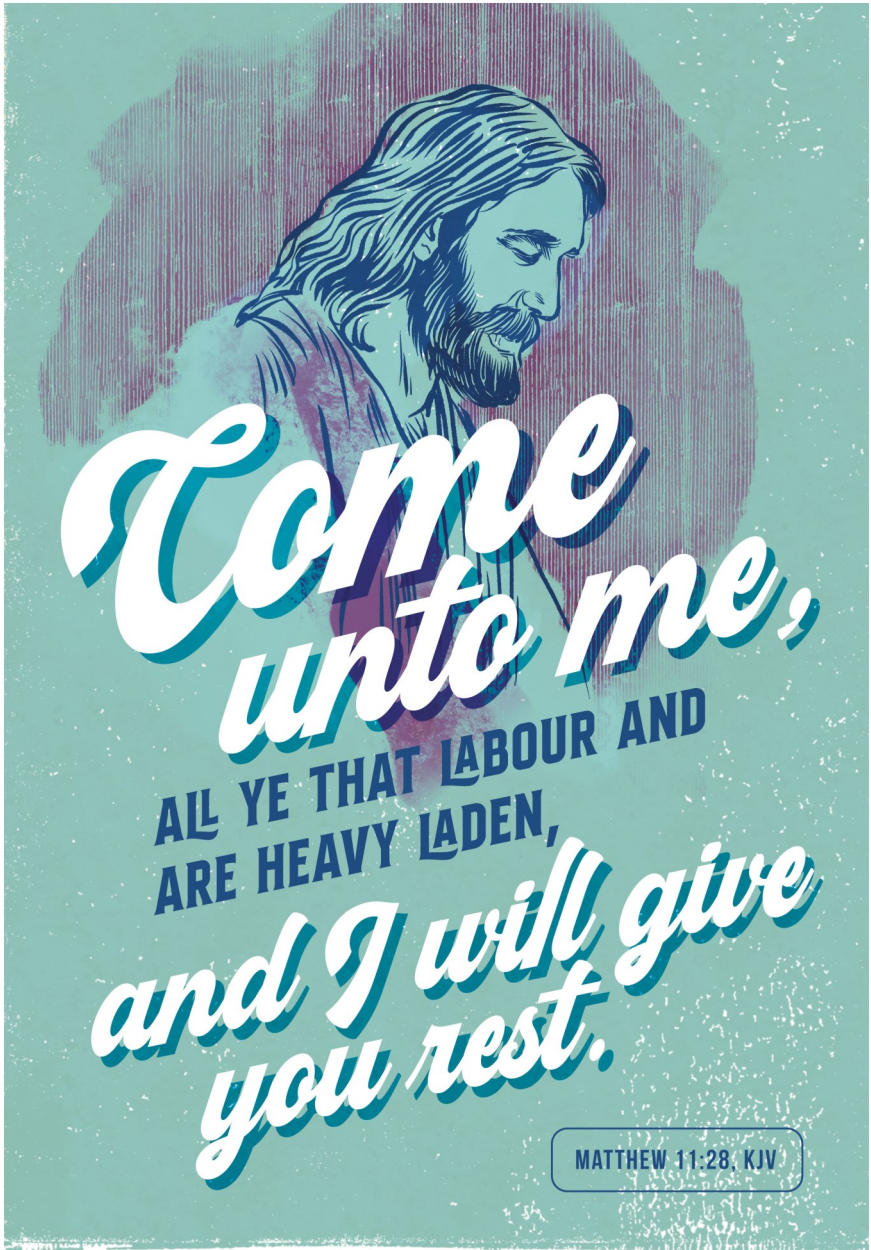


# Faith Lutheran Church



February 8, 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Liturgy:** Common Service

**Speaker:** Pastor Matthew Ude

**Organist:** Lila Brown

# PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

## *Psalm 112*

Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man *who* fears the LORD, *Who* delights greatly in His commandments.

<sup>2</sup> His descendants will be mighty on earth; The generation of the upright will be blessed. <sup>3</sup> Wealth and riches *will be* in his house, And his righteousness endures forever. <sup>4</sup> Unto the upright there arises light in the darkness; *He is* gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous. <sup>5</sup> A good man deals graciously and lends; He will guide his affairs with discretion. <sup>6</sup> Surely he will never be shaken; The righteous will be in everlasting remembrance. <sup>7</sup> He will not be afraid of evil tidings; His heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD. <sup>8</sup> His heart is established; He will not be afraid, Until he sees *his desire* upon his enemies. <sup>9</sup> He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever; His horn will be exalted with honor. <sup>10</sup> The wicked will see *it* and be grieved; He will gnash his teeth and melt away; The desire of the wicked shall perish.

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

**#786:1-3,6 Take My Life and Let It Be**

## 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,



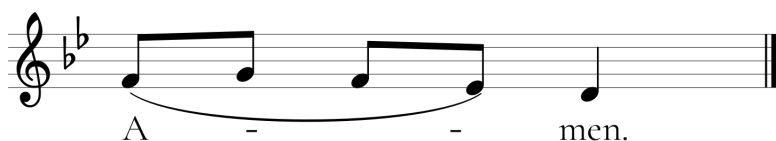
are most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

p The Lord be with you.



And al - so with you.

p Let us pray . . . O Lord, keep your family, the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; 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 58:3-9** <sup>3</sup> 'Why have we fasted,' *they say,* 'and You have not seen? *Why* have we afflicted our souls, and You take no notice?' "In fact, in the day of your fast you find pleasure, And exploit all your laborers. <sup>4</sup> Indeed you fast for strife and debate, And to strike with the fist of wickedness. You will not fast as *you do* this day, To make your voice heard on high. <sup>5</sup> Is it a fast that I have chosen, A day for a man to afflict his soul? *Is it* to bow down his head like a bulrush, And to spread out sackcloth and ashes?



Would you call this a fast, And an acceptable day to the LORD? <sup>6</sup> *"Is this not the fast that I have chosen: To loose the bonds of wickedness, To undo the heavy burdens, To let the oppressed go free, And that you break every yoke?* <sup>7</sup> *Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, And that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; When you see the naked, that you cover him, And not hide yourself from your own flesh?* <sup>8</sup> Then your light shall break forth like the morning, Your healing shall spring forth speedily, And your righteousness shall go before you; The glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. <sup>9</sup> Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;

**1 Corinthians 2:1-12** And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. <sup>2</sup> For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. <sup>3</sup> I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup> And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup> that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the pow-

er of God. <sup>6</sup> However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. <sup>7</sup> But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden *wisdom* which God ordained before the ages for our glory, <sup>8</sup> which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup> But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him." <sup>10</sup> But God has revealed *them* to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. <sup>11</sup> For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup> Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

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.

## #134 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

# SERMON

**Matthew 5:1-12** And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. <sup>2</sup> Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup> "Blessed *are* the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup> Blessed *are* those who mourn, For they shall be comforted. <sup>5</sup> Blessed *are* the meek, For they shall inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup> Blessed *are* those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled. <sup>7</sup> Blessed *are* the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy. <sup>8</sup> Blessed *are* the pure in heart, For they shall see God. <sup>9</sup> Blessed *are* the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God. <sup>10</sup> Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup> "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. <sup>12</sup> "Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

# THE EMPTY FIND FULLNESS IN CHRIST

The beatitudes describe. . .

1. Spiritual Blessings
2. Us as we are
3. What we do not deserve
4. Christ



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.

## #784 Lord, Take My Hand And Lead Me

### Offering Hymn #441:1-2

We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be, all  
 that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.  
 May we Thy bounties thus, as stewards true receive, and  
 gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first fruits give.

## 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.



## #785 Children Of The Heavenly Father

## **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

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

## **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10**

2 pm Bible Class  
7pm Elders  
7:30pm Council

## **WEDNESDAY, February 11**

3:45 pm Catechism

## **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

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

### **Fruits Of Faith**

General Fund- \$ 3712  
Missions - \$345  
Building Fund - \$350  
In memory of Elna Krueger- \$ 20 to  
School Fund  
In memory of Elna Krueger -\$ 25 to  
CLC Mission  
In memory of Elna Krueger -\$ 20 to  
Building Fund  
Sunday Service – 77  
Sunday School – 9  
Bible Class-

### **Ushers For February**

Dan Thiem, Tim Gabrielski,  
Kaleb Reyes

### **Counter**

#### **This Week Team # 1**

Dale Muehlenhaupt,  
Fred Whitehouse

#### **Next Week Team # 2**

Jeff Jones, Dennis Jones

### **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**

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

## **VBS**

We are looking for a volunteer to  
organize VBS this summer. If any-  
one is interested please speak to  
Pastor or Clay Bobek.

## **Next Week's Readings**

Ex. 24:8–18  
Psalm 2:6–12  
2 Peter 1:16–21  
Matt. 17:1–9

## **CALL NEWS**

Pastor Jonah Albrecht of Redemp-  
tion Ev. Lutheran Church,  
Lynnwood, WA, and Ascension  
Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA, has  
returned the call to Messiah Luther-  
an Church, Eau Claire, WI.

Pastor Timothy Daub of Prince of  
Peace Lutheran Church, Hecla, SD,  
Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Aber-  
deen, SD, and Redeemer Lutheran  
Church, Bowdle, SD, has received  
and returned the call to Messiah  
Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI.

Pastor Paul Agenten of Calvary Lu-  
theran Church, Marquette, MI, and  
St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Iron  
River, MI, has returned the call to  
Living Hope Lutheran Church, Ap-  
pleton, WI.

Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel  
Ev. Lutheran Church, Morris, MN,  
has returned the call to Trinity Ev.  
Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA.

Pastor Emeritus John Schierenbeck has received the vacancy call to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN. <=> Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD, has received the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ.

ed 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.

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

## **RETIREMENT**

Pastor Ted Barthels of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Austin, MN, has announced his retirement from the pastoral ministry as of April 30, 2026.

Pastor Richard Kanzenbach of St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran Church, Lemmon, SD, has announced his retirement from the pastoral ministry as of summer 2026.

## **APPOINTMENT**

Pastor Wayne Eichstadt of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA, has been appointed by President Michael Wilke and has accept-

## Sermon Worksheet—Matthew 5:1-12

Where did Jesus go to teach the multitudes in?

What does it mean to be “poor in spirit?”

The beatitudes are not a list of demands. What are they?

What does it mean to “hunger and thirst for righteousness?”

Does being poor, hungry, or mourning make someone worthy of God’s blessings? Why or why not?

What is the difference between those who receive blessings and those who don’t?

Why is Christ’s resurrection important?



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