

LUKE 1:38

the presence of God, and I sent to speak to you and to tell you good news. ²⁰And now you will not be able to speak^a until the Spirit comes upon you, because you did not receive the Holy Spirit, which will come true for you every time."

While the people were waiting for him and wondering why he had not spoken in the temple, ²²When he came out he could not speak to them, because he had seen a vision in the Spirit and he kept making signs^b to them, so they remained unable to speak.

After the time of service was completed, he returned home. ²⁴After this his wife became pregnant and for the next three months remained in seclusion. When she gave birth, she named the child Jesus, because she had done this for me," she said. "From now on days he has shown his power to me, so I am not in any way ashamed of him."

thus Foretold

In the month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, ⁶a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to Joseph, ⁷a descendant of the virgin's name was Mary. He went to her and said, "Greetings, so are highly favored! You are with God."

Mary was troubled at his greeting, wondering what kind of greeting this was. ¹⁰But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, ¹¹Mary, you have found favor with God. ¹²You will give birth to a son, and his name will be Jesus. ¹³He will be called the Son of God. ¹⁴The Lord God will be with you, and his father David, who has been promised, will never fail you."

"How can this be, since I am a virgin?" Mary asked the angel.

"The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Lord will overshadow you. So the Holy Spirit and you will be joined together. ³⁶Even Elizabeth, who was said to be barren, has had a child in her womb. ³⁷For nothing is impossible for God."

"I am not worthy, Lord, for you to visit me, but I will obey your word."

Or from his birth to be born

WHEN YOUR WORDS CAME, I ATE THEM; THEY WERE MY JOY AND

MY HEART'S DELIGHT,

FOR I BEAR YOUR NAME, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY.

JEREMIAH 15:16, NIV

*Faith Lutheran Church
August 22nd 2021*

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

August 22nd, 2021

Speaker:

Pastor Matthew Ude

Organist:

Mark Brown-Kempenaar

PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 14

The fool has said in his heart, "*There is no God.*"
They are corrupt, They have done abominable
works, There is none who does good. ² The LORD
looks down from heaven upon the children of men,
To see if there are any who understand, who seek
God. ³ They have all turned aside, They have to-
gether become corrupt; *There is none who does*
good, No, not one. ⁴ Have all the workers of iniqui-
ty no knowledge, Who eat up my people *as they eat*
bread, And do not call on the LORD? ⁵ There they
are in great fear, For God *is with the generation of*
the righteous. ⁶ You shame the counsel of the poor,
But the LORD *is his refuge.* ⁷ Oh, that the salvation
of Israel *would come out of Zion!* When the LORD
brings back the captivity of His people, Let Jacob
rejoice *and* Israel be glad.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

#296 "Speak, O Lord, Thy Servant Heareth"

by Anna Sophia of Hesse, 1638-1683

1. Speak, O Lord, Thy servant heareth,
To Thy Word I now give heed;
Life and spirit Thy Word beareth,
All Thy Word is true indeed.
Death's dread power in me is rife;
Jesus, may Thy Word of Life
Fill my soul with love's strong fervor
That I cling to Thee forever.

2. Oh, what blessing to be near Thee
And to hearken to Thy voice!
May I ever love and fear Thee
That Thy Word may be my choice!
Oft were hardened sinners, Lord,
Struck with terror by Thy Word;

But to him who for sin grieveth
Comfort sweet and hope it giveth.

3. Lord, Thy words are waters living
Where I quench my thirsty need;
Lord, Thy words are bread life-giving,
On Thy words my Soul doth feed.
Lord, Thy words shall be my light
Through death's vale and dreary night;
Yea, they are my sword prevailing
And my cup of joy unfailing.

4. Precious Jesus, I beseech Thee,
May Thy words take root in me;
May this gift from heaven enrich me
So that I bear fruit for Thee!
Take them never from my heart
Till I see Thee as Thou art,
When in heavenly bliss and glory
I shall greet Thee and adore Thee.

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.
- 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 . . . Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen

THE WORD

Isaiah 29:11-19 NKJ ¹¹ The whole vision has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed, which *men* deliver to one who is literate, saying, "Read this, please." And he says, "I cannot, for it is sealed." ¹² Then the book is delivered to one who is illiterate, saying, "Read this, please." And he says, "I am not literate." ¹³ Therefore the Lord said: "Inasmuch as these people draw near with their mouths And honor Me with their lips, But have removed their hearts far from Me, And their fear toward Me is taught by the commandment of men, ¹⁴ Therefore, behold, I will again do a marvelous work Among this people, A marvelous work and a wonder; For the wisdom of their wise *men* shall perish, And the understanding of their prudent *men* shall be hidden." ¹⁵ Woe to those who seek deep to hide their counsel far from the LORD, And their works are in the dark; They say, "Who sees us?" and, "Who knows us?" ¹⁶ Surely you have things turned around! Shall the potter be esteemed as the clay; For shall the thing made say of him who made it, "He did not make me"? Or shall the thing formed say of him who formed it, "He has no under-

standing"? ¹⁷ *Is it not yet a very little while Till Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, And the fruitful field be esteemed as a forest?* ¹⁸ *In that day the deaf shall hear the words of the book, And the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity and out of darkness.* ¹⁹ *The humble also shall increase their joy in the LORD, And the poor among men shall rejoice In the Holy One of Israel.*

Ephesians 5:22-33 NKJ ²² *Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.* ²³ *For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.* ²⁴ *Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.* ²⁵ *Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,* ²⁶ *that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,* ²⁷ *that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.* ²⁸ *So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.* ²⁹ *For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it,*

just as the Lord *does* the church. ³⁰ For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. ³¹ "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." ³² This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. ³³ Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife *see* that she respects *her* husband.

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.

#387:1-4 "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice"

by Martin Luther, 1483-1546

1. Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice,
With exultation springing,
And, with united heart and voice
And holy rapture singing,
Proclaim the wonders God hath done,
How His right arm the victory won;
Right dearly it hath cost Him.

2. Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay,
Death brooded darkly o'er me,
Sin was my torment night and day,
In sin my mother bore me;
Yea, deep and deeper still I fell,
Life had become a living hell,
So firmly sin possessed me.

3. My own good works availed me naught,
No merit they attaining;
Free will against God's judgment fought,
Dead to all good remaining.
My fears increased till sheer despair
Left naught but death to be my share;
The pangs of hell I suffered.

4. But God beheld my wretched state
Before the world's foundation,
And, mindful of His mercies great,
He planned my soul's salvation.
A father's heart He turned to me,
Sought my redemption fervently:
He gave His dearest Treasure.

SERMON

Mark 7:1-13 NKJ Then the Pharisees and some of the scribes came together to Him, having come from Jerusalem. ² Now when they saw some of His disciples eat bread with defiled, that is, with unwashed hands, they found fault. ³ For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash *their* hands in a special way, holding the tradition of the elders. ⁴ *When they come* from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other things which they have received and hold, *like* the washing of cups, pitchers, copper vessels, and couches. ⁵ Then the Pharisees and scribes asked Him, "Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashed hands?" ⁶ He answered and said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: 'This people honors Me with *their* lips, But their heart is far from Me. ⁷ And in vain they worship Me, Teaching *as* doctrines the commandments of men.' ⁸ "For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men-- the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other such things you do." ⁹ He said to them, "*All too well* you reject the commandment of God, that you

may keep your tradition. ¹⁰ "For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.' ¹¹ "But you say, 'If a man says to his father or mother, "Whatever profit you might have received from me is Corban "-- '(that is, a gift to God), ¹² "then you no longer let him do anything for his father or his mother, ¹³ "making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such things you do."

STOP KINKING THE HOSE

When we spend all our time and energy on irrelevant tasks we strip the power of God's word from our lives.

When we attempt to make up for our sin with made up duties we strip the power of God's word from our lives.

Jesus restores the power of God's word by preaching the Gospel and fulfilling the Law

OFFERING



Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with



o-pen heart and hand Blesses free-ly, as a riv-er



That refreshes all the land. Grant us, then, the grace of



giving with a spirit large and true That our life and



all our liv-ing We may con-se - crate to You.

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. Amen

#370 "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

by Edward Mote, 1797-1874

1. My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

3. His oath, His covenant, and blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When every earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my Hope and Stay.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne!
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, August 22

9 am Worship Service

Monday, August 23

7 pm Worship Service

Thursday, August 26

4pm School Registration

Sunday, August 29

9 am Communion Service

- Teacher Installation

Monday, August 30

7 pm Communion Service

USHERS FOR AUGUST

SUNDAY 9 am

Russ Brown, Kent Quade,
Clay Bobel, Jeremy Bobek

MONDAY 7 pm

Bob Kirst, Todd Cotterill,
Bob McElroy

COUNTERS

THIS WEEK TEAM # 1

Dennis Jones, Jeff Jones

NEXT WEEK TEAM # 2

David Dillie, Darren Dillie

FRUITS OF FAITH

General - \$ 4185.00

Missions- \$ 50.00

Building Fund- \$ 40.00

Organ Fund - \$ 15.00 in memory of
Alma Klawitter

ATTENDANCE

Sunday Service - 56

Monday Service - 22

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 26, School Registration

August 29, Teacher Installation

September 1, School Begins

September 12- Family Fun Night

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Faith Lutheran School open house
registration for 2021-22 school year
is Thursday August 26, from 4-7 pm.

CLEANING HELP

If you are able and willing to help clean once in a while, please contact Marsha Brown at 920-398-3279 or 920-570-1076 or email her at : martab@centurytel.net

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Sunday September 12 starting at 4pm. Hot dogs and buns will be provided. Everyone should bring a dish to pass around. We are planning to roast the hot dogs over a fire and have games in the cafeteria and gym.

THANK YOU FOR CLEANING

Thank you so very much to everyone for helping to do the yearly cleaning. The only things that needs to be done are the church, kitchen and the outside of the windows in the school hallway. I believe the carpets are not going to get shampooed until Christmas break due to the humidity. I can take care of the kitchen since the high part has been done.

Thank you again,
Marsha

CALL NEWS

Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Rapid City, SD has returned the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Saint Louis, MO.

Pastor Ben Libby of Ascension Lutheran Church of Tacoma, WA, has received the call to Redeemer Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY.

Mrs. Louise Mayhew has received the call to serve a one-year, part-time call, teaching the upper grades at Grace Lutheran School, Valentine, NE.

Michael Sprengeler has received the calls to Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bowdle, SD, as well as to Zion Lutheran Church, Ipswich, SD.

AUGUST MEETING NOTES

SCHOOL BOARD

School checking account is at \$12,389

Updated School handbooks will shortly be available.

Sunday School material for the fall has been ordered at a cost \$270.

We are planning a youth camp outing for next summer.

At this time Covid 19 protocols for the school year are as follows:

Masks are mandatory on the bus.

Masks are optional at the school

Teachers will attempt to sanitize classrooms and keep kids distant as much as possible.

Normal school activities will resume this year including, hot lunches, singing in church, school parties, and end of year programs.

Next school board meeting is scheduled for September 7, 2021.

COUNCIL MEETING

Total income for July was 17,138.

Total expenses for July was 19,762.

Net income for July was -\$2,624

\$7,500 was received in mission offerings in July.

Our treasurer took a \$5000 loan from the bank. With the loan our general checking account is currently at \$5,262.

Cole is providing LP for the church at \$1.43. They have also put remote sensors on the tanks.

The costs of photocopies on the copier is slightly increased.

Parts for the organ are on order.

Fixing the organ will cost about \$2000. This money is available in the organ fund and the undesignated specials fund. But will deplete both funds.

The council decided not to move forward with the dedicated internet line.

Full financial reports available under the bulletin board.



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