

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH



REJOICE

Rejoice in the Lord always:
and again I say, REJOICE.

PHILIPPIANS 4:4, KJV

JANUARY 4, 2026

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

January 4th, 2026

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Organist: Lila Brown

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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 119:97-104

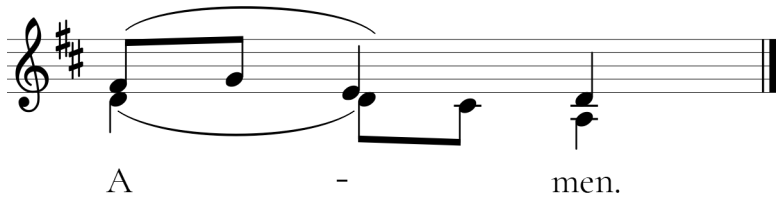
⁹⁷ MEM. Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day. ⁹⁸ You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies; For they *are* ever with me. ⁹⁹ I have more understanding than all my teachers, For Your testimonies *are* my meditation. ¹⁰⁰ I understand more than the ancients, Because I keep Your precepts. ¹⁰¹ I have restrained my feet from every evil way, That I may keep Your word. ¹⁰² I have not departed from Your judgments, For You Yourself have taught me. ¹⁰³ How sweet are Your words to my taste, *Sweeter* than honey to my mouth! ¹⁰⁴ Through Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

#90:1-4 Come, Your Heart and Voices Raising

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.

The musical notation is written on three staves in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The first staff contains the word 'Amen' with a long horizontal line above it indicating a sustained note. The second staff contains the words 'Lord, have mercy on us.' with a long horizontal line above it indicating a sustained note. The third staff contains the words 'Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.' with a long horizontal line above it indicating a sustained note.

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

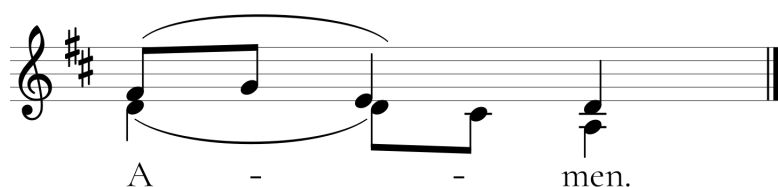


You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al-
God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won, Re - ceive our
Spir - it worshiped and a - dored, With all the



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 . . . Almighty God, You have poured in-
to our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate
Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our
lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our
Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

1 Kings 3:4-15 ⁴ Now the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that *was* the great high place: Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask! What shall I give you?" ⁶ And Solomon said: "You have shown great mercy to Your servant David my father, because he walked before You in truth, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with You; You have continued this great kindness for him, and You have given him a son to sit on his throne, as *it is* this day. ⁷ "Now, O LORD my God, You have made Your servant king instead

of my father David, but I *am* a little child; I do not know *how* to go out or come in. ⁸ "And Your servant *is* in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a great people, too numerous to be numbered or counted. ⁹

"Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?"

¹⁰ The speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing. ¹¹ Then God said to him: "Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked long life for yourself, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice, ¹² "behold, I have done according to your words; see, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you. ¹³ "And I have also given you what you have not asked: both riches and honor, so that there shall not be anyone like you among the kings all your days. ¹⁴ "So if you walk in My ways, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."

¹⁵ Then Solomon awoke; and indeed it had been a dream. And he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the

covenant of the LORD, offered up burnt offerings, offered peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

Ephesians 1:3-14 ³ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, ⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, ⁵ having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, ⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved. ⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace ⁸ which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, ⁹ having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, ¹⁰ that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth-- in Him. ¹¹ In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things ac-

cording to the counsel of His will, ¹² that we who first
 trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory. ¹³ In
 Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth,
 the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having be-
 lieved, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴
 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemp-
 tion of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glo-
 ry.

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.

Children's Sermon

#710 Once In Royal David's City

SERMON

Luke 2:22-35 ²² Now when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him to Jerusalem to present *Him* to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the LORD "), ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." ²⁵ And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name *was* Simeon, and this man *was* just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶ And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷ So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, ²⁸ he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said: ²⁹ "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word; ³⁰ For my eyes have seen Your salvation ³¹ Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, ³² A light to *bring* revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory

of Your people Israel." ³³ And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this *Child* is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against ³⁵ "(yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

THE CHRISTMAS GIFTS OF GOD

Peace and Revelation



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.

#98:1-3 Of the Father's Love Begotten

Offering Hymn #572:4

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.



#711 See In Yonder Manger Low

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

9 am Worship Service

MONDAY, JANUARY 5

8am School

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

7pm School Board

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

9am Worship Service

10 am Sunday School

10:15 am Bible Class

FRUITS OF FAITH

General Fund- \$ 3315.15

Missions - \$ 300

Sunday Service – 55

School Fund– In memory of Gary

Brown - \$100

Building Fund - \$ 20

USHERS FOR JANUARY

Russ Brown, Jim Brown,
|Al Henke, Spencer Henke

COUNTER

This Week Team # 2

Jeff Jones. Dennis Jones

Next Week Team # 3

David Draeger, Wayne Draeger

WOMEN OF FAITH

Monday, January 12th at 6:00. God's
Healing Hands is the topic.

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

NOMINEES

The nominees for council, school
board and counting are posted on
the bulletin board.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalms 29

Rom. 6:1-11

Matt. 3:13-17

CALL NEWS

Mr. Peter Reim has received the vacancy call to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN.

Pastor Michael Wilke of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Saginaw, MI, has received the part-time call to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN.

Pastor Cory Drehle of Berea Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, SD, has returned the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI.

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

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



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