

# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH



FEBRUARY 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

**February 1st 2026**

**Liturgy: Setting One, WS page 1**

**Speaker:**

Pastor Matthew Ude

**Organist:**

Lila Brown

Liturgy: *Worship Supplement 2000* compiled and edited by John C Reim

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# PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

## *Psalm 15*

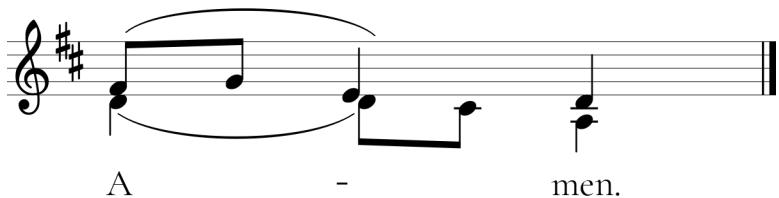
LORD, who may abide in Your tabernacle?  
Who may dwell in Your holy hill? <sup>2</sup> He who walks uprightly, And works righteousness, And speaks the truth in his heart; <sup>3</sup> He *who* does not backbite with his tongue, Nor does evil to his neighbor, Nor does he take up a reproach against his friend; <sup>4</sup> In whose eyes a vile person is despised, But he honors those who fear the LORD; He *who* swears to his own hurt and does not change; <sup>5</sup> He *who* does not put out his money at usury, Nor does he take a bribe against the innocent. He *who* does these *things* shall never be moved.

# **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

## **#16 Blessed Jesus, at thy Word**

### **INVOCATION**

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



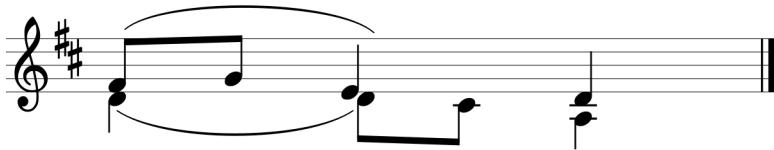
### **CONFESION OF SINS**

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 - men.



Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy



on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to all peo-ple on earth. Lord God,  
heav-enly king, al - might - 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-

ceiveour prayer For You alone are the Ho-lyOne,  
 You alone are theLord, You alone are the MostHigh,  
 Je-susChrist, withtheHo-ly Spir-it, inthe glo-ry of  
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

p Let us pray . . . Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A - men.

# THE WORD

**Micah 6:1-8** Hear now what the LORD says: "Arise, plead your case before the mountains, And let the hills hear your voice. <sup>2</sup> Hear, O you mountains, the LORD'S complaint, And you strong foundations of the earth; For the LORD has a complaint against His people, And He will contend with Israel. <sup>3</sup> "O My people, what have I done to you? And how have I wearied you? Testify against Me. <sup>4</sup> For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, I redeemed you from the house of bondage; And I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. <sup>5</sup> O My people, remember now What Balak king of Moab counseled, And what Ba-laam the son of Beor answered him, From Acacia Grove to Gilgal, That you may know the righteousness of the LORD." <sup>6</sup> With what shall I come before the LORD, And bow myself before the High God? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, With calves a year old? <sup>7</sup> Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, Ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn *for* my transgression, The fruit of my body *for* the sin of my soul? <sup>8</sup> He has shown you, O man, what *is* good; And what does the

LORD require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?

**1 Corinthians 1:18-31** <sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, And bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent." <sup>20</sup> Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? <sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. <sup>26</sup> For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, *are called*. <sup>27</sup> But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the

wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty;<sup>28</sup> and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are,<sup>29</sup> that no flesh should glory in His presence.<sup>30</sup> But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God-- and righteousness and sanctification and redemption--<sup>31</sup> that, as it is written, "He who glories, let him glory in the LORD."

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



Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.



## 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.

# IN CHRIST ALONE



2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh,  
3. There in the ground His bod - y lay,  
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,



He is my light, my strength,— my song;  
full-ness of God in help - less babe!  
Light of the world by dark - ness slain;  
this is the pow'r of Christ in me;



This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id Ground,  
This gift of love and right-eous - ness,  
Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious Day,  
From life's first cry to fi - nal breath,



firm through the fierc - est drought\_ and storm  
scorned by the ones He came\_ to save.  
up from the grave He rose\_ a - gain!  
Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
Till on that cross as Je - sus died,  
And as He stands in vic - to - ry,  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,



when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease.  
the wrath of God was sat - is - fied.  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
can ev - er pluck me from His hand;



My Com - fort - er, my All in All,  
For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid;  
For I am His and He is mine,  
Till He re - turns or calls me home,



here in the love of Christ I stand.  
Here in the death of Christ I live.  
bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!



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# SERMON

**Matthew 5:23-24** <sup>23</sup> "Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup> "leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

## PROPIATION

Your mess, His sacrifice



Create in me a clean heart, 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.

# Christ Be My Leader



1. Christ be my lead-er by night as by  
2. Christ be my teach-er in age as in  
3. Christ be my Sav-ior in calm as in



day, Safe through the dark-ness, for he is the  
youth, Drift - ing or doubt-ing, for he is the  
strife; Death can - not hold me, for he is the



way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my  
truth. Grant me to trust him, though  
life. Nor dark-ness nor doubt - ing nor



fu - ture his care; Dark-ness is  
shift-ing as sand. Doubt can - not  
sin and its stain. Can touch my sal -



day - light when Je - sus is there.  
daunt me in Je - sus I stand!  
va - tion with Je - sus I reign!

## **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.

## **INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS**

### **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.



A - men. A - men. A - men.

## #54 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah



## **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

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

## **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

2 pm Bible Class  
7pm School Board

## **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

3:45 pm Catechism

## **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

9am Worship Service  
10 am Sunday School  
10:15 am Bible Class  
6pm Women of Faith

## **FRUITS OF FAITH**

General Fund- \$ 4220  
Missions - \$105  
Building Fund - \$ 50  
Sunday Service – 81  
Sunday School – 6  
Bible Class- No BC / Voters' Meeting

## **USHERS FOR FEBRUARY**

Dan Thiem, Tim Gabrielski,  
Kaleb Reyes

## **COUNTER**

### **This Week Team # 6**

Jared Swyter, Jim Kok

### **Next Week Team # 1**

Dale Muehlenhaupt,  
Fred Whitehouse

## **OFFICERS ELECTED IN 2026**

### **Church Council**

Paul Eserhut

Ryan Krueger

Jared Swyter

### **School Board**

Troy Cotterill

Jake Kearns

Kade Muehlenhaupt

## **BUILDING FUND**

The building fund currently has about \$10,000. We need \$20,000 to redo the church roof this summer. We also need another \$40,000 within the next few years to redo the school roof.

## **WOMEN OF FAITH**

will meet on Sunday, February 8th at 6 o'clock

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

The annual report is on the shelf.

## **TAX REPORTS**

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

## **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 58:3-9a  
Psalm 112:1-9  
1 Cor. 2:1-16  
Matt. 5:13-20

## **CALL NEWS**

Pastor Emeritus John Schierenbeck has received the vacancy call to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN.

Pastor Paul Agenten of Calvary Lutheran Church, Marquette, MI, and St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Iron River, MI, has received the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI.

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 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.

## **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 CLC Secretary until a permanent appointment is made to fill that position.

## **Sermon Worksheet - Matthew 5:23-24**

How does a small action turn into a big problem ?

Who usually must solve the problem?

What does the word “propitiation” mean?

What is the scriptural way to deal with a problem?

What are the effects of gossip?

How is our text also a description of Jesus?



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