

**“out of you will come  
for me one who will  
be ruler over Israel,  
whose origins are  
from of old, from  
ancient times.”**

**Micah 5:2**

**DECEMBER 22, 2024 FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

# WELCOME

Thank you for worshiping with us today.  
Please sign the guest register in the entry  
as you leave the church today.

## TODAY'S SERVICE

December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

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**Speaker:**

Pastor Matthew Ude

**Organist:**

Lila Brown

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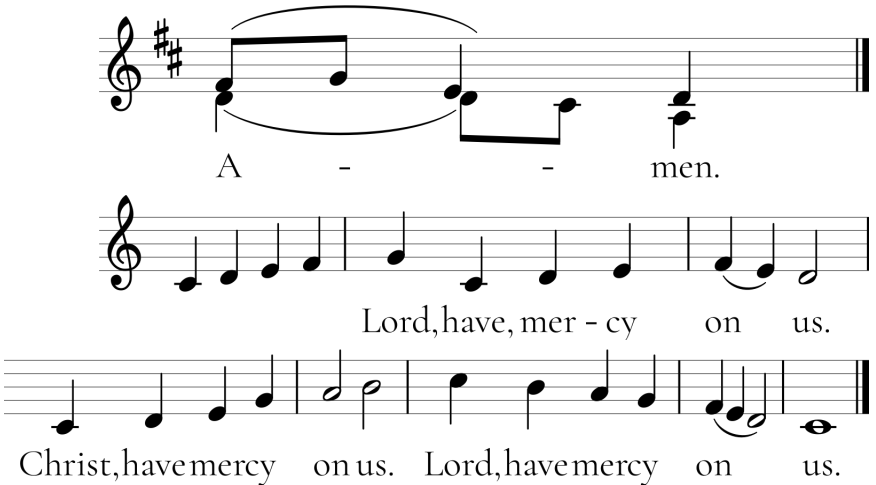
## *Psalm 80*

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock; You who dwell *between* the cherubim, shine forth! <sup>2</sup> Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, Stir up Your strength, And come *and* save us! <sup>3</sup> Restore us, O God; Cause Your face to shine, And we shall be saved! <sup>4</sup> O LORD God of hosts, How long will You be angry Against the prayer of Your people? <sup>5</sup> You have fed them with the bread of tears, And given them tears to drink in great measure. <sup>6</sup> You have made us a strife to our neighbors, And our enemies laugh among themselves. <sup>7</sup> Restore us, O God of hosts; Cause Your face to shine, And we shall be saved!



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.



A - - - men.

Lord, have, mer - cy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.



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

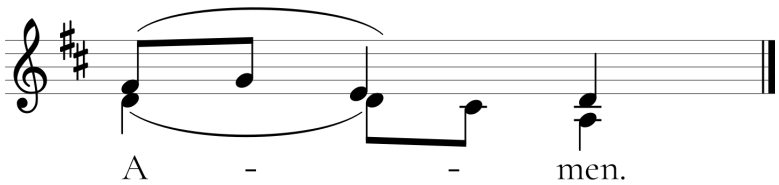


You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al-  
God, Your glo-rious vic-t'ry won, Re - ceive our  
Spir - it worshiped and a - dored, With all the



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 . . . Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## THE WORD

**Hebrews 10:5-10** <sup>5</sup> Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, But a body You have prepared for Me. <sup>6</sup> In burnt offerings and *sacrifices* for sin You had no pleasure. <sup>7</sup> Then I said, 'Behold, I have come-- In the volume of the book it is written of Me-- To do Your will, O God!'" <sup>8</sup> Previously saying, "Sacrifice and offering, burnt offerings, and *offerings* for sin You did not desire, nor had pleasure *in them*" (which are offered according to the law), <sup>9</sup> then He said, "Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God!" He takes away the first that He may establish the second. <sup>10</sup>

By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once *for all*.

**Luke 1:39-45** <sup>39</sup> Now Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah, <sup>40</sup> and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. <sup>42</sup> Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed *are* you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! <sup>43</sup> "But why *is* this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup> "For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. <sup>45</sup> "Blessed *is* she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord."

p Blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it.





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 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.

# #62 Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel

## SERMON

**Micah 5:2-5** <sup>2</sup> "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, *Though* you are little among the thousands of Judah, *Yet* out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth *are* from of old, From everlasting." <sup>3</sup> Therefore He shall give them up, Until the time *that* she who is in labor has given birth; Then the remnant of His brethren Shall return to the children of Israel. <sup>4</sup> And He shall stand and feed *His flock* In the strength of the LORD, In the majesty of the name of the LORD His God; And they shall abide, For now He shall be great To the ends of the earth; <sup>5</sup> And this *One* shall be peace.

## HOPE COMES FROM BETHLEHEM

Although the people of Isreal would be scattered, yet God would raise up a shepherd. This shepherd would gather those who are the children of Abraham by faith. He will rule not by strength of arms but through the preaching of the Word. (worksheet on page 15)



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.

## 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.

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

### 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.



## #76 A Great and Mighty Wonder

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

9 am Worship Service  
10 am Christmas Eve Practice  
10:15am Filling Christmas Bags

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

6:30 pm Christmas Eve Service

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

10 am Christmas Day Service,  
Communion

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

9am Worship Service,  
No Communion

## UPCOMING EVENTS

12/24 6:30pm Christmas Eve Service  
12/25 10am Christmas Day Service  
12/31 7pm New Years Eve Service

## USHERS FOR DECEMBER

Bob Kirst, Russ Brown,  
Jeremy Golz, Kade Muehlenhaupt

## USHERS FOR JANUARY

BJ Lillo, Mike Dumke,  
Todd Thiem, Austin Thiem

## FRUITS OF FAITH

Sunday Service – 99  
General Fund- \$ 7128.12  
Missions - \$ 300  
In memory of Lyndon Pamerter- \$  
150 to Building Fund  
CLC Edu K8 \$ 25  
Advent Service - 22

## COUNTERS

This Week Team # 1  
Greg Suwanski, Keith Dickerson  
Next Week Team #2  
David Draeger, Wayne Draeger.

## CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN

Christmas eve service begins at 6:30.  
The children should be at the  
church by 6pm.

## DELAYED COMMUNION

Pastor will be gone next Sunday,  
consequently we are going to delay  
communion one week. *No communion on 29th.* We will have communion instead on Jan 5. As normal there *will* be communion on Christmas Day and New Years Eve

## FINANCES

Our treasurer, Robert Kirst, was able to pay off our loan this week.

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Ex. 13:1-3a, 11-15

Psalm 111

Col. 3:12-17

Luke 2:22-40

## CALL NEWS

Pastor Del Maas of Gift of God Lutheran Church, Mapleton, ND and St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ponsford, MN has received the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School, Mountain View, CA.

Pastor George Dummann of Salem Lutheran Church, Eagle Lake, MN has received the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

## Worksheet - Micah 5:2-5

What trouble was Israel facing?

What hope does Micah give them?

Why does God name the very village form which the Christ would come?

What two impossible things does Micah prophesy?

Who is "she who is in labor?"

Who are the "rest of his brothers?"

How will the Christ accomplish these things?

What power will he use to do these things?



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