

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH



LIGHT

In thy LIGHT shall
we see LIGHT.

PSALM 36:9, KJV

DECEMBER 28, 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 28th, 2025

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Speaker:

Pastor Matthew Ude

Organist:

Vanessa Meyer

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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 111

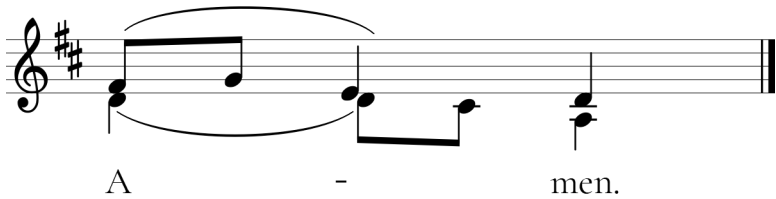
Praise the LORD! I will praise the LORD with *my* whole heart, In the assembly of the upright and *in* the congregation. ² The works of the LORD *are* great, Studied by all who have pleasure in them. ³ His work *is* honorable and glorious, And His righteousness endures forever. ⁴ He has made His wonderful works to be remembered; The LORD *is* gracious and full of compassion. ⁵ He has given food to those who fear Him; He will ever be mindful of His covenant. ⁶ He has declared to His people the power of His works, In giving them the heritage of the nations. ⁷ The works of His hands *are* verity and justice; All His precepts *are* sure. ⁸ They stand fast forever and ever, *And are* done in truth and uprightness. ⁹ He has sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever: Holy and awesome *is* His name. ¹⁰ The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do *His commandments*. His praise endures forever.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

#102 Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful

INVOCATION

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

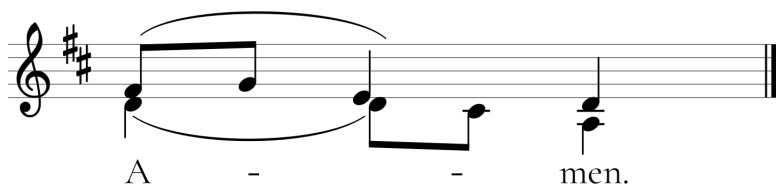


CONFESSION OF SINS

p We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

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.





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

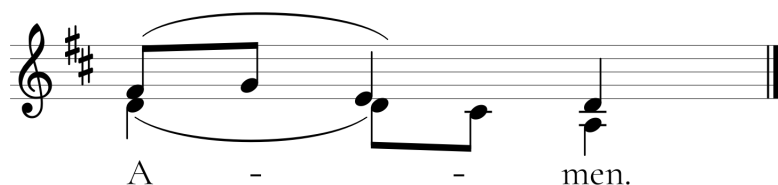


You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al-
God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won, Re - ceive our
Spir - it worshiped and a - dored, With all the



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 . . . O God, our Maker and Redeemer,
You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation
of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our hu-
man nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in
Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus
Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



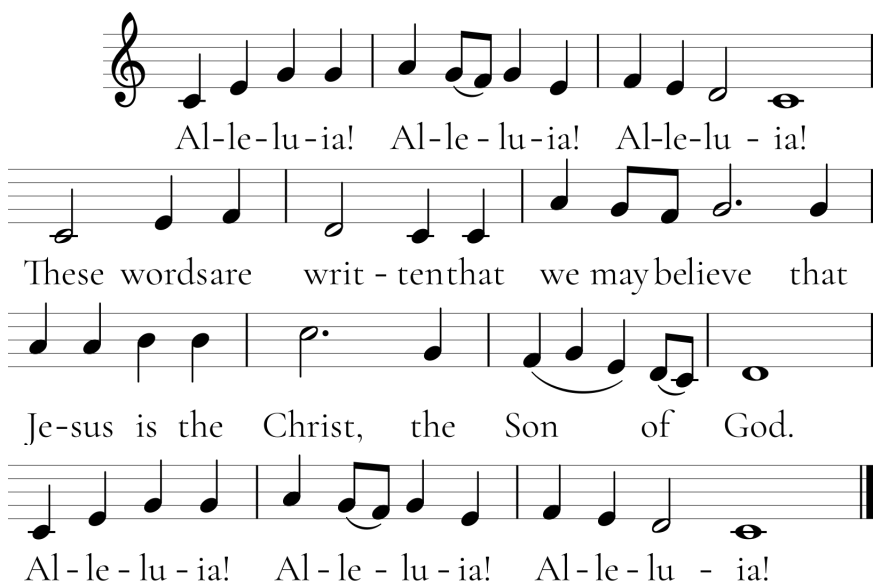
THE WORD

Galatians 4:4-7 ⁴ But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" ⁷ Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Matthew 2:13-23 ¹³ Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him." ¹⁴ When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, ¹⁵ and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son." ¹⁶ Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men. ¹⁷ Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying: ¹⁸ "A voice was heard in Ramah, Lamentation, weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping *for* her children, Refusing to be comforted, Because they are no more." ¹⁹ But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰ saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child's life are dead." ²¹ Then he

arose, took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea instead of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being warned by God in a dream, he turned aside into the region of Galilee. ²³ And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

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 writ - ten 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 NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one

Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

#715 Where Shepherds Lately Knelt

SERMON

Isaiah 7:10-14 ¹⁰ Moreover the LORD spoke again to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹ "Ask a sign for yourself from the LORD your God; ask it either in the depth or in the height above." ¹² But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, nor will I test the LORD!" ¹³ Then he said, "Hear now, O house of David! *Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will you weary my God also?* ¹⁴ "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

FAITHFUL



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.

#712 What Child Is This

Offering Hymn #788:1

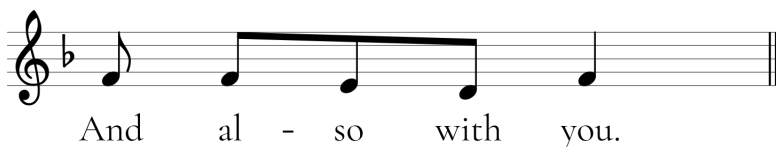
Lord, You love the cheerful giver who with open heart and hand, blesses freely, as a river that refreshes all the land. Grant us, then, the grace of giving with a spirit large and true that our life and all our living we may consecrate to You.

PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

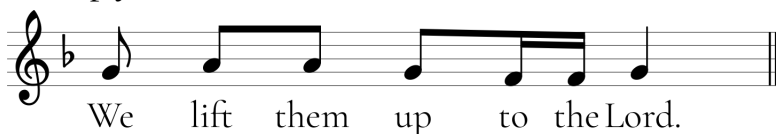
all Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

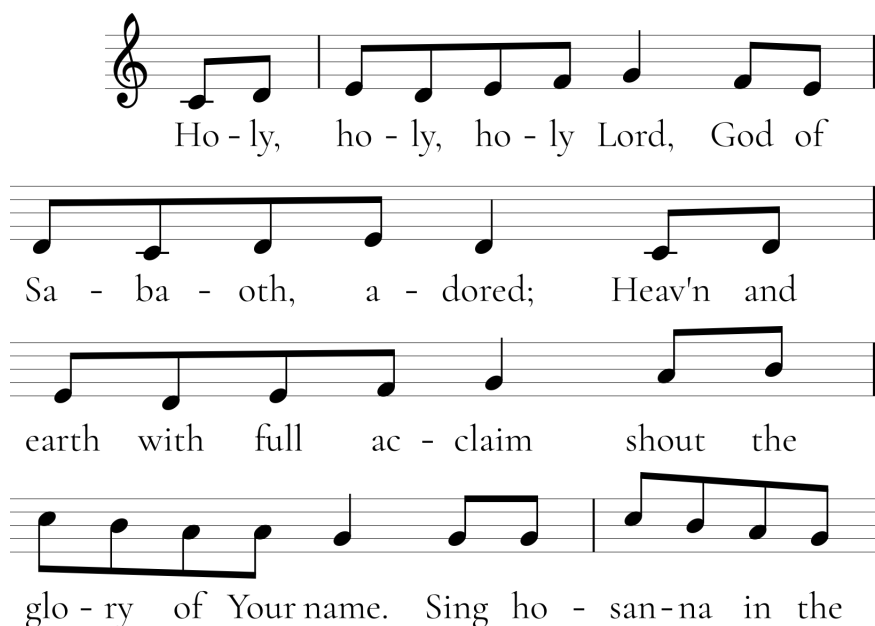
p The Lord be with you.



p Lift up your hearts.



p It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, for in the wonder and mystery of his birth you have opened our eyes to the glory of your grace and renewed in our hearts the fervor of your love. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

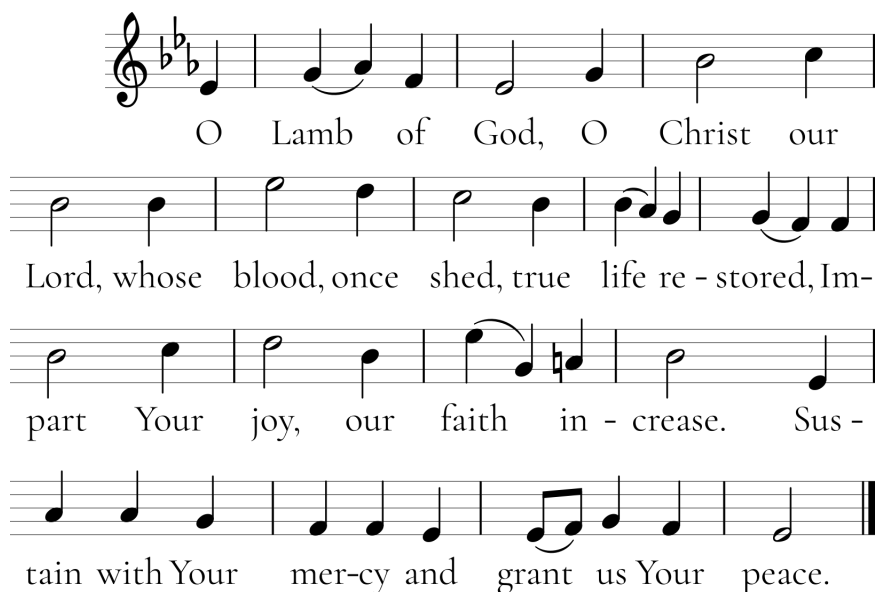




p Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



THE DISTRIBUTION

Prayers for before and after communion are available on page 118 of your hymnal. We ask that only members of the CLC come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.

Distribution Hymn 315





glo-ry Of Your re-deeming grace: A light to lead the
Spir-it, For - ev - er Three-in - One; For as in the be-



Gen - tiles Un - to Your ho - ly hill, The
gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er be, God's



glo-ry of Your peo-ple, Your chosen Is-ra - el.
tri-u-ne name re - sounding Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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.

#709 God Loves Me Dearly

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

9 am Communion Service

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

7 pm New Year's Eve Service with
Communion

8 pm New Year's Eve party

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

9am Worship Service

FRUITS OF FAITH

General Fund- \$ 4579

Missions - \$ 105

Sunday Service – 103

Wednesday Service - 34

Building Fund – In memory of
Lyndie Pamenter -\$150

Building Fund - \$ 75

ILC Improvement - \$50

Christmas Eve Service – 186

School Fund -\$50 in memory of
Thomas Denson

School Fund - \$ 200

USHERS FOR DECEMBER

BJ Lillo, Mike Dumke,
Jeremy Golz, Parker Kohn

USHERS FOR JANUARY

Russ Brown, Jim Brown,
Al Henke, Spencer Henke

COUNTER

This Week Team # 1

Dale Muehlenhaupt,
Fred Whitehouse

Next Week Team # 2

Dennis Jones, Jeff Jones

POINSETTIAS

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

UPCOMING

Dec 31 – 7pm New Years Eve

Dec 31 – New Year's Eve Party

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Cards and games after our New
Year's Eve service. Everyone is wel-
come. Bring snacks to share if you
like.

BASKETBALL GAMES

1/9 @ 4:30 – away at Peace Lutheran
Green Lake

1/30 @ 5:00 – away at Christ Alone
Princeton

2/12 @ 3:30 – home game

3/7 Round Robin, more info soon

GAME NIGHTS

January 16 – Bingo / Potluck

February 20 – Open Gym / Games /
Potluck

March 27 – Bingo / Potluck

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1 Kings 3:4-15

Psalms 119:97-104

Eph. 1:3-14

Luke 2:40-52



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