

Faith Lutheran (LCMC)

Hutchinson, MN

8:00 a.m. First Word Service

February 1, 2026

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

What Does This Mean?

1. How is the foolishness of the cross a stumbling block for the world?
2. Why/how does God use “weak centers”?
3. How do the Beatitudes reflect the foolishness of the cross and the power of weak centers?



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Prelude/Special Music ..... "Give Me Jesus" ..... Ringers of Faith  
Greeting/Announcements

Hymn ..... "O God of Mercy, God of Light" .....LBW #425

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

Prayer of the Day

**O God, you know that we cannot withstand the dangers which surround us. Strengthen us in body and spirit so that, with your help, we may be able to overcome the weakness that our sin has brought upon us; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.**

First Reading ..... Micah 6:1-8  
L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading ..... I Corinthians 1:18-31  
L: The Word of the Lord.

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Faith Seeds ..... Faith Lutheran Puppets  
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 5:1-12

Response after the Gospel ..... **"Praise to You, O Christ"**

Sermon ..... "Weak Centers" ..... Pastor Dave Wollan

Hymn ..... "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" ..... LBW #294

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.**

Offering/Special Music ..... "Kum Ba Yah" ..... Ringers of Faith

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.**

LBW #565 Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711 Tune: Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-1561

Prayers of the Church

The Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

The Distribution ..... "Lamb of God" ..... LBW pg. 92

Communion ..... LBW #316, 551, & WOV #776

Benediction

Closing Hymn ... "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve" ... WOV #723