



December 6th, 2020

Faith Lutheran Church

WELCOME

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TODAY'S SERVICE

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Liturgy: Service of the Word, WS page 22

Speaker:

Pastor Matthew Ude

Organist:

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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 85

LORD, You have been favorable to Your land; You have brought back the captivity of Jacob. ² You have forgiven the iniquity of Your people; You have covered all their sin. Selah ³ You have taken away all Your wrath; You have turned from the fierceness of Your anger. ⁴ Restore us, O God of our salvation, And cause Your anger toward us to cease. ⁵ Will You be angry with us forever? Will You prolong Your anger to all generations? ⁶ Will You not revive us again, That Your people may rejoice in You? ⁷ Show us Your mercy, LORD, And grant us Your salvation. ⁸ I will hear what God the LORD will speak, For He will speak peace To His people and to His saints; But let them not turn back to folly. ⁹ Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, That glory may dwell in our land. ¹⁰ Mercy and truth have met together; Righteousness and peace have kissed. ¹¹ Truth shall spring out of the earth, And righteousness shall look down from heaven. ¹² Yes, the LORD will give *what is good*; And our land will yield its increase. ¹³ Righteousness will go before Him, And shall make His footsteps *our* pathway.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

#706 - Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Adapter: John W. Work

Refrain:

Go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and ev'rywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!

1 While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light. [Refrain]

2 The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo, above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth. [Refrain]

3 Down in a lonely manger
The humble Christ was born;
And God set us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn. [Refrain]

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION OF SINS

p God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

c **If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His son cleanses us from all sin.**

p If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

c **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

p Let us confess our sins to God.

all Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen

p Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

c **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen**

p Let us pray . . . Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

THE WORD

Isaiah 40:1-11 "Comfort, yes, comfort My people!" Says your God. ² "Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her, That her warfare is ended, That her iniquity is pardoned; For she has received from the LORD'S hand Double for all her sins." ³ The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the LORD; Make straight in the desert A highway for our God. ⁴ Every valley shall be exalted And every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight And the rough places smooth; ⁵ The glory of the LORD shall be revealed, And all flesh shall see *it* together; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken." ⁶ The voice said, "Cry out!" And he said, "What shall I cry?" "All flesh is grass, And all its loveliness is like the flower of the field. ⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades, Because the breath of the LORD blows upon it; Surely the people *are* grass. ⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever." ⁹ O Zion, You who bring good tidings, Get up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, You who bring good tidings, Lift up your voice with strength, Lift *it* up, be not afraid;

Say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" ¹⁰ Behold, the Lord GOD shall come with a strong *hand*, And His arm shall rule for Him; Behold, His reward *is* with Him, And His work before Him. ¹¹ He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, And carry *them* in His bosom, *And* gently lead those who are with young.

2 Peter 3:8-14 ⁸ But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day *is* as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹ The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is long-suffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. ¹¹ Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, ¹² looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and

the elements will melt with fervent heat? ¹³ Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. ¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless;

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.

"Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel"

by unknown author, c. 1100 (MFH p. 42)

1. Oh, come, Oh, come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

**Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

2 O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
Who ord'rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go. [Refrain]

3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the Law
In cloud and majesty and awe. [Refrain]

SERMON

Mark 1:1-8 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ² As it is written in the Prophets: "Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You." ³ "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight.'" ⁴ John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. ⁵ Then all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And he preached, saying, "There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. ⁸ "I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

THE GIFT HE BRINGS

(sermon worksheet on page 16)

PRAYER 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.

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains,
Refrain:

Gloria in excelsis Deo

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Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heav'nly song? [Refrain]

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing:
Come adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. [Refrain]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, December 6

8:30 am Worship Service
9:30 am Christmas Eve Practice
9:30 am Bible Class
10:30 am Worship Service

Tuesday December 8

7pm Elders Meeting
7:30pm Council Meeting

Wednesday December 9

7 pm Advent Service

Sunday, December 13

8:30 am Worship Service
9:30 am Christmas Eve Practice
9:30 am Bible Class
10:30 am Worship Service

FRUITS OF FAITH

General \$ 3255.00
Missions \$ 380.00

UPCOMING

December 9- 7 pm Advent Service
December 24- 6:30 pm Christmas
Eve Program
December 24 - 8:15 pm Christmas
Eve Song Service
December 25- 10 am Christmas Day
Service
December 31 - 7 pm New Year's Eve
Service

USHERS FOR DECEMBER,

SUNDAYS AND CHRISTMAS EVE :

Russ Brown, Mike Dumke,
Adam Frederick, Blaine Kempenaar

ADVENT, CHRISTMAS DAY,

NEW YEAR'S DAY:

Bob McElroy, Kent Quade,
Randy Strelow, Geoffrey Ward

ATTENDANCE

Sunday Service -40

Second Service - 19

COUNTERS

This Week: Team # 5

David Draeger, Wayne Draeger

Next Week: Team #6

Ronald Kearley, Keith Dickerson

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP

Church Cleaning, if you are able to help clean the church every once in a while please talk to Marsha Brown.

Video Streaming, it would be helpful to have someone manning the video station during church. It's very easy to do, just about anyone can help with this. Talk to pastor if you are interested.

CHRISTMAS EVE SONG SERVICE

There is quite a lot of interest in the Christmas eve song service. If you are thinking about coming please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board so that we can have a estimate how many might be coming.

CALL NEWS

Pastor Michael Gurath, Holy Cross, Phoenix, AZ has returned the call to Redeemer Lutheran, Cheyenne, WY.

Paul Tiefel III, Messiah, Eau Claire, WI. has been called to serve as principal and upper grade teacher by Messiah, Hales Corners.

Teacher Matthew Thurow, Berea, Inver Grove Heights, MN. has returned the call to teach grades 4-8 and serve as principal for Holy Trinity Lutheran School, West Columbia, SC.

Sermon Worksheet - Mark 1:1-8

INTRO

What gift did Jesus bring with him?

PART ONE

What two things does 1 Corinthians 12:3-6 make clear about the gifts of the Holy Spirit?

What are some examples of gifts of the Holy Spirit?

Rather than learn to know ourselves what should we learn to know?

PART TWO

What is an incorrect sinful attitude towards the gifts of the Holy Spirit?

What should we consider the measure of our value?

PART THREE

What is the single purpose of the Holy Spirit's Gifts?

No matter what we do we are all working together for what one single purpose?



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