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**JANUARY 4, 2026**



**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

## WE BELIEVE GOD'S WORD... ON THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those Baptized Christians who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

### SERVING THIS MONTH AT FAITH

	1/4/2026	1/11/2026	1/18/2026	1/25/2026
Musicians	Vaunda Noerenberg Reid Stevens	Vaunda Noerenberg Reid Stevens	Vaunda Noerenberg Reid Stevens	Vaunda Noerenberg Reid Stevens
Elders	Tim Lambert Jon Cain	Bill Smith Steve Buchtrup	Glenn Jones Peter Amelingmeier	Russ Couch Ward Irvin
Readers	Brennan Lambert	Karen Cerny	Greg Schaag	David Barnett
Ushers				
Acolytes	Ryan Cain Alex Bradshaw	Adam Cain Silas Daugherty	Andrew Linsey Jeremiah Bass	Eli Bradshaw Ryan Cain

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### OUR DISCIPLESHIP

	1/4/2026	1/11/2026	1/18/2026	1/25/2026
Worship				
9:30 am				
Sunday School				
Monthly Budget	\$59,300	\$59,300	\$59,300	\$59,300
Weekly Giving	\$	\$	\$	\$
On-Line Giving	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Giving MTD	\$	\$	\$	\$

## ATTENDANCE AND PRAYER CARDS

Members and Guests, please sign the attendance card located in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate during the collection. Guests, please print your address and telephone number on this card so we can connect with you. Members, please indicate any updates to your contact information. If you have a prayer request, use the prayer request card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or hand it to the pastor. Prayer requests marked "confidential" will not appear in the list of prayers in the bulletin.

## ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TODAY

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

## PRESERVICE PRAISE

## WELCOME

**OPENING HYMN** (*Stand*)                      Once In a Royal David's City                      *LSB 376 sts 1, 3-4*

♪ 1. Once in royal David's city Stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby In a manger for His bed:  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

3. For He is our childhood's pattern, Day by day like us He grew;  
He was little, weak, and helpless, Tears and smiles like us He knew;  
And He feels for all our sadness, And He shares in all our gladness.

4. And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His own redeeming love;  
For that child so dear and gentle Is our Lord in heav'n above;  
And He leads His children on To the place where He is gone.

## INVOCATION AND CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**who made heaven and earth.**

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*(Please take a moment of silence)*

O almighty God, merciful Father,

**I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my

Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## INTROIT

Psalm 147:1, 5, 11-12; antiphon: John 1:14



The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his | glory,\*  
glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of | grace and truth.

**Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises | to our God;\***  
**for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is | fitting.**

Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in power;\*  
his understanding is beyond | measure.

**But the Lord takes pleasure in those who | fear him,\***  
**in those who hope in his | steadfast love.**

Praise the Lord, O Je- | rusalem!\*

Praise your God, O | Zion!

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his | glory,\*  
glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of | grace and truth.

## KYRIE

LSB 186



**☩** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

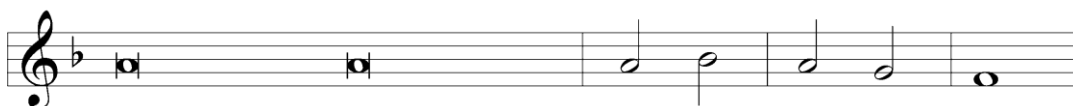
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**☩** Glory be to God on high: **☩** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## OLD TESTAMENT READING *(Sit)*

1 Kings 3:4-15

The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days." And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL

Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1a



To us a child is born, to us a son is | given;\*

and the government shall be upon his | shoulder.

**And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, | Mighty God,\***

**Everlasting Father, | Prince of Peace.**

Sing to the Lord a | new song,\*

for he has done | marvelous things!

## EPISTLE

Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

## ALLELUIA *(Stand)*

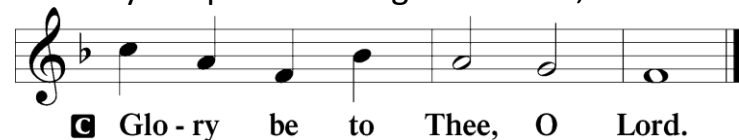
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## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:40-52

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.



The child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (*Sit*)

### NICENE CREED (*Stand*)

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 the 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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

## HYMN OF THE DAY

Within The Father's House

LSB 410 sts 1-4

- ♪ 1. Within the Father's house The Son has found His home,  
And to His temple suddenly The Lord of life has come.
2. The doctors of the Law Gaze on the wondrous child  
And marvel at His gracious words Of wisdom undefiled.
3. Yet not to them is giv'n The mighty truth to know,  
To lift the earthly veil that hides Incarnate God below.
4. The secret of the Lord Escapes each human eye,  
And faithful pond'ring hearts await The full epiphany.

## SERMON

A Prayer for Wisdom

Pastor Shaun Daugherty

## OFFERTORY

LSB 192





new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

## COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS *(Sit)*

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. *(A time of silence for personal prayer.)* After Each Petition...  
 Lord in your Mercy, **hear our prayer.**

### PREFACE *(Stand)*

LSB 194

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spir - it.  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.  
**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.  
**C** It is meet and right so to do.

It is truly meet, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS

LSB 195



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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 WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### PAX DOMINI

LSB 197



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

## AGNUS DEI

LSB 198

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*(Please take a moment and share the Peace of the Lord with those around you)*

*(Guests desiring the Lord's Supper: Please read the statement on the inside cover of the bulletin)*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Of The Father's Love Begotten

LSB 384

♩ 1. Of the Father's love begotten Ere the worlds began to be,  
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He,  
Of the things that are, that have been, And that future years shall see  
Evermore and evermore.

2. Oh, that birth forever blessèd, When the virgin, full of grace,  
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, Bore the Savior of our race,  
And the babe, the world's Redeemer, First revealed His sacred face  
Evermore and evermore.

3. This is He whom seers in old time Chanted of with one accord,  
Whom the voices of the prophets Promised in their faithful word.  
Now He shines, the long-expected; Let creation praise its Lord  
Evermore and evermore.

4. O ye heights of heav'n, adore Him; Angel hosts, His praises sing.  
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before Him And extol our God and King.  
Let no tongue on earth be silent, Ev'ry voice in concert ring  
Evermore and evermore.

♪ 1. Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory Fills my heart with joy and love,  
Teach me ever to adore Thee; May I still Thy goodness prove.

2. Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I've come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand'ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.

3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace now like a fetter Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

4. Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;  
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen, How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry; Take my ransom'd soul away;  
Send Thine angels soon to carry Me to realms of endless day.

♪ 1. O Morning Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's own truth and light,  
Aglow with grace and mercy! Of Jacob's race, King David's son,  
Our Lord and master, You have won Our hearts to serve You only!  
Lowly, holy! Great and glorious, All victorious, Rich in blessing!  
Rule and might o'er all possessing!

4. Almighty Father, in Your Son You loved us when not yet begun  
Was this old earth's foundation! Your Son has ransomed us in love  
To live in Him here and above: This is Your great salvation.  
Alleluia! Christ the living, To us giving Life forever,  
Keeps us Yours and fails us never!

5. O let the harps break forth in sound! Our joy be all with music crowned,  
Our voices gladly blending! For Christ goes with us all the way—  
Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day! His love is never ending! Sing out! Ring out!  
Jubilation! Exultation! Tell the story!  
Great is He, the King of Glory!

**DISMISSAL** (*Stand*)

## NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 199

**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-  
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## THANKSGIVING

LSB 200

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

## SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

LSB 202



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



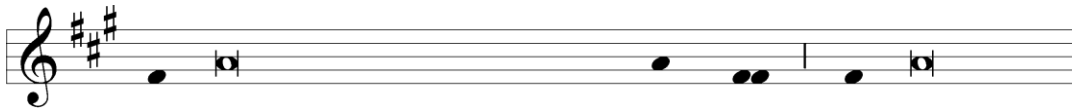
**A** Bless we the Lord.



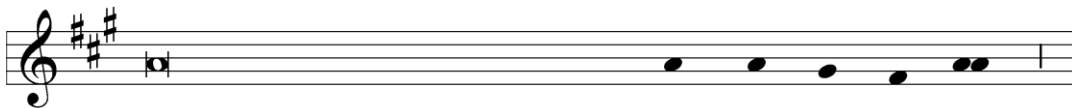
**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

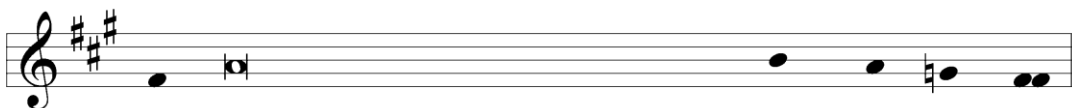
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**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## SENDING HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory

LSB 850

♪ 1. God of grace and God of glory, On Your people pour Your pow'r;  
Crown Your ancient Church's story; Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.

**2. Lo, the hosts of evil round us Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the living of these days,  
For the living of these days.**

**3. Cure Your children's warring madness; Bend our pride to Your control;  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal,  
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.**

**4. Save us from weak resignation To the evils we deplore;  
Let the gift of Your salvation Be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
Serving You whom we adore, Serving You whom we adore.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SENDING**

(See announcements on the back of bulletin)

### **SENDING**

Go in peace to serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## WE PRAY FOR:

Brittain Rebuck and her husband Josh  
GanneElyse Amelingmeier  
Katie and Ivy Ross (friend of Hamiltons)  
Patrick Burkeen (Son of John & Barb Savkovich)  
Darrel Weers & Becky  
Maggie (Sister of Christian Henshaw)  
Christi (Friend of Rachel Parm)  
Jackie Jones  
Henry Gaines  
Pam Patterson  
Tammy Lautenschlager  
Debbie Schellman  
Grandparents of Abigail Parm  
Enrollment of 104+ students at FLS for 2026-27  
God's provision as we seek to reduce our debt in 2026  
Godly wisdom and vision for the future of Faith Lutheran Church and School

Eric McDaniel  
Judy Gladden  
Thankful for Loretta Englehardt 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
Cameron  
Jacob, wife and children  
Bob & Ileen Nehrt  
Katie Crumpton  
Joan Theisen (Aunt of Chris Bradshaw)  
Joyce Mbeyella's home country of Tanzania  
Byron Pietro  
Rob Schweiger  
Family of Richard Porter (friend of Daugherty's)  
Ayden Digman (friend of Daugherty's)  
Ellery, daughter of Carly and Micah Scherbarth  
Melissa & children mourning loss of husband (friend of Bradshaw family)  
Prayers of Thanksgiving for Elsie Guenther's niece Melinda, Lung transplant was successful

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## THIS WEEK AT FAITH:

Mon.	Jan 5	<b>No School/KC open</b>	8:30am
Tues.	Jan 6	<b>K-4th Chapel - Matins</b>	8:30am
Wed.	Jan 7	<b>All School Chapel</b>	9:00am
		<b>Prayer Service</b>	5:00pm
		<b>Choir</b>	7:00pm
Thurs.	Jan 8	<b>K-4th Chapel – Matins</b>	8:30am
Fri.	Jan 9	<b>K-4th Chapel - Hymn Sing</b>	8:30am
Sat.	Jan 10		
Sun.	Jan 11	<b>Bible Studies</b>	8:15am
		<b>Worship</b>	9:30am
		<b>Come, Follow Me (Week 19)</b>	10:50am

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS for 2026 (Tentative Schedule):** All Meetings will take place following the Sunday worship service-- Jan 25 - Elections; Mar 15 - State of the Parish; April 26 - Budget; Aug 30 - Nominating Committee; Nov 15 - Elections.

**FLS OPEN HOUSE will be January 28.** We are targeting an enrollment of 104 students for 2026-2027. We need your help to spread the word so we can CONNECT students and families to JESUS in the coming year. If you're on Facebook or other social media, please like and share the open house posting.

**Faith School Prayers** - School Prayers will be starting soon! The School Prayers group will meet each second Tuesday of the month at 8:40 am in the meeting conference room. The first day is January 13th at 8:40 am for our prayers and which classrooms we visit that morning. Additional dates are: February 10th, March 10th, April 14<sup>th</sup>, May 12th. Call or text Norma Palmer (256-653-8349) for more information.

**AFTER WORSHIP:** Join us as we discuss our Come, Follow Me devotional from the past week.