

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Benediction

Closing Hymn ..... "Joy to the World" ..... LBW #39

### **What Does This Mean?**

1. Why might it be important to "keep Christianity weird"?
2. What was seriously weird about God's call to Joseph?
3. How is the Christmas Gospel inherently weird?
4. What makes the weirdness of Christianity truly wonderful?

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# **Faith Lutheran (LCMC)**

**Hutchinson, MN**

**8:00 First Word Service**

**December 21, 2025**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**



Prelude

Greeting/Announcements

Hymn .....“Savior of the Nations, Come” ..... LBW #28

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness ..... LBW pg. 77

Prayer of the Day

**Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the hindrance of our sins and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

Advent 4 - The Angel Candle Lighting

Prayer: **God of Glory, as we light the Angels candle on the Advent wreath, guide and direct us to share the Good News of Jesus’ birth with a world that is covered in darkness. Let his light shine through all who believe, that hope and joy would replace darkness and pain. In Jesus’ holy name we pray. Amen.**

Song ..... “From Heaven Above” ..... LBW #51, sts. 13-14

First Lesson ..... Isaiah 7:10-17

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson ..... Romans 1:1-7

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Faith Seeds ..... Austin Willhite

Faith Seeds is a time for children of all ages to come forward for a lesson geared to them.

The Gospel Acclamation

**“Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.”**

The Announcement of the Gospel ..... **“Glory to You, O Lord”**

Gospel ..... Matthew 1:18-25

Response after the Gospel ..... “Praise to You, O Christ”

Sermon ..... “Wonderfully Weird” ..... Pastor Scott Grorud

Hymn ..... “A Song for Joseph” (Tune: LBW #67)

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Offering/Special Music .... “Do You Have Room” ..... Mona Hjerpe

Offertory Response

**“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise him, all creatures here below;**

**Praise him above, ye heav’nly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**