

Hymn 277:2, 3 — *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

The Offering

Prayer + The Lord's Prayer + The Benediction

All: Amen, amen, amen!

Hymn 45 - *Now, the Hour of Worship O'er*

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Announcements

- **Next Sunday** — Grace-Sleepy Eye worship services (communion) begin at 9 a.m. Worship (communion) here at Faith begins at 10:45 a.m.
- **Eunice Vorwerk:** Eunice Vorwerk has recently moved again, and is now a resident at Benedictine Living Community in St. Peter (1907 Klein Street). Please keep Eunice in your thoughts and prayers as she transitions to her new home at this time.
- **January Church Council Meeting Minutes:** The January 2012 Faith Church Council meeting opened with devotion and prayer. There were four men present, plus Pastor Libby. The minutes of the December 2011 meeting were read and approved. John Vorwerk gave the Treasurer's report, showing an opening balance of \$21,506.91 and a closing balance of \$21,306.38. There is still no renter for the church parsonage. A motion was made and approved to continue congregational support for the CLC general fund at \$200 per month. The meeting adjourned with the praying of the Lord's Prayer.
- **CLC News:** Rock of Ages Lutheran, Grand Rapids MI, has called the Rev. David Fuerstenau, Ketchikan AK.

Our Response of Faith — January 22, 2012

Attendance: 19

Unified Budget.....	\$305.00
Total.....	\$305.00

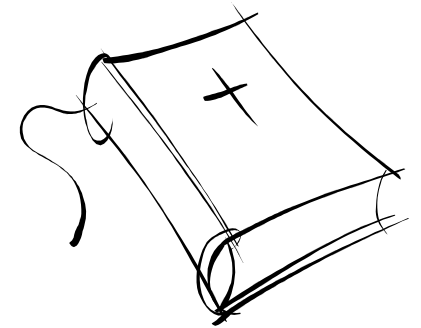
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***Your word is a lamp to my feet
And a light to my path.***

— Psalm 119:105

JANUARY 29, 2012 – 4TH SUNDAY IN EPIPHANY

Pre-service Meditation: Ps. 1, pg. 123
Organist: Vickie Schreyer

Pastor: Opening Prayer

Hymn 466 - *Christ, Thou Art the Sure Foundation*

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.*

Pastor: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will, and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that, by Thy grace, we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Pastor: The Absolution

People: *Amen.*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Pastor: Prayer for the Day

People: *Amen.*

1st Scripture Reading – 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning things offered to idols: We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies. 2 And if anyone thinks that he knows anything, he knows nothing yet as he ought to know. 3 But if anyone loves God, this one is known by Him. 4 Therefore concerning the eating of things offered to idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is no other God but one. 5 For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as there are many gods and many lords), 6 yet for us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live. 7 However, there is not in everyone that knowledge; for some, with consciousness of the idol, until now eat it as a thing offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. 8 But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse. 9 But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. 10 For if anyone sees

4th Meditation: **Philippians 3:20-21** – For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

“The Christian Course: The Final, Desired Destination”

Hymn 285:5, 6 — *How Precious Is the Book Divine*

5th Meditation: **John 8:12** — Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”

“The Christian Course: Look to the Son (I)”

Hymn 277:1 — *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

6th Meditation: **Matthew 11:28** — “Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

“The Christian Course: Look to the Son (II)”

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 134 - Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Today's Meditations:

“The Christian Course”



1st Meditation: Psalm 119:133a — Direct my steps by Your word ...

“The Christian Course: The Word Guides Us (I)”

Hymn 285:1 — *How Precious Is the Book Divine*

2nd Meditation: Acts 17:11 — ... they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily ...

“The Christian Course: The Word Guides Us (II)”

Hymn 285:2 — *How Precious Is the Book Divine*

3rd Meditation: Psalm 119:105 — Your word *is* a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

“The Christian Course: Making Sense of the Things Around Us”

Hymn 285:3, 4 — *How Precious Is the Book Divine*

you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols? 11 And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? 12 But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. 13 Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

Pastor: Alleluia, alleluia! *And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also. (1 John 4:21)* Alleluia!

People: *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

2nd Scripture Reading – Mark 1:29-39

People: *Glory be to Thee, O Lord!*

Now as soon as they had come out of the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. 30 But Simon's wife's mother lay sick with a fever, and they told Him about her at once. 31 So He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and immediately the fever left her. And she served them. 32 At evening, when the sun had set, they brought to Him all who were sick and those who were demon-possessed. 33 And the whole city was gathered together at the door. 34 Then He healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew Him. 35 Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed. 36 And Simon and those who were with Him searched for Him. 37 When they found Him, they said to Him, "Everyone is looking for You." 38 But He said to them, "Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also, because for this purpose I have come forth." 39 And He was preaching in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and casting out demons.

Pastor: Here ends our 2nd Scripture reading.

People: *Praise be to Thee, O Christ!*

The Apostles' Creed -- Hymnal, pg. 12