth! Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory! Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord! Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!*

Pastor: The Lord's Prayer

People: *For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever, Amen.*

Pastor: The Words of Institution

All: *Amen. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace, Amen.*

+ The Distribution +

The Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy Word. For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people. A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost! As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

Pastor: Oh give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good!
People: *And His mercy endureth forever!*

The Benediction

People: *Amen, amen, amen.*