

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH



From that time Jesus
began to proclaim,
“**REPENT**
for the
kingdom of heaven
has come near.”

Matthew 4:17, NRSV

JANUARY 25, 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 25th, 2025

Liturgy: Setting Two, WS page 12

Speaker: Pastor Matthew Ude

Organist: Dan Barthels

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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalms 27:1-9

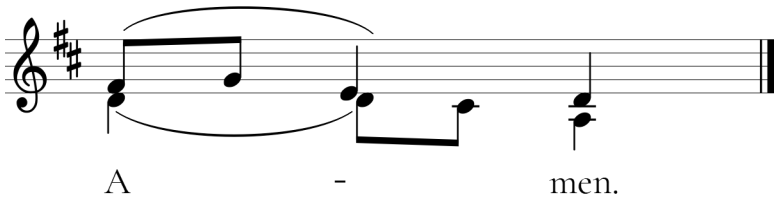
The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be
afraid? ² When the wicked came against me To eat up my
flesh, My enemies and foes, They stumbled and fell. ³ Though
an army may encamp against me, My heart shall not fear;
Though war should rise against me, In this I *will be* confident.
⁴ One *thing* I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek: That
I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the days of my life,
To behold the beauty of the LORD, And to inquire in His
temple. ⁵ For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His
pavilion; In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide
me; He shall set me high upon a rock. ⁶ And now my head
shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me; Therefore
I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle; I will sing, yes, I
will sing praises to the LORD. ⁷ Hear, O LORD, *when* I cry
with my voice! Have mercy also upon me, and answer me. ⁸
When You said, "Seek My face," My heart said to You, "Your
face, LORD, I will seek." ⁹ Do not hide Your face from me;
Do not turn Your servant away in anger; You have been my
help; Do not leave me nor forsake me, O God of my salvation.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

#4 God Himself Is Present

INVOCATION

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

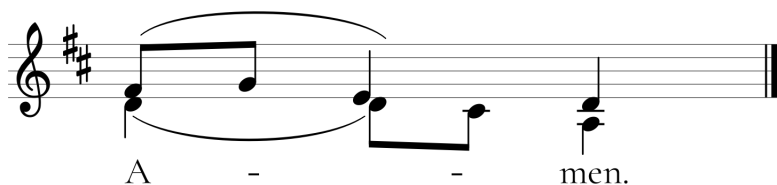


CONFESSION OF SINS

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.





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

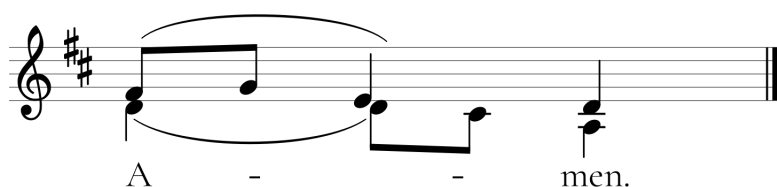


You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al-
God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won, Re - ceive our
Spir - it worshiped and a - dored, With all the



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 and everlasting God,
mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch
forth the hand of your majesty to heal and defend
us; 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 9:1-4 Nevertheless the gloom *will* not *be* upon her
who is distressed, As when at first He lightly esteemed
The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, And after-
ward more heavily oppressed *her*, By the way of the sea,
beyond the Jordan, In Galilee of the Gentiles. ² The peo-
ple who walked in darkness Have seen a great light; Those
who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, Upon them
a light has shined. ³ You have multiplied the nation *And*
increased its joy; They rejoice before You According to the

joy of harvest, As *men* rejoice when they divide the spoil. ⁴
For You have broken the yoke of his burden And the staff
of his shoulder, The rod of his oppressor, As in the day of
Midian.

1 Corinthians 1:10-18 ¹⁰ Now I plead with you, brethren,
by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak
the same thing, and *that* there be no divisions among you,
but *that* you be perfectly joined together in the same mind
and in the same judgment. ¹¹ For it has been declared to
me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's
household, that there are contentions among you. ¹² Now I
say this, that each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of
Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ." ¹³ Is
Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you
baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I bap-
tized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ lest anyone
should say that I had baptized in my own name. ¹⁶ Yes, I
also baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides, I do
not know whether I baptized any other. ¹⁷ For Christ did
not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with
wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made

of no effect. ¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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 written 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 image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, singable style. The lyrics 'Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!' are written below the first three measures of the first staff. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics 'These words are written that we may believe that'. The third staff continues with 'Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God.' The fourth staff continues with 'Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!'. The fifth staff concludes the piece with a double bar line. The lyrics are written in a simple, sans-serif font, and the music is written in a clear, legible notation.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#496 Hark! The Voice of Jesus Calling

SERMON

Matthew 4:17-25 ¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

¹⁸ And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

²⁰ They immediately left *their* nets and followed Him. ²¹

Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James *the son* of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them,

²² and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. ²³ And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching

in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people. ²⁴ Then His fame went throughout

all Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralyt-

ics; and He healed them. ²⁵ Great multitudes followed Him-- from Galilee, and *from* Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan.

IT'S NOT ABOUT ME: CENTERING MINISTRY ON CHRIST AND HIS KINGDOM



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.

#769 Lift High the Cross

Offering Hymn #788:1

Lord, You love the cheerful giver who with open heart and hand, blesses freely, as a river that refreshes all the land. Grant us, then, the grace of giving with a spirit large and true that our life and all our living we may consecrate to You.

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.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

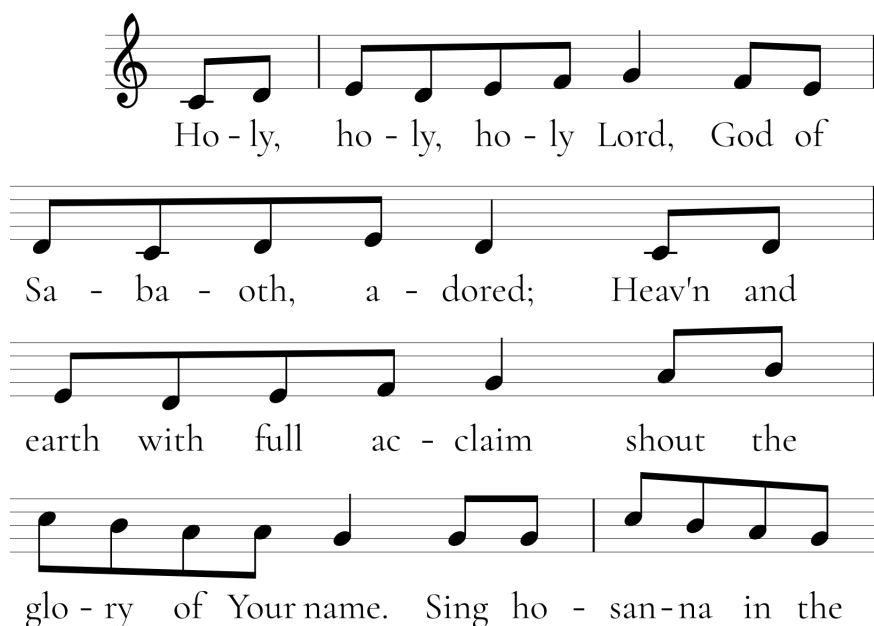
p The Lord be with you.



p Lift up your hearts.



p It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:





p Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

O Lamb of God, O Christ our
 Lord, whose blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im-
 part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -
 tain with Your mer-cy and grant us Your peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION

Prayers for before and after communion are available on page 118 of your hymnal. We ask that only members of the CLC come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.

Distribution Hymn 306



O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n-ly peace, For I have seen the
glo-ry to the Son, All glo-ry to the



glo-ry Of Your re-deeming grace: A light to lead the
Spir-it, For - ev - er Three-in - One; For as in the be-



Gen - tiles Un - to Your ho - ly hill, The
gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er be, God's



glo-ry of Your peo-ple, Your chosen Is-ra - el.
tri-unename re - sounding Through all e - terni - ty.

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

My heart has now be-come Your dwell-ing,
O bless-ed, ho-ly Trin-i - ty. With an-gels I, Your
prais-es tell - ing, Shall live in joy e-ter-nal - ly.
Lord, may Your bod - y and Your blood
Be for my soul the high - est good.

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.



#783 Jesus Shepherd of the Sheep

Sermon Worksheet - Matthew 4:17-25

What does it mean to truly repent?

How can we keep our focus on Christ's call to repentance?

In what ways do we sometimes make Christianity or witnessing “all about me?”

How does Jesus model keeping the goal of repentance and forgiveness central in His interactions with others?

What role does the Holy Spirit play in equipping us for witnessing and living out our faith?

Why is it important to remember that “it’s not about me, it’s about Jesus” when sharing the message of repentance?

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

9 am Communion Service
10 am Sunday School
10:15 am Voters' Meeting

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

2 pm Bible Class

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

3:45 pm Catechism

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

11am Funeral for Elna Krueger

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

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

FRUITS OF FAITH

General Fund- \$ 3056
Missions - \$ 105
Building Fund - \$ 25
Sunday Service – 72
Sunday School – 9
Bible Class- 8

USHERS FOR JANUARY

Russ Brown, Jim Brown, Al Henke,
Spencer Henke

USHERS FOR FEBRUARY

Dan Thiem, Tim Gabrielski, Kaleb
Reyes

COUNTER

This Week Team # 5

Keith Dickerson

Next Week Team # 6

Jim Kok, Jared Swyter

TAX REPORTS

Tax reports are done and in your boxes. If you have questions, contact Diane or Sue.

FUNERAL FOR ELNA KRUEGER

Saturday, January 31

10am Visitation

11am Funeral

12pm Luncheon

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 general fund pays for school subs.

Discussion is needed about the rest of the church roof.

Elect new officers

CPB Estimate

GAME NIGHTS

February 20 – Open Gym / Games

March 27 – Bingo / Potluck

BASKETBALL GAMES

1/30 @ 5:00 – away at Christ Alone
Princeton

2/12 @ 3:30 – home game

3/7 Round Robin, more info soon

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Micah 6:1–8

Psalms 15

1 Cor. 1:18–31

Matt. 5:1–12

CALL NEWS

Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD, has received the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ.

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 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.

Pastor Richard Kanzenbach of St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran Church, Lemmon, SD, has announced his retirement in summer 2026.

APPOINTMENT

Pastor Wayne Eichstadt of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA, has been appointed by President Michael Wilke and has accepted the call to serve on the CLC Board of Regents. Pastor Eichstadt will serve as interim secretary until a permanent appointment is made to fill that position.



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