

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH



LOVE

Herein is LOVE, not that
we loved God, but that he
loved us, and sent his Son.

1 JOHN 4:10, KJV

DECEMBER 7, 2025

WELCOME

Thank you for worshiping with us today.
Please sign the guest register in the entry
as you leave the church today.

TODAY'S SERVICE

December 7th, 2025

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Organist: Lila Brown

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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 72:1-7

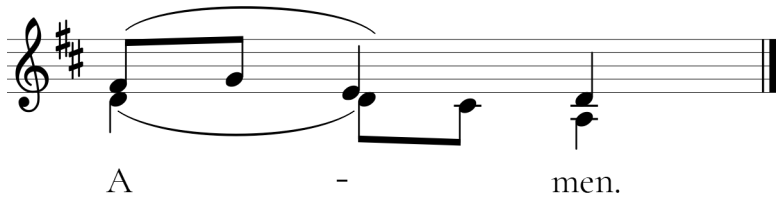
Give the king Your judgments, O God, And Your righteousness to the king's Son. ² He will judge Your people with righteousness, And Your poor with justice. ³ The mountains will bring peace to the people, And the little hills, by righteousness. ⁴ He will bring justice to the poor of the people; He will save the children of the needy, And will break in pieces the oppressor. ⁵ They shall fear You As long as the sun and moon endure, Throughout all generations. ⁶ He shall come down like rain upon the grass before mowing, Like showers *that* water the earth. ⁷ In His days the righteous shall flourish, And abundance of peace, Until the moon is no more.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

#56:1-3 Jesus Came, The heavens Adoring

INVOCATION

p In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



CONFESSION OF SINS

p We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

all Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth, In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray; Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

p God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

A - - men.

Lord, have, mer - cy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.



Glo - ry to God, we
Lord Je - sus Christ, the
A - lone, O Christ, You



give You thanks and praise; Of heav'n - ly
Fa - ther's on - ly Son, You bore for
on - ly are the Lord, At God's right



joy and peace on earth we sing. We wor-ship
us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of
hand in maj-es - ty most high: Who, with the

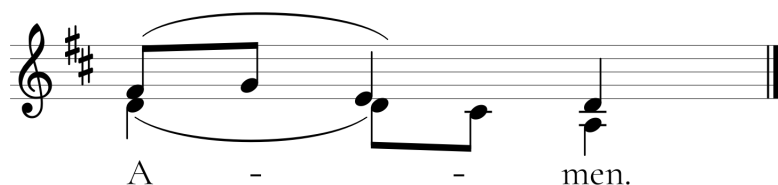


You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al-
God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won, Re - ceive our
Spir - it worshiped and a - dored, With all the



might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King
prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

p Let us pray . . . Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

Romans 15:4-13 ⁴ For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. ⁵ Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, ⁶ that you may with one mind *and* one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷ Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God. ⁸ Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises *made* to the fathers, ⁹ and that

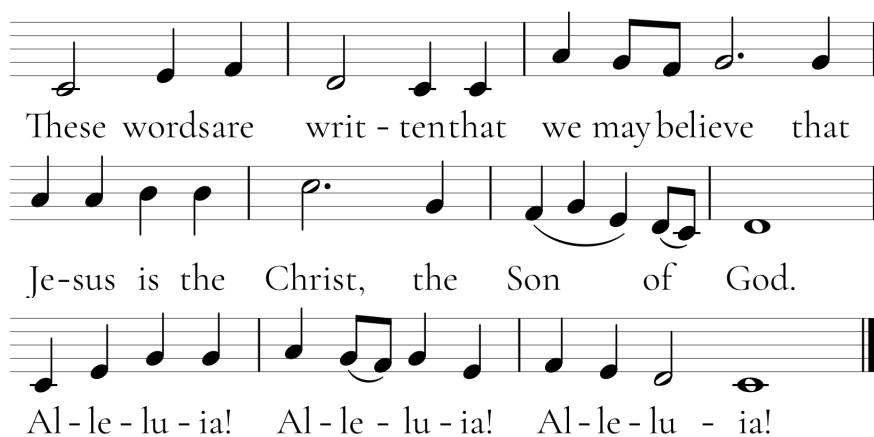
the Gentiles might glorify God for *His* mercy, as it is written: "For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles, And sing to Your name." ¹⁰ And again he says: "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people!" ¹¹ And again: "Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!" ¹² And again, Isaiah says: "There shall be a root of Jesse; And He who shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, In Him the Gentiles shall hope." ¹³ Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 3:1-12 In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ² and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" ³ For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying: "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight.'" ⁴ And John himself was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan went out to him ⁶ and were baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷ But when he saw many of

the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ "Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, ⁹ "and do not think to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as *our* father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones. ¹⁰ "And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹ "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² "His winnowing fan *is* in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

p Blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it.





THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, The resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

#63:1-3 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist Cry

SERMON

Genesis 22:6-14 ⁶ So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid *it* on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together. ⁷ But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸ And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." So the two of them went together. ⁹ Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. ¹⁰ And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. ¹¹ But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" So he said, "Here I am." ¹² And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your

only son, from Me." ¹³ Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind *him was* a ram caught in a thick-
et by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and
offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ And
Abraham called the name of the place, The-LORD-Will-
Provide; as it is said to this day, "In the Mount of The
LORD it shall be provided."

ILLUSTRATIONS OF IMMANUEL: RAM

A GOD WHO IS NEAR

(ws page 16)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
 Spir-it from me. Restore to me the joy of Your sal -
 va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir-it free.

#91:1-5 Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord

Offering Hymn #572 vs 4

As the prospering hand hath blest, may we give Thee all
our best. And by deeds of kindly love, for Thy mercies
grateful prove, Singing thus through all our days, Praise to
God, immortal praise.

PRAYERS, THE LORD'S PRAYER

all 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.

THE BENEDICTION

p The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



#705 Come, O Long-Expected Jesus

Sermon Worksheet - Genesis 22:6-14

What phrase did Abraham use twice?

What did Martha believe?

What did she not believe?

What was Abraham expecting God to do?

What did God do?

What is the difference between seeing and not seeing?

Of whom is the ram a picture?

What does vicarious atonement mean?

How is the ram a picture of Jesus?

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

9 am Worship Service
10 am Christmas Eve Practice
10:15 am Bible Class
3 pm Advent by Candlelight

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

7pm Elders
7:30pm Council

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 10

3:34 pm Catechism
7 pm Advent Service

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

9 am Worship Service
10 am Christmas Eve Practice
10:15 am Bible Class

FRUITS OF FAITH

General Fund- \$ 1713
Missions - \$ 125
Sunday Service – 60
Sunday School – No SS, Christmas
Program Practice
Bible Class – 8
Building Fund _ \$ 50

USHERS FOR DECEMBER

BJ Lillo, Mike Dumke,
Jeremy Golz, Parker Kohn

COUNTER

This Week Team # 4

Lynn Dumke, Randy Strelow

Next Week Team # 5

Keith Dickerson,

UPCOMING

Dec 10 / 17 – 7pm Advent Services
Dec 14 – 11am Caroling
Dec 17 – 7:50pm Voters' Meeting
Dec 24 – 6:30pm Christmas Eve
Dec 25 – 10am Christmas Day
Dec 31 – 7pm New Years Eve

BASKETBALL GAMES

12/5 @ 4:30 & 5:30 – away at Randolph Christian School
12/12 @ 5:00 – home game
12/19 – game postponed
1/9 @ 4:30 – away at Peace Lutheran Green Lake
1/30 @ 5:00 – away at Christ Alone Princeton
2/12 @ 3:30 – home game
3/7 Round Robin, more info soon

GAME NIGHTS

January 16 – Bingo / Potluck

February 20 – Open Gym / Games / Potluck

March 27 – Bingo / Potluck

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Faith Lutheran will be hosting Advent by Candlelight for all women in the congregation, family, and friends, on Sunday, December 7th starting at 3pm at Faith Lutheran in Markesan. Please join us for this wonderful afternoon of Word, music, and fellowship. Please RSVP on the website: markesanlutheran.com/events/candlelight/. Any questions, please reach out to Jessica Krueger at cottej88@gmail.com or 920-369-8113.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 35: 1–10

Psalms 146

James 5:7–11

Matt. 11:2–15

CALL NEWS

Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church, Morris, MN, has returned the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI.

Pastor Emeritus Michael Eichstadt has accepted the vacancy call to Ho-

ly Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ.

Pastor Dave Naumann of St. John's Lutheran Church, Clarkston, WA, and Peace Lutheran Church, Orofino, ID, has received the call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA.

Pastor Terrel Kesterson of Ascension Lutheran Church, Batavia, IL, has received the part-time call to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN.

Pastor Emeritus David Schierenbeck has received the call to serve as Assistant to the Pastor at Berea Ev. Lutheran Church, Inver Grove Heights, MN, after he has completed his work as vacancy pastor of Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN.

Pastor Ben Libby of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY, has received the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ.

Pastor Ben Libby of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY, has received the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI.

INSTALLATION

Pastor Michael Gurath will be installed at Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church, Middleton, WI, on December 21, 2025.



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