

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH



JOY

Now the God of hope
fill you with all JOY
and peace in believing.

ROMANS 15:13, KJV

DECEMBER 14th 2025

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

December 14th 2025

Liturgy: Setting One, WS page 1

Speaker:

Pastor Matthew Ude

Organist:

Lila Brown

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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 146

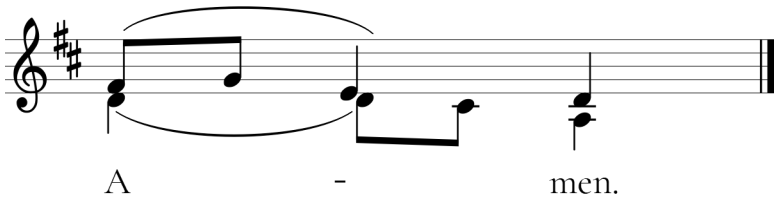
1 Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, my soul.
2 I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing
praise to my God as long as I live. 3 Do not put
your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot
save. 4 When their spirit departs, they return to
the ground; on that very day their plans come to
nothing. 5 Blessed are those whose help is the God
of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God. 6
He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and
everything in them— he remains faithful forever. 7
He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives
food to the hungry. The LORD sets prisoners free,
8 the LORD gives sight to the blind, the LORD
lifts up those who are bowed down, the LORD
loves the righteous. 9 The LORD watches over the
foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the widow,
but he frustrates the ways of the wicked. 10 The
LORD reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all
generations. Praise the LORD.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

#59:1,3,5 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

INVOCATION

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



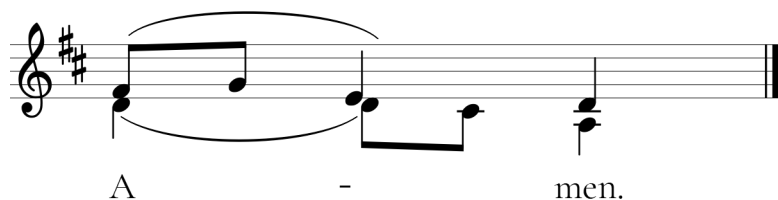
CONFESSION OF SINS

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 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.



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

ceive our prayer For You alone are the Ho-ly One,
 You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High,
 Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

p Let us pray . . . Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; For You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

A - men.

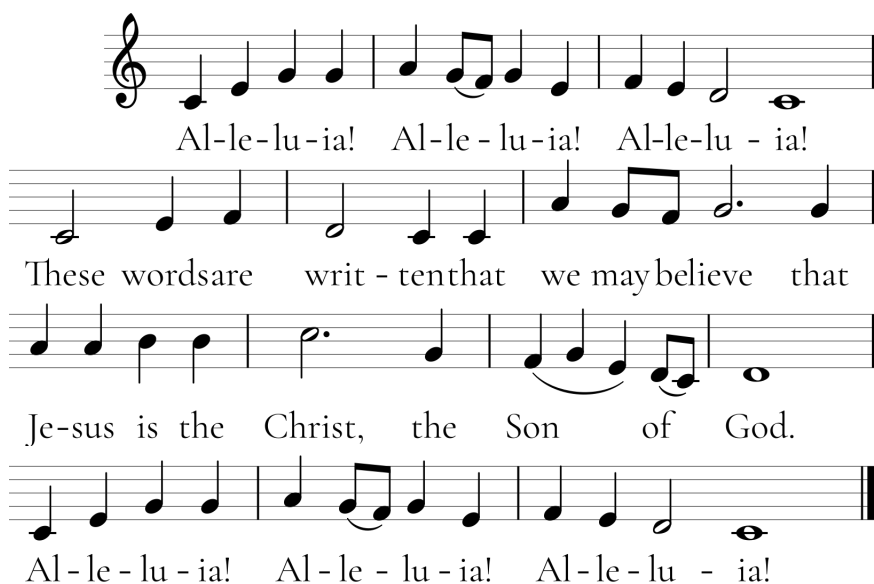
THE WORD

James 5:7-11 ⁷ Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See *how* the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. ⁸ You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹ Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door! ¹⁰ My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience. ¹¹ Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end *intended by* the Lord-- that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.

Matthew 11:2-15 ² And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples ³ and said to Him, "Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?" ⁴ Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: ⁵ *"The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel*

preached to them. ⁶ "And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me." ⁷ As they departed, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸ "But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed, those who wear soft *clothing* are in kings' houses. ⁹ "But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ "For this is *he* of whom it is written: 'Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You.' ¹¹ "Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. ¹² "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force. ¹³ "For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. ¹⁴ "And if you are willing to receive *it*, he is Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵ "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

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 seat-

ed 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.

#62 Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel

SERMON

Isaiah 11:1-10 There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots. ² The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD. ³ His delight is in the fear of the LORD, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears; ⁴ But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, And decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the

wicked. ⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, And faithfulness the belt of His waist. ⁶ "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, The leopard shall lie down with the young goat, The calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little child shall lead them. ⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze; Their young ones shall lie down together; And the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸ The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, And the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den. ⁹ They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD As the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰ "And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, Who shall stand as a banner to the people; For the Gentiles shall seek Him, And His resting place shall be glorious."

JESUS IS SOMETHING DIFFERENT

A different king
A different kingdom

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.

#645 Behold, a Branch is Growing

Offering Hymn #572:4

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, 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.



#106:1-5 The People That in Darkness Sat

Sermon Worksheet - Isaiah 11:1-10

Intro

Who was king of Judah during our text?

What kind of king was he?

Why "the root of Jesse?"

A Different King

Explain the following three phrases:

"The Spirit of wisdom and understanding"

"The Spirit of counsel and might"

"The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD"

What would the Messiah use to rule?

A Different Kingdom

What did Edward Hicks paint?

How did his early and later paintings differ?

What does God give us in this new kingdom?

What happens when we look for a peaceful kingdom on this earth?

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

9 am Worship Service
10 am Christmas Eve Practice
10:15 am Bible Class
11 am Caroling

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

2 pm Bible Class

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 17

3:34 pm Catechism
7 pm Advent Service

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

9 am Worship Service
10 am Christmas Eve Practice

FRUITS OF FAITH

General Fund- \$ 3193
Missions - \$ 50
Sunday Service – 104
Bible Class – 15
Building Fund - \$55 in memory of
Gry Flagel

COUNTER

This Week Team # 5

Keith Dickerson

Next Week Team # 6

Jim Kok, Jared Swyter

USHERS FOR DECEMBER

BJ Lillo, Mike Dumke,
Jeremy Golz, Parker Kohn

POINSETTIAS

in memory of: Curtis Brown, Gary
Brown, Eric Brown

DECEMBER NOTES

Available on shelf

UPCOMING

Dec 10 / 17 – 7pm Advent Services
Dec 14 – 11am Caroling
Dec 17 – 7:50pm Voters' Meeting
Dec 19 – 12pm
Dec 24 – 6:30pm Christmas Eve
Dec 25 – 10am Christmas Day
Dec 31 – 7pm New Years Eve

BASKETBALL GAMES

12/19 – game postponed
1/9 @ 4:30 – away at Green Lake
1/30 @ 5:00 – away at Princeton
2/12 @ 3:30 – home game
3/7 Round Robin, more info soon

SAFETY TRAINING

On Friday, December 19th from 12-2
an officer from the sheriff's depart-
ment will be at the school to talk

about what to do in case of a live shooting incident. Ushers and council members are encouraged to come if they can. Everyone is welcome.

GAME NIGHTS

January 16 – Bingo / Potluck

February 20 – Open Gym / Games / Potluck

March 27 – Bingo / Potluck

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 7:10–17

Psalms 24

Rom. 1:1–7

Matt. 1:18–25

CALL NEWS

Pastor Emeritus David Schierenbeck has accepted the call to serve as Assistant to the Pastor at Berea Ev. Lutheran Church, Inver Grove Heights, MN, after he concludes serving as vacancy pastor of Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN, at the end of January.

Pastor Cory Drehle of Berea Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, SD, has received the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI.

Pastor Ben Libby of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY, has returned the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ.

Pastor Dave Naumann of St. John's Lutheran Church, Clarkston, WA, and Peace Lutheran Church, Orofino, ID, has returned the call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA.

Pastor Terrel Kesterson of Ascension Lutheran Church, Batavia, IL, has returned the part-time call to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN.

Pastor Emeritus Michael Eichstadt has accepted the vacancy call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ.

Pastor Ben Libby of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY, has received the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI.

INSTALLATION

Pastor Michael Gurath will be installed at Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church, Middleton, WI, on December 21, 2025.



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