

*For the message of the cross is
foolishness to those who are
perishing, but to us who are being
saved it is the **POWER** of God.*



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 2ND, 2020

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

February 2nd, 2020

Liturgy: Setting Two, WS page 12

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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 27:1-9

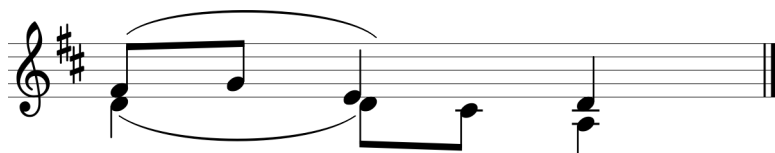
The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be
afraid? ² When the wicked came against me To eat up my
flesh, My enemies and foes, They stumbled and fell. ³
Though an army may encamp against me, My heart shall not
fear; Though war should rise against me, In this I *will be* con-
fident. ⁴ One *thing* I have desired of the LORD, That will I
seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the
days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, And to
inquire in His temple. ⁵ For in the time of trouble He shall
hide me in His pavilion; In the secret place of His tabernacle
He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock. ⁶ And
now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around
me; Therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle; I
will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD. ⁷ Hear, O
LORD, *when* I cry with my voice! Have mercy also upon me,
and answer me. ⁸ *When You said*, "Seek My face," My heart
said to You, "Your face, LORD, I will seek." ⁹ Do not hide
Your face from me; Do not turn Your servant away in anger;
You have been my help; Do not leave me nor forsake me, O
God of my salvation.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Hymn 400 Take My Life and Let It Be

INVOCATION

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



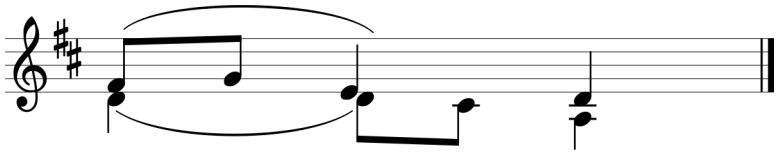
c A - men.

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.



c A - men.



c Lord, have, mer - cy on us.



Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.



c
 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.

THE WORD

Isaiah 9:1-4 Nevertheless the gloom *will* not *be* upon her who is distressed, As when at first He lightly esteemed The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, And afterward more heavily oppressed *her*, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, In Galilee of the Gentiles. ² The people who walked in darkness Have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, Upon them a light has shined. ³ You have multiplied the nation *And* increased its joy; They rejoice before You According to the joy of harvest, As *men* rejoice when they divide the spoil. ⁴ For You have broken the yoke of his burden And the staff of his shoulder, The rod of his oppressor, As in the day of Midian.

Matthew 4:12-25 ¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee. ¹³ And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: ¹⁵ "The land of Zebulun and the land of


Naphtali, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: ¹⁶ The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned." ¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." ¹⁸ And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." ²⁰ They immediately left *their* nets and followed Him. ²¹ Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James *the son* of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them, ²² and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. ²³ And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people. ²⁴ Then His fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them. ²⁵ Great multitudes followed Him-- from

Galilee, and *from* Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan.


p Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!



c 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 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.

Children's Choir: Open My Heart With Your Spirit

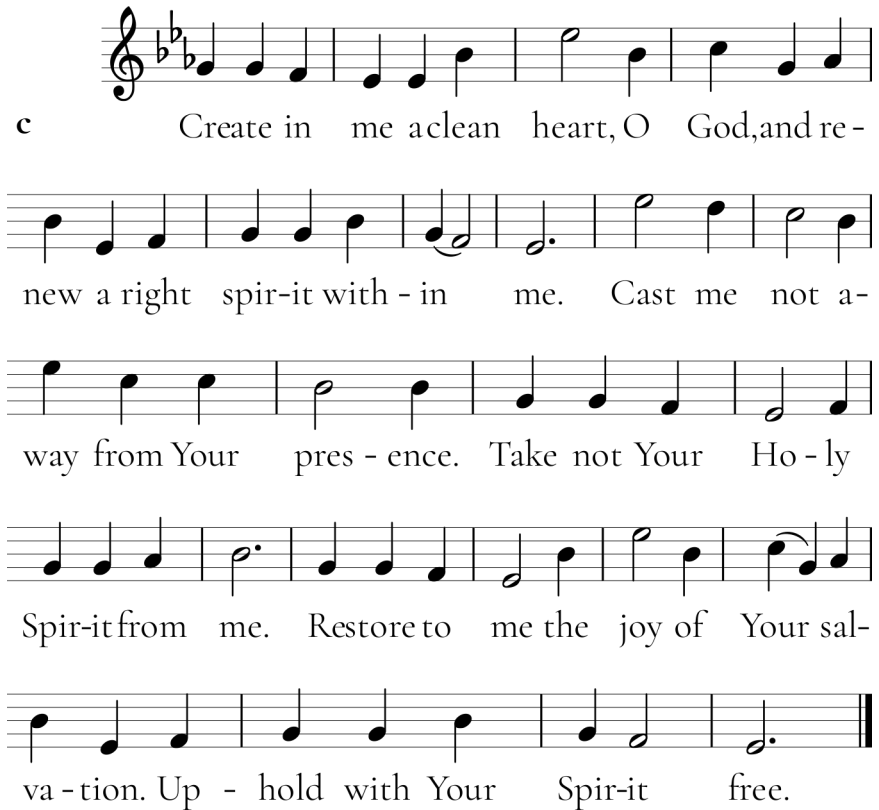
SERMON

1 Corinthians 1:10-18 ¹⁰ Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and *that* there be no divisions among you, but *that* you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. ¹¹ For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's *household*, that there are contentions among you. ¹² Now I say this, that each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ." ¹³ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ lest anyone should say that I had baptized in my own name. ¹⁶ Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides, I do not know whether I baptized any other. ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect. ¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

THE WISDOM OF MAN DIVIDES, THE CROSS OF CHRIST UNITES

We have two words in our text today: skismata which means to tear, rend, or divide and katertizo which means to mend, fix, or make perfect.

Paul pleads with us to lay aside the wisdom of man which divides and rejoice instead in the foolishness of the cross of Christ which through the forgiveness of sins makes whole that that which man has torn apart.



c 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.

Hymn 428 I Am Trusting Thee Lord Jesus (MFH 94)

OFFERING AND OFFERING HYMN: 572 VS. 2



As Thy prospering hand hath blest, May we
give Thee of our best And by deeds of kindly love
For Thy mercies grateful prove, Sing-ing thus through
all our days Praise to God, im - mor - tal praise.

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.

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.



c A - men. A - men. A - men.

Hymn 409 Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK

Sunday 2/2

9am Worship Service
10am Sunday School
10am Choir Practice
10:15am Call Meeting

Tuesday 2/4

7pm School Board

Wednesday 2/5

4pm Confirmation Class
5pm Faith Alive
5:15pm Bible Class

Sunday 2/9

9am Worship Service
10am Sunday School
10am Choir Practice
10:15am Bible Class
4pm Family Game Night

FRUITS OF FAITH

Attendance - 85
General: \$ 2937.00
Missions: \$ 735.00
Building Fund- \$25.00

ENVELOPE COMMITTEE

This Week: Team # 1

Steve Meilahn, Dean Bremer

Next Week: Team # 2

Dennis Jones, Jeff Jones

FEBRUARY USHERS

Jim Brown, Matt Dumke,
Archie Quade, Gary Quade

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Sunday February 9th, is game night in the gym / lunch room. The fun starts at 4pm. Bring a pizza and a side dish to share.

A PEOPLE OF HOPE

Mike Schierenbeck donated a book of his sermons to the library of Faith.

ARK VISIT

The faith alive group is planning to rent a bus to visit the Ark the last weekend in March. If you are interested there is more information and a sign up sheet on the table in the hallway.

E-GIVING

You can now donate to Faith Lutheran Church Markesan WI, electronically. You can do this with an app on your phone or on our website. More information is available on the table in the hallway.

NEW BOOKS

New books were purchased for the church library and will be on display over the next few months. Feel free to take a look.

TAX RECEIPT

Please check your mailbox. Your end of the year tax receipt is there. If you have any questions regarding your receipt, feel free to call Sue Klawitter at 920-295-3853

SCHOOL CLEANING

More help is needed cleaning the school. We are looking for someone to clean once or twice a month. It takes about 5 -6 hours and the pay is \$12 an hour. Contact Pastor Ude or Marsha Brown if interested.

CALL NEWS

Mr. Caleb Noeldner returned the call to Faith, Markesan, WI to be their principal/upper grade teacher.

ANNUAL REPORT

Annual report including summary of the Voter's meeting is available on the table in the hallway.



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Any further questions please ask John Bobek or Pastor Ude



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