FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Blessed are those who trust in

the

whose trust is the LORD.

JEREMIAH 17:7, NRSV

FEBRUARY 16, 2025

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

February 16th, 2025 Liturgy: Setting Two, WS page 12

Speaker:

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Organist:

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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 1

Christians Live by Faith in Christ

"Cursed is the man who trusts in man," for all the strength of his flesh is like the grass that fades away (Jer. 17:5) for now, but he "shall mourn and weep" in the judgment (Luke 6:24–25). But "the man who trusts in the LORD" is blessed with all that he needs, "like a tree planted by water." When heat comes, he survives (Jer. 17:7–8). For the Lord has come in the flesh to heal the people of all their diseases, to cleanse their spirits with forgiveness, and to preach the Gospel of the kingdom of God to the poor (Luke 6:18–20). As all of this is by way of His cross, it is solely by faith in the promise of His resurrection that Christians "rejoice" and "leap for joy" (Luke 6:21–23). "If Christ has not been raised," our faith is in vain and we are most to be pitied (1 Cor. 15:14–19). But, in fact, just as "Christ died for our sins," so has He also "been raised from the dead" (1 Cor. 15:3, 20).

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

#16 Blessed Jesus, at thy Word

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.

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- 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.
- 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.





Let us pray ... Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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THE WORD

Jeremiah 17:5-8 ⁵ Thus says the LORD: "Cursed *is* the man who trusts in man And makes flesh his strength, Whose heart departs from the LORD. ⁶ For he shall be like a shrub in the desert, And shall not see when good comes, But shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, *In* a salt land *which is* not inhabited. ⁷ "Blessed *is* the man who trusts in the LORD, And whose hope is the LORD. ⁸ For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, Which spreads out its roots by the river, And will not fear¹ when heat comes; But its leaf will be green, And will not be anxious in the year of drought, Nor will cease from yielding fruit.

I Corinthians 15:12-20 ¹² Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. ¹⁴ And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty. ¹⁵ Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up-if in fact the dead do not rise. ¹⁶ For if *the* dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. ¹⁷ And if Christ is not risen, your faith *is* futile; you are still in your sins! ¹⁸ Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable. ²⁰ But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

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.

#391 Blessed Are The Sons of God

SERMON

Luke 6:17-26 ¹⁷ And He came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases, ¹⁸ as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed. ¹⁹ And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed *them* all. ²⁰ Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said: "Blessed *are you* poor, For yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹ Blessed *are you* who hunger now, For you shall be filled. Blessed *are you* who weep now, For you shall laugh. ²² Blessed are you when men hate you, And when they exclude you, And revile *you*, and cast out your name as evil, For the Son of Man's sake. ²³ Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward *is* great in heaven, For in like manner their fathers did to the prophets. ²⁴ "But woe to you who are rich, For you have received your consolation. ²⁵ Woe to you who are full, For you shall hunger. Woe to you who laugh now, For you shall mourn and weep. ²⁶ Woe to you¹ when all² men speak well of you, For so did their fathers to the false prophets.

You Are Blessed

Spiritual Riches - Gracious Promises - Free Gifts (worksheet bottom of page 15)



Offering Hymn #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

#428 I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

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.



#52 Almighty Father, Bless the Word

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 16

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

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 19

3:45 Confirmation

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 21

3:30 Basketball

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23

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

FRUITS OF FAITH

General Fund- \$4467 Missions - \$ 893 Sunday Service - 84 Bible Class - 13 Sunday School - 9

USHERS FOR FEBRUARY

Gary Brown, Andy Kohn, Tim Gabrielski, David Draeger

COUNTERS

This Week Team # 3 Randy Strelow, Robert Schmidt **Next Week Team # 4** Robbin Whitehouse, Dale Muehlenhaupt

JANUARY MEETING NOTES

Available on the shelf

STUDENT DINNER

The Faith students in grades 3-8 are preparing and hosting a dinner on Wednesday, February 26th from 5-630. The students in grades K-2 will be performing a short skit during the dinner as well. Please RSVP before 2/21 by texting Rebecca or Jessica. Their numbers are on the back of the bulletin.

ROUND ROBIN HELP

March 8th is the Round Robin. Anyone willing to help with refereeing, scoreboard, etc., please reach out to Ryan Krueger.

YEAR END FINANCIAL REPORTS

Are done and are available in your boxes. If there are any questions, contact Sue Klawitter 920-295-3853.

COFFEE MUG

There has been a coffee mug on the table in the hallway for several weeks, if it is not claimed in the next couple of weeks it will go to the thrift store.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Gen. 45:3–15 Psalm 103:1–13 1 Cor. 15:21–26, 30–42 Luke 6:27–38

CALL NEWS

Sam Naumann of Eau Claire, WI, has received the call to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Loveland, CO.

Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, West Columbia, SC, has received the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School, Mountain View, CA.

Teacher Mikkela Schmitt of St. Stephen Lutheran School, Mountain View, CA, has accepted the call to Trinity Lutheran School, Watertown, SD.

Teacher Cathy Augustin of Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN, has announced her retirement at the end of the current school year.

Pastor Cory Drehle of Berea Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, SD, has received the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

Pastor Paul Nolting of Grace Lutheran Church, Valentine, NE, Peace Lutheran Church, Mission, SD, and St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, White River, SD, has announced his retirement effective Summer 2025.

Pastor George Dummann of Salem Lutheran Church, Eagle Lake, MN, has received the call to Faith Lutheran Church, New Ulm, MN to serve as their pastor along with his current call.

SERMON WORKSHEET

LUKE 6:17-26

List the three mistaken views we might have of the beatitudes. Under each wrong view describe the correct way of understanding them.

What is the one gift that makes all the beatitudes possible?



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