

# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

## PEACE

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PEACE I leave with you ...  
Let not your heart be troubled,  
neither let it be afraid.

JOHN 14:27, KJV

DECEMBER 21<sup>st</sup> 2025

# WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

Please sign the guest register in the entry  
as you leave the church today.

## TODAY'S SERVICE

December 21st 2025

Liturgy: Setting One, WS page 1

**Speaker:**

Pastor Matthew Ude

**Organist:**

Lila Brown

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# PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

## *Psalms 80:1-7*

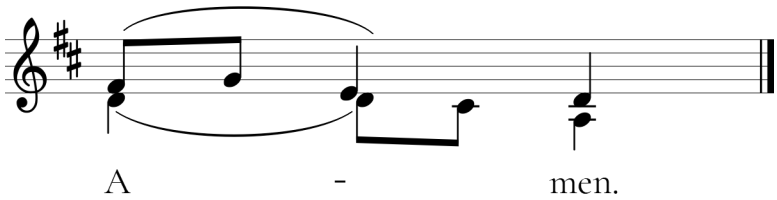
Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock; You who dwell *between* the cherubim, shine forth! <sup>2</sup> Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, Stir up Your strength, And come *and* save us! <sup>3</sup> Restore us, O God; Cause Your face to shine, And we shall be saved! <sup>4</sup> O LORD God of hosts, How long will You be angry Against the prayer of Your people? <sup>5</sup> You have fed them with the bread of tears, And given them tears to drink in great measure. <sup>6</sup> You have made us a strife to our neighbors, And our enemies laugh among themselves. <sup>7</sup> Restore us, O God of hosts; Cause Your face to shine, And we shall be saved!

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

#72:1,2,4 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

## INVOCATION

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



## CONFESSION OF SINS

p Beloved of God: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

all Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not

loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

p God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

A musical score for a hymn, featuring three staves of music. The first staff is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The lyrics 'A - men.' are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody, with the lyrics 'Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy' written below it. The third staff continues the melody, with the lyrics 'on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.' written below it. The music is written in a simple, clear style, suitable for a children's hymn book.

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to all peo-ple on earth. Lord God,  
 heav-enly king, al - mighty - y God and Fa - ther; We  
 wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we  
 praise You for Your glory. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly  
 Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:  
 You takeaway the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
 us. You are seated at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-

ceive our prayer For You alone are the Ho-ly One,  
 You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High,  
 Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of  
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

p Let us pray . . . Stir up your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; For You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

A - men.

## THE WORD

**Micah 5:2-5** <sup>2</sup> "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, *Though* you are little among the thousands of Judah, *Yet* out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth *are* from of old, From everlasting." <sup>3</sup> Therefore He shall give them up, Until the time *that* she who is in labor has given birth; Then the remnant of His brethren Shall return to the children of Israel. <sup>4</sup> And He shall stand and feed *His flock* In the strength of the LORD, In the majesty of the name of the LORD His God; And they shall abide, For now He shall be great To the ends of the earth; <sup>5</sup> And this *One* shall be peace.

**Hebrews 10:5-10** <sup>5</sup> Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, But a body You have prepared for Me. <sup>6</sup> In burnt offerings and *sacrifices* for sin You had no pleasure. <sup>7</sup> Then I said, 'Behold, I have come-- In the volume of the book it is written of Me-- To do Your will, O God.'" <sup>8</sup> Previously saying, "Sacrifice and offering, burnt offerings, and *offerings* for sin You did not desire, nor had pleasure in



them" (which are offered according to the law), <sup>9</sup> then He said, "Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God." He takes away the first that He may establish the second. <sup>10</sup> By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once *for all*.

p Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may believe that



Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

# 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.

## #609 Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

# SERMON

**Matthew 16:1-4** Then the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and testing Him asked that He would show them a sign from heaven. <sup>2</sup> He answered and said to them, "When it is evening you say, '*It will be fair weather, for the sky is red*'; <sup>3</sup> "and in the morning, '*It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening*.' Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot *discern* the signs of the times. <sup>4</sup> "A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah." And He left them and departed.

## ILLUSTRATIONS OF IMMANUEL:

### A FINAL FISH

(worksheet page 19)



Create in me a cleanheart, O



God. Re - new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me



not a - way from Your presence; take not Your Ho-ly



Spir-it from me. Re - store to me the joy of Your sal-



va - - - tion. Up -



hold me with Your free Spir - it.

**#73:1,2,4 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates**

## Offering Hymn #442:2

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee gladly, freely of Thine own, With the sunshine of Thy goodness melt our thankless hearts of stone. Till our cold and selfish natures, warmed by Thee, at length believe, That more happy and more blessed 'tis too give that to receive.

## 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.



## #83 Hark! What Mean Those Holy Voices



## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21**

9 am Worship Service

10 am Christmas Eve Practice

## **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24**

6:30 pm Christmas Service

## **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24**

10 am Christmas Day Service with  
Communion

## **SUNAY, DECEMBER 28**

9 am Communion Service

## **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31**

7 pm New Year's Eve Service with  
Communion

## **FRUITS OF FAITH**

General Fund- \$ 4340

Missions - \$ 105

Sunday Service – 92

Wednesday Service - 34

School Fund – In memory of Curtis  
Brown - \$ 150

Building Fund - \$ 50

## **USHERS FOR DECEMBER**

BJ Lillo, Mike Dumke,  
Jeremy Golz, Parker Kohn

## **USHERS FOR JANUARY**

Russ Brown, Jim Brown,  
Al Henke, Spencer Henke

## **COUNTER**

**This Week Team # 6**

Jim Kok, Jared Swyter

**Next Week Team # 1**

Dale Muehlenhaupt, Fred  
Whitehouse

## **POINSETTIAS**

in memory of: Curtis Brown, Gary  
Brown, Eric Brown

## **UPCOMING**

Dec 24 – 6:30pm Christmas Eve

Dec 25 – 10am Christmas Day

Dec 31 – 7pm New Years Eve



## BASKETBALL GAMES

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

## NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

If there is any interest in a New  
Year's Eve party, please speak to  
Pastor Ude.

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Ex. 13:1–3a, 11–15

Psalm 111

Col. 3:12–17

Luke 2:22–40

## CALL NEWS

Pastor Joe Naumann of Immanuel  
Ev. Lutheran Church, Mankato,  
MN, has received the call to Holy  
Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoe-  
nix, AZ.

Pastor Emeritus David  
Schierenbeck has accepted the call  
to serve as Assistant to the Pastor at  
Berea Ev. Lutheran Church, Inver  
Grove Heights, MN, after he con-  
cludes serving as vacancy pastor of  
Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church,  
Red Wing, MN, at the end of Janu-  
ary.

Pastor Cory Drehle of Berea Luther-  
an Church, Sioux Falls, SD, has re-  
ceived the call to Living Hope Lu-  
theran Church, Appleton, WI.

Pastor Dave Naumann of St. John's  
Lutheran Church, Clarkston, WA,  
and Peace Lutheran Church, Orofi-  
no, ID, has returned the call to  
Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spo-  
kane, WA.

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

Pastor Emeritus Michael Eichstadt has accepted the vacancy 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.

## Sermon Worksheet - Matthew 16:1-4

What was the attitude of those coming to Jesus in our text?

1.

2.

What is a better translation of verse 4?

The sign Jesus gives is neither in heaven nor on earth but where?

What kind of creature swallowed Jonah?

How do we come to Jesus?

1.

2.

3.



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