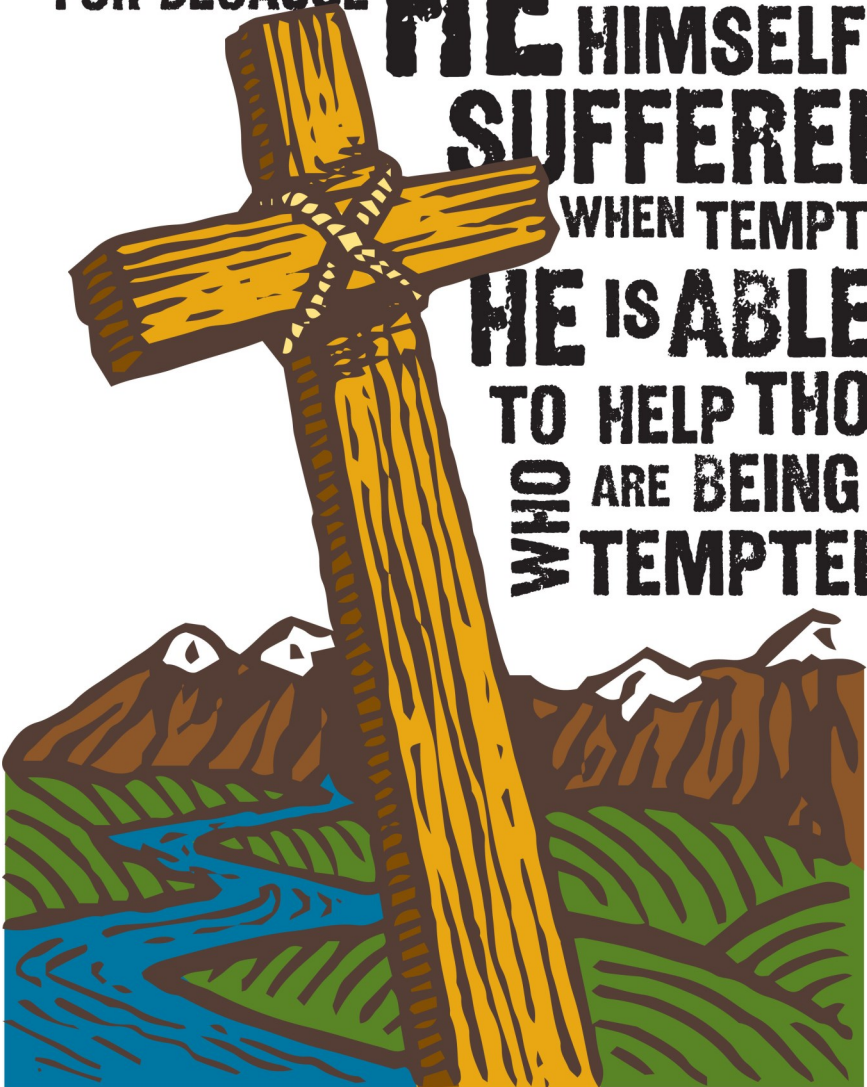


# Faith Lutheran Church

FOR BECAUSE **HE** HIMSELF HAS  
**SUFFERED**  
WHEN TEMPTED,  
**HE IS ABLE**  
TO HELP THOSE  
WHO ARE BEING  
**TEMPTED.**



HEBREWS 2:18, ESV

February 18<sup>th</sup> 2024

# 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Liturgy: Common Service**

**Speaker:** Pastor Matthew Ude

**Organist:** Ann Sprengeler

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# PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

## *Psalm 25:1-10*

To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul. <sup>2</sup> O my God, I trust in You; Let me not be ashamed; Let not my enemies triumph over me. <sup>3</sup> Indeed, let no one who waits on You be ashamed; Let those be ashamed who deal treacherously without cause. <sup>4</sup> Show me Your ways, O LORD; Teach me Your paths. <sup>5</sup> Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You *are* the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day. <sup>6</sup> Remember, O LORD, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses, For they *are* from of old. <sup>7</sup> Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; According to Your mercy remember me, For Your goodness' sake, O LORD. <sup>8</sup> Good and upright *is* the LORD; Therefore He teaches sinners in the way. <sup>9</sup> The humble He guides in justice, And the humble He teaches His way. <sup>10</sup> All the paths of the LORD *are* mercy and truth, To such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## 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!

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## INVOCATION

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



A - - - men.

## 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.

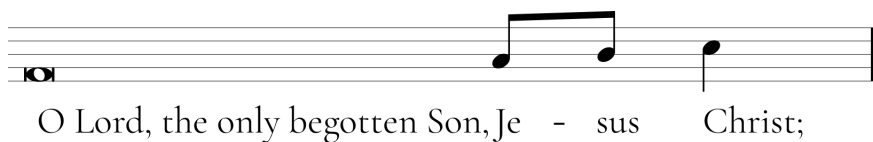
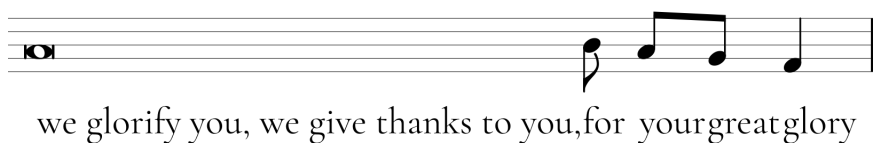
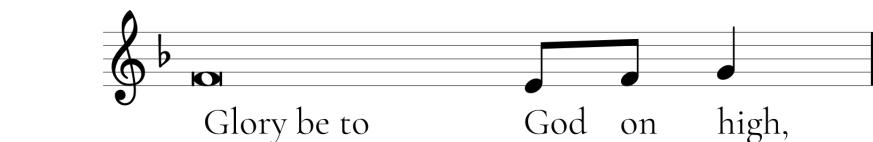
all Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. for this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Lord, have mer-cy on us, Christ, have mer -  
 cy on us, Lord, have mer - cy on us.

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.

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





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



You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer.



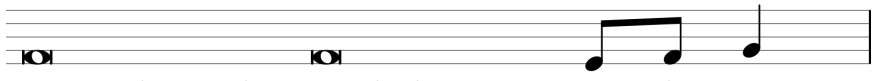
You sit at the right hand of God the Father;



have mercy on us, For you only are holy;



you only are the Lord.



You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,



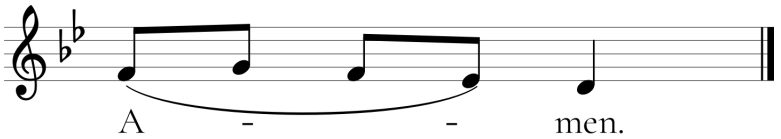
are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.



p The Lord be with you.



p Let us pray . . . O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## THE WORD

**Genesis 22:1-18** Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>2</sup> Then He said, "Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the

land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." <sup>3</sup> So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. <sup>4</sup> Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off. <sup>5</sup> And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the lad<sup>t</sup> and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you." <sup>6</sup> So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid *it* on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together. <sup>7</sup> But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where *is* the lamb for a burnt offering?" <sup>8</sup> And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." So the two of them went together. <sup>9</sup> Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. <sup>10</sup> And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

<sup>11</sup> But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" So he said, "Here I am." <sup>12</sup> And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only *son*, from Me." <sup>13</sup> Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind *him was* a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup> And Abraham called the name of the place, The-LORD-Will-Provide<sup>1</sup>; as it is said to this day, "In the Mount of The LORD it shall be provided." <sup>15</sup> Then the Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, <sup>16</sup> and said: "By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only *son*-- <sup>17</sup> "blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which *is* on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. <sup>18</sup> "In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."

**James 1:12-18** <sup>12</sup> Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. <sup>13</sup> Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. <sup>14</sup> But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. <sup>15</sup> Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death. <sup>16</sup> Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. <sup>17</sup> Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. <sup>18</sup> Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

p Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!



Al-le - lu - ia! Alle - lu - ia! Alle - 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.

## #416 Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways

### SERMON

**Mark 1:9-15** <sup>9</sup> It came to pass in those days *that* Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John

in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> And immediately, coming up from<sup>t</sup> the water, He saw the heavens parting and the Spirit descending upon Him like a dove. <sup>11</sup> Then a voice came from heaven, "You are My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." <sup>12</sup> Immediately the Spirit drove Him into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup> And He was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan, and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered to Him. <sup>14</sup> Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom<sup>t</sup> of God, <sup>15</sup> and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

## WHEN THE LORD WRITES THE TEST

The answer is Jesus

There is no fail

You know the end

(ws pg. 22)



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, 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.

## #261 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word

### OFFERING #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 to give than to receive

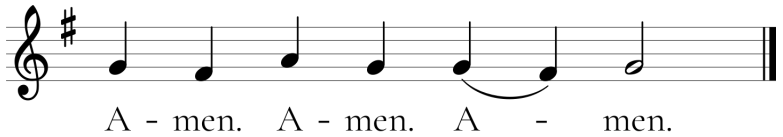
### Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

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.



## #262 A Mighty Fortress is Our God

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sunday, February 18**

9am Worship Service  
10:00 am Sunday School  
10:15am Call Meeting

**Wednesday, February 21**

11am Funeral for Debra Meilahn  
3:45 Confirmation Class  
7:pm Lent Service

**Sunday, February 25**

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2 Round Robin Tournament  
March 8 CLC Grade School Tournament  
March 22 6pm Bingo Night  
March 31 Easter Sunday  
- 7am Sunrise Communion Service  
- 8am Brunch  
- 8am Egg Hunt  
- 9am Communion Service  
April 19 6pm Family Game Night

## FRUITS OF FAITH

Sunday Service - 87  
Ash Wednesday - 31  
Sunday School - 13  
Bible Class - 16  
General Fund - \$3377  
School - \$170

## USHERS FOR FEBRUARY

John Bobek, Dan Thiem,  
Tim Gabrielski, Jeremy Golz

## COUNTERS

**This Week Team # 3**

Preston Schmidt, Robert Schmidt

**Next Week Team #4**

Lynn Dumke, Tyler Denson

## PRAYER LIST

Family of Debra Meilahn  
Christine Recheck  
Audrey Wuerch

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

The 2024/25 Faith school calendar is available in the monthly reports.

## **DEBRA MEILAHN**

The Lord has taken Debra home to be with him. We pray that the Lord would give peace and comfort to her family and friends. Funeral service and visitation schedule are:

Tuesday February 20

4:30 – 7:30pm visitation at

Cornerstone Funeral Home.

Wednesday February 21

10am Visitation at

Faith Lutheran Church

11am Funeral Service at

Faith Lutheran Church

Burial and Lunch will follow the service.

## **VISITING SPEAKER**

Paul Agenten is coming with his family to preach March 17<sup>th</sup> while pastor is gone. He'd like to come down Saturday night. If anyone is able to give him and his family a place to stay please let pastor know.

## **VBS**

VBS is scheduled for July 15-19.

## **CONVENTION DELEGATES**

Faith is looking for Delegates for both delegates conference and CLC convention. Delegates conference is here at Faith June 3-4. Convention is in Eau Claire June 20-23. If anyone is willing to serve let Pastor or President BJ Lillo know. Delegates will be approved at the April voters' meetings.

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

ThedaCare is looking for volunteer help for its hospice program. Training is provided. This is a wonderful opportunity to give aid to people who are really in need. Details are posted on the bulletin board.

## **BB HOOP**

The school board is asking if anyone has a basketball hoop they aren't using and wouldn't mind donating to the school. If so, please speak to Clay Bobek.

## FAITH EVENTS

Lisa Reyes is organizing a bingo night on March 22 and a family game night on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Both are potluck events.

## FEBRUARY MEETING

### NOTES AVAILABLE

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Gen. 17:1-7, 15-16

Psalms 22:23-31

Rom. 5:1-11

Mark 8:27-38

## TOUR CHOIR

The ILC Tour Choir will be performing at the following nearby churches:

Millston, WI – March 3 11am

Middleton, WI – March 9 3pm

Eau Claire, WI – March 24 6:30pm

Eau Claire, WI – March 25 7pm

More dates and information are available at [tourchoir.org](http://tourchoir.org).

## CALL NEWS

Immanuel Lutheran Church and School, Mankato, MN has called Pastor Michael Gurath of Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church and School, Phoenix, AZ.

Pastor Paul Krause of Zion Lutheran in Hidewood and Trinity Lutheran in Watertown, SD has returned the calls from Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI and St. Peter's Lutheran of Iron River, MI.

Teacher Amy Osborne of Holy Trinity Lutheran School, West Columbia, SC, has returned the call to Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI.

Teacher Kendra Rodebaugh of Gethsemane Lutheran School, Spokane, WA, is still considering the call to Messiah Lutheran School, Hales Corners, WI.

Teacher Matthew Kranz, Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN, is still considering the call to Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI to be their 5th- 6th grade teacher and assistant principal.

Teacher Matthew Thurow of Berea Lutheran in Inver Grove Heights, MN is still considering the call to be a professor at Immanuel Lutheran High School and College in Eau Claire, WI. This is to fill the position currently held by Professor Mark Kranz who is retiring at the end of this school year.

## Sermon Worksheet - Mark 1:9-15

What is the temptation of the flesh?

What desire is your personal temptation?

What is the answer?

How does the world test us?

When was the last time the sin of another tempted you to sin?

What was Abraham's percentage?

What was the Lord's response to Abraham's failure?

What is the Lord's response to your failure?

In what way does Satan tempt us?

What test(s) of faith are you enduring?

What promise does God give us about temptation?

What passage do you find most comforting in times of tribulation?



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