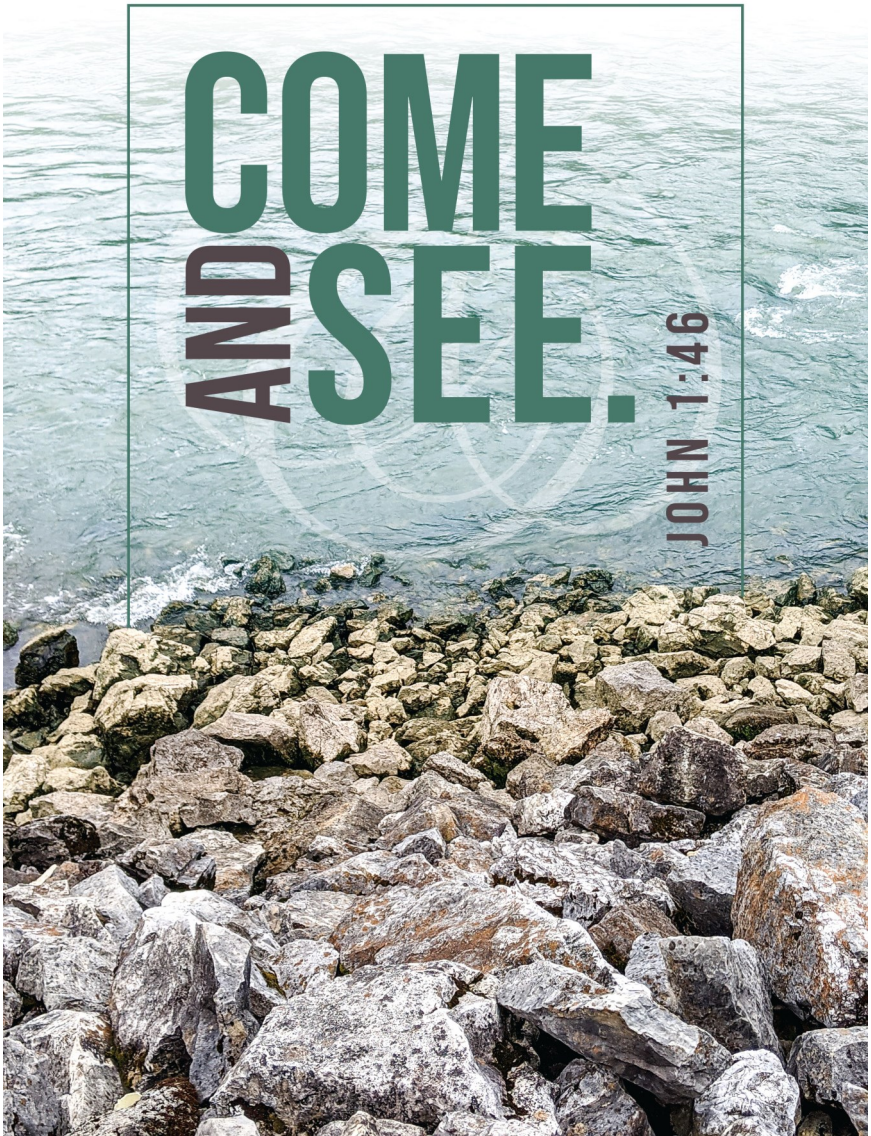


# Faith Lutheran Church



January 18, 2026

# **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**

January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Liturgy:** Common Service

**Speaker:** Pastor Matthew Ude

**Organist:** Pam Schulz

# PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

## *Psalms 40:1-11*

I waited patiently for the LORD; And He inclined to me, And heard my cry. <sup>2</sup> He also brought me up out of a horrible pit, Out of the miry clay, And set my feet upon a rock, *And* established my steps. <sup>3</sup> He has put a new song in my mouth-- Praise to our God; Many will see *it* and fear, And will trust in the LORD. <sup>4</sup> Blessed is that man who makes the LORD his trust, And does not respect the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies. <sup>5</sup> Many, O LORD my God, *are* Your wonderful works *Which* You have done; And Your thoughts toward us Cannot be recounted to You in order; *If* I would declare and speak *of them*, They are more than can be numbered. <sup>6</sup> Sacrifice and offering You did not desire; My ears You have opened. Burnt offering and sin offering You did not require. <sup>7</sup> Then I said, "Behold, I come; In the scroll of the book *it is* written of me. <sup>8</sup> I delight to do Your will, O my God, And Your law *is* within my heart." <sup>9</sup> I have proclaimed the good news of righteousness In the great assembly; Indeed, I do not restrain my lips, O LORD, You Yourself know. <sup>10</sup> I have not hidden Your righteousness within my heart; I have declared Your faithfulness and Your salvation; I have not concealed Your lovingkindness and Your truth From the great assembly. <sup>11</sup> Do not withhold Your tender mercies from me, O LORD; Let Your lovingkindness and Your truth continually preserve me.

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## #298:1-4 Baptized Into Thy Name Most Holy

### 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 Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my

thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. for this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.



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.



p In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Glory be to God on high,

and on earth peace, good will toward men,

We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you,

we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory

O Lord God, heav'nly King God the Father al - mighty,

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.



You take away the sin of the world; re-cieve our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father;



have mercy on us, For you only are holy;



you on - ly are the Lord.



You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,



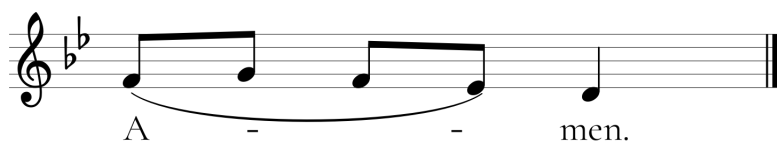
are most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

p The Lord be with you.



And al - so with you.

p Let us pray . . . Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## THE WORD

**Isaiah 49:1-7** "Listen, O coastlands, to Me, And take heed, you peoples from afar! The LORD has called Me from the womb; From the matrix of My mother He has made mention of My name. <sup>2</sup> And He has made My mouth like a sharp sword; In the shadow of His hand He has hidden Me, And made Me a polished shaft; In His quiver He has hidden Me." <sup>3</sup> "And He said to me, 'You *are* My servant, O Israel, In whom I will be glorified.' <sup>4</sup> Then I said, 'I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and in vain; Yet surely my just reward *is* with the LORD, And



my work with my God.'" <sup>5</sup> "And now the LORD says,  
 Who formed Me from the womb *to be* His Servant, To  
 bring Jacob back to Him, So that Israel is gathered to Him  
 (For I shall be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, And My  
 God shall be My strength), <sup>6</sup> Indeed He says, 'It is too  
 small a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up  
 the tribes of Jacob, And to restore the preserved ones of  
 Israel; I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles, That  
 You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.'" <sup>7</sup>  
 Thus says the LORD, The Redeemer of Israel, their Holy  
 One, To Him whom man despises, To Him whom the na-  
 tion abhors, To the Servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and  
 arise, Princes also shall worship, Because of the LORD  
 who is faithful, The Holy One of Israel; And He has cho-  
 sen You."

**1 Corinthians 1:1-9** Paul, called *to be* an apostle of Jesus  
 Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes *our* brother,  
<sup>2</sup> To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who  
 are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called *to be* saints, with all  
 who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our  
 Lord, both theirs and ours: <sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from

God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> that you were enriched in everything by Him in all utterance and all knowledge, <sup>6</sup> even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you, <sup>7</sup> so that you come short in no gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup> who will also confirm you to the end, *that you may be* blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

## #CW 89 To Jordan's River Came Our Lord



1 To Jor-dan's riv - er came our Lord,  
 2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized  
 3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood  
 4 Then from God's throne with thund'rous sound



The Christ, whom heav'n - ly hosts a - dored,  
 The Son of God in flesh dis - guised  
 And John bap - tized the Lamb of God,  
 Came God's own voice with words pro - found:



The God from God, the Light from Light,  
 To stand be - neath the Fa - ther's will  
 The Ho - ly Spir - it, Heav'n - ly dove,  
 "This is my Son," was his de - cree,



The Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.  
 And all his prom - is - es ful - fill.  
 De - scend - ed on him from a - bove.  
 "The one I love, who pleas - es me."

## SERMON

**John 1:29-42** <sup>29</sup> The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup> "This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.' <sup>31</sup> "I did not know Him; but that He should be revealed to Israel, therefore I came baptizing with water." <sup>32</sup> And John bore witness, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him. <sup>33</sup> "I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup> "And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God." <sup>35</sup> Again, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples. <sup>36</sup> And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> Then Jesus turned, and seeing them following, said to them, "What do you seek? " They said to Him, "Rabbi " (which is to say, when translated, Teacher), "where are You staying?" <sup>39</sup> He said to them, "Come and

see." They came and saw where He was staying, and remained with Him that day (now it was about the tenth hour). <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John *speak*, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah " (which is translated, the Christ). <sup>42</sup> And he brought him to Jesus.

## WITNESSING THE IMPOSSIBLE

What did John see?

What did Jesus see?

What do you see?





Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and  
 take not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re - store un-to  
 me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up-  
 hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

## #342 Chief of Sinners

### 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 and 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.



#17:1,2,5,6 Oh, Worship the King



## Sermon Worksheet—John 1:29-42

What is a mystery?

What is the mystery of Jesus?

What is the mystery of baptism?

What amazing thing did Jesus do with Peter?

What amazing thing does Jesus do with you?

What do you see?

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

9 am Worship Service  
10 am Sunday School  
10:15 am Bible Class

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

2 pm Bible Class

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

3:45 pm Catechism

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

7 pm Annual Voters Meeting

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

9am Communion Service  
10 am Sunday School  
10:15 am Bible Class

## FRUITS OF FAITH

General Fund- \$ 3360  
Missions - \$ 210  
Sunday Service – 54

## USHERS FOR JANUARY

Russ Brown, Jim Brown,  
Al Henke, Spencer Henke

## USHERS FOR FEBRUARY

Dan Thiem, Tim Gabrielski,  
Kaleb Reyes

## COUNTER

**This Week Team # 4**

Lynn Dumke, Randy Strelow

**Next Week Team # 5**

Keith Dickerson

## VOTERS MEETING AGENDA

Council is recommending 3% raise  
to base pay of workers' salaries  
Council is recommending semi-  
annual called workers review.  
School board is recommending gen-  
eral fund pays for school subs.  
Discussion is needed about the rest  
of the church roof.  
Elect new officers  
CPB Estimate

## BASKETBALL GAMES

1/30 @ 5:00 – away at Christ Alone  
Princeton  
2/12 @ 3:30 – home game  
3/7 Round Robin, more info soon

## GAME NIGHTS

February 20 – Open Gym / Games /  
Potluck  
March 27 – Bingo / Potluck

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalms 27:1-14

1 Cor. 1:10-18

Matt. 4:12-25

## PRAYERS

Please keep Alea Lichtenberg, granddaughter of Gary and Marsha Brown, in your prayers. She leaves tomorrow to go back to the University of Arizona.

## CALL NEWS

Teacher Claire Abbas of Berea Ev. Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN, has received the call to Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne, WY.

Pastor Emeritus John Schierenbeck has returned the vacancy call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA.

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

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

Pastor Jonah Albrecht of Redemption Ev. Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, WA, and Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA, has received the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI.

Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church, Morris, MN, has received the call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA. Mr. Peter Reim has returned the vacancy call to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN.

## RETIREMENT

Pastor John Hein of Grace Lutheran Church, Fridley, MN, has announced his retirement as of January 31, 2026. Pastor Hein has also resigned from the CLC Board of Regents.



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