

**The  
LORD  
your**

**God**

**is with you, he is**

**mighty to save.**

ZEPHANIAH 3:17, NIV



## PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

### *Psalm 89:1-5*

1 I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever; With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations.

2 For I have said, “Mercy shall be built up forever; Your faithfulness You shall establish in the very heavens.”

3 “I have made a covenant with My chosen, I have sworn to My servant David:

4 ‘Your seed I will establish forever, And build up your throne to all generations.’”

Selah

5 And the heavens will praise Your wonders, O Lord; Your faithfulness also in the assembly of the saint

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

Speakers: Pastor Matthew Ude

Organists: Barry Hay & Ann Sprengeler

Hymn 62 — O Come, O Come Emmanuel


(MFH pg 42)




## INVOCATION

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

c  A-men.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

- p Beloved of God: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.
- all Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.
- p God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- c  A-men.

- c  Lord, have mercy on us.  
Christ, have mercy on us.  
Lord, have mercy on us.
- c  Glory to God in the highest, and peace to all people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.
- p Let us pray . . . Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; through Jesus Christ your son, our Lord, who lives, and reigns with You and the Holy Ghost, one God, forevermore.
- c  A-men.

## THE WORD

*Luke 1:26-38* Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, 27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" 29 But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. 30 Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. 32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. 33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." 34 Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" 35 And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. 36 Now indeed, Elizabeth your

relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren.

37 For with God nothing will be impossible.” 38 Then Mary said, “Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

*Romans 16:25-27* Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began 26 but now made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith— 27 to God, alone wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen.

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

c  Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

These words are written that we may believe  
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

all 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.

Hymn 59:1-3,5 — Hail To the Lord's Anointed




## SERMON

2 *Samuel* 7:1-11, 16 Now it came to pass when the king was dwelling in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies all around, 2 that the king said to Nathan the prophet, “See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells inside tent curtains.” 3 Then Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that is in your heart, for the Lord is with you.” 4 But it happened that night that the word of the Lord came to Nathan, saying, 5 “Go and tell My servant David, ‘Thus says the Lord: “Would you build a house for Me to dwell in? 6 For I have not dwelt in a house since the time that I brought the children of Israel up from Egypt, even to this day, but have moved about in a tent and in a tabernacle. 7 Wherever I have moved about with all the children of Israel, have I ever spoken a word to anyone from the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd My people Israel, saying, ‘Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?’”’ 8 Now therefore, thus shall you say to My servant David, ‘Thus says the Lord of hosts: “I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people, over Israel. 9 And I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and have made you a great name, like the name of the great men who are on the earth. 10


Moreover I will appoint a place for My people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own and move no more; nor shall the sons of wickedness oppress them anymore, as previously, 11 since the time that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel, and have caused you to rest from all your enemies. Also the Lord tells you that He will make you a house. 16 And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever.””

**Men build with sin, the Lord builds forever.**

c  Create in me a clean heart, O God.  
Renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Your presence.  
Take not Your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation.  
Uphold me with Your free Spirit.

## Hymn 712 — What Child is This

### OFFERING AND OFFERING HYMN: 572:4

- c  As Thy prospering hand hath blest,  
May we give Thee of our best  
And by deeds of kindly love  
For Thy mercies grateful prove,  
Singing thus through all our days  
Praise to God, immortal 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 76 — A Great and Mighty Wonder

## Calendar:

### THIS WEEK:

#### Sunday 12/24

9am Worship Service  
10am Christmas Eve Practice  
10am Adult Choir Practice  
10:15am Bible Class  
7pm Christmas Eve Children's Program

#### Monday 12/25

10am Christmas Service

#### Sunday 12/31

9am Worship Service  
10am Sunday School  
10:15am Bible Class  
7pm New Year's Eve Service

### UPCOMING DATES:

Jan 2nd - School Board meeting at 7pm  
Jan 2nd - Faith Basketball Practice at 5pm  
Jan 4th - Thursday morning bible class  
@ 10:30  
Jan 4th - Faith Basketball Practice at 5pm  
Jan 7th - Faith Alive sledding party at  
2pm with Pizza and Games to follow  
Jan 9th - Elders meeting at 7pm/Church  
Council meeting at 7:30pm  
Jan 16th - Women of Faith meeting

## ENVELOPE COMMITTEE

This Week:

Team #5: Archie Quade, Gary Quade

Next Week:

Team #6: Kent Quade, Jim Kok

## DECEMBER USHERS

Sundays & Christmas Eve: Dan Thiem,  
Dave Dillie, Frank Quade, Andy Kohn

Advent 6, 13, 20 & Christmas Day, New  
Year's Eve: Randy Strelow, Gary Brown,  
Jeff Jones, Mitch Newton

## FRUITS OF FAITH

Attendance:	101 /
Bible Class:	11
General Fund:	\$2,991.00
Mission Fund:	\$655.00
School Fund:	\$1,150.00

## **Announcements:**

### **GUESTS AND VISITORS**

Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please sign the guest register in the entry as you leave the church today.

### **DOORS LOCKED**

All doors into the church or school from the outside will be locked during school hours. Please understand that this is for the safety of the children. Thank you for your understanding.

### **THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS**

Thursday morning bible class is taking Christmas vacation. We will begin again the Thursday after New Years, January 4th.



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