

Faith Lutheran Church
March 20th 2022

WELCOME

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TODAY'S SERVICE

March 20th, 2022

Liturgy: Setting One, WS page 1

Speaker:

Pastor Matthew Ude

Organist:

Lila Brown

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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

#44 "Ye Lands, to the Lord Make a Jubilant Noise"

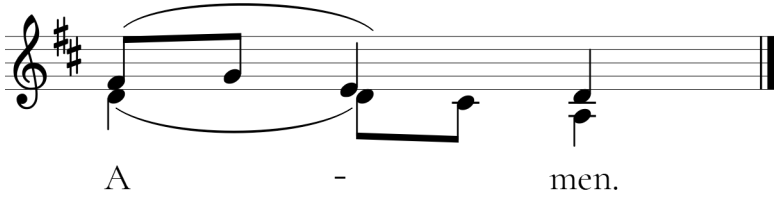
by Ulrik V. Koren, 1826-1910

1. Ye lands, to the Lord make a jubilant noise;
Glory be to God!
Oh, serve Him with joy, in His presence now rejoice;
Sing praise unto God out of Zion!

2. Not we, but the Lord is our Maker, our God;
Glory be to God!
His people we are, and the sheep led by His rod;
Sing praise unto God out of Zion!

3. Oh, enter His gates with thanksgiving and praise;
Glory be to God!
To bless Him and thank Him our voices we will raise;
Sing praise unto God out of Zion!

p Let us pray . . . Oh God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with Penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your word: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

Ezekiel 33:7-20 ⁷ "So you, son of man: I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore you shall hear a word from My mouth and warn them for Me. ⁸ "When I say to the wicked, 'O wicked *man*, you shall surely die!' and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked *man* shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹ "Nevertheless if you warn the

wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul. ¹⁰ "Therefore you, O son of man, say to the house of Israel: 'Thus you say, "If our transgressions and our sins *lie* upon us, and we pine away in them, how can we then live?"' ¹¹ "Say to them: 'As I live,' says the Lord GOD, 'I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel?' ¹² "Therefore you, O son of man, say to the children of your people: 'The righteousness of the righteous man shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression; as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall because of it in the day that he turns from his wickedness; nor shall the righteous be able to live because of *his righteousness* in the day that he sins.' ¹³ "When I say to the righteous *that* he shall surely live, but he trusts in his own righteousness and commits iniquity, none of his righteous works shall be remembered; but because of the iniquity that he has committed, he shall die. ¹⁴ "Again, when I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' if he turns from his sin and does what is lawful and right, ¹⁵ *if* the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has stolen, and walks in the

statutes of life without committing iniquity, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ¹⁶ "None of his sins which he has committed shall be remembered against him; he has done what is lawful and right; he shall surely live. ¹⁷ "Yet the children of your people say, 'The way of the Lord is not fair.' But it is their way which is not fair! ¹⁸ "When the righteous turns from his righteousness and commits iniquity, he shall die because of it. ¹⁹ "But when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is lawful and right, he shall live because of it. ²⁰ "Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not fair.' O house of Israel, I will judge every one of you according to his own ways."

1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, ² all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. ⁵ But with most of them God was not well pleased, for *their bodies* were scattered in the wilderness. ⁶ Now these things became our examples, to the

intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. ⁷ And do not become idolaters as *were* some of them. As it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play." ⁸ Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell; ⁹ nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents; ¹⁰ nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹ Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹² Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³ No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear *it*.

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

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.

#342 "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

by William McComb, 1793-c. 1870

1. Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed His blood for me;
Died that I might live on high,
Lived that I might never die,
As the branch is to the vine,
I am His, and He is mine.

2. Oh, the height of Jesus' love!
Higher than the heavens above,
Deeper than the depths of sea,
Lasting as eternity.
Love that found me--wondrous thought!--
Found me when I sought Him not.

3. Jesus only can impart
Balm to heal the smitten heart;
Peace that flows from sin forgiven,
Joy that lifts the soul to heaven;
Faith and hope to walk with God
In the way that Enoch trod.

5. O my Savior, help afford
By Thy Spirit and Thy Word!
When my wayward heart would stray,
Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply
While I live and when I die.

SERMON

Luke 13:1-9 There were present at that season some who told Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² And Jesus answered and said to them, "Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse sinners than all *other* Galileans, because they suffered such things? ³ "I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish. ⁴ "Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse sinners than all *other* men who dwelt in Jerusalem? ⁵ "I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish." ⁶ He also spoke this parable: "A certain *man* had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. ⁷ "Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, 'Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none. Cut it down; why does it use up the ground?' ⁸ "But he answered and said to him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize *it*. ⁹ 'And if it bears fruit, *well*. But if not, after that you can cut it down.'"

Jesus Seeks Repentance

Repentance is the fruit that Jesus is looking for. The Judeans try to make it about politics, religion and merit. All catastrophes remind us of our need to repent. Jesus waits for repentance and when He does not find it He cultivates the tree.

(sermon worksheet on page 22)



Create in me a clean heart, O



God. Re - new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me



not a - way from Your presence; take not Your Ho-ly



Spir-it from me. Re - store to me the joy of Your sal-

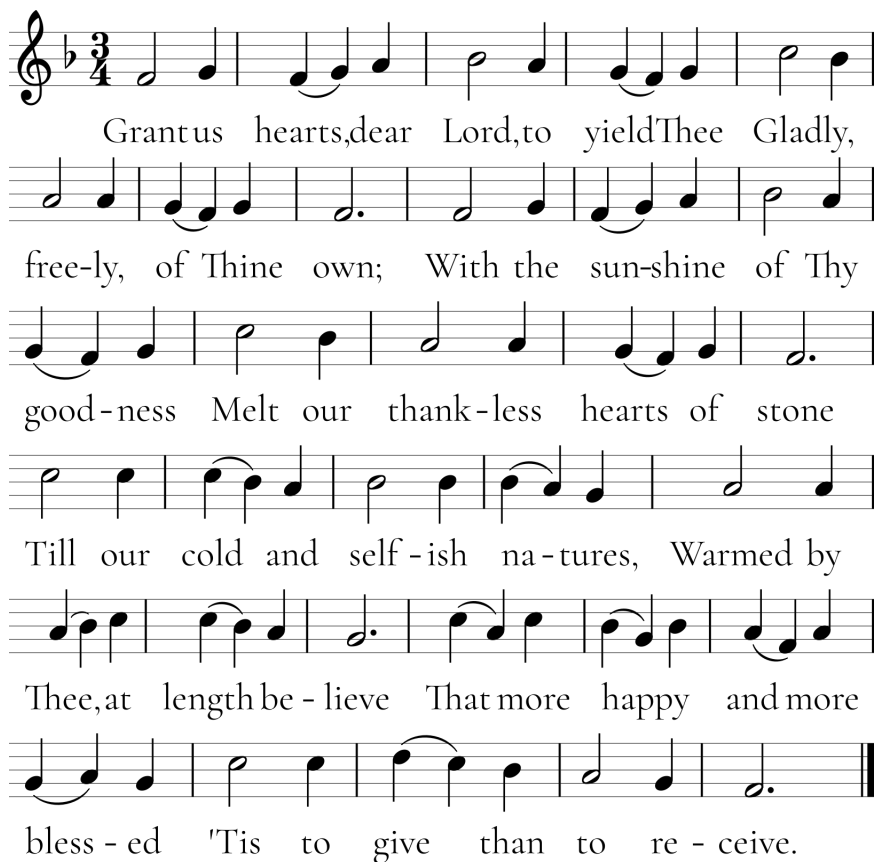


va - - tion. Up -



hold me with Your free Spir - it.

OFFERING HYMN #442:2



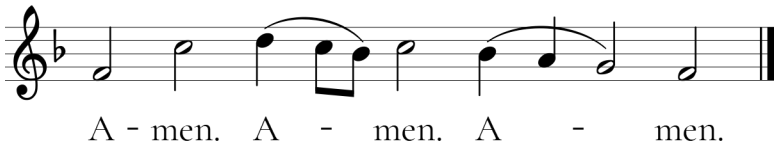
Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee Gladly,
free-ly, of Thine own; With the sun-shine of Thy
good-ness Melt our thank-less hearts of stone
Till our cold and self-ish na-tures, Warmed by
Thee, at length be-lieve That more happy and more
bless-ed 'Tis to give than to re-ceive.

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.



#410 "Jesus, Lead Thou On"

CentO by Christian Gregor, 1723-1801

1. Jesus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won;
And although the way be cheerless,
We will follow calm and fearless.
Guide us by Thy hand To our fatherland.

2. If the way be drear, If the foe be near,
Let not faithless fears o'ertake us;
Let not faith and hope forsake us;
For through many a woe To our home we go.

3. When we seek relief From a long-felt grief,
When temptations come alluring,
Make us patient and enduring;
Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.

4. Jesus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won.
Heavenly Leader, still direct us,
Still support, control, protect us,
Till we safely stand In our fatherland.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, March 20

9am Sunday Service

10am Sunday School

10am Bible Class

3pm Tour Choir Concert

Wednesday, March 23

4:45pm Confirmation Class

7:00 pm Lent Service

Sunday, March 27

9am Communion Service

10am Sunday School

3pm Tour Choir Concert

USHERS FOR MARCH

Sundays

Jeff Jones, Mike Dumke,
Jim Hanneman, Dennis Snyder

Wednesday Lent Services

Jeff Jones, Mike Dumke

FRUITS OF FAITH

General - \$ 1960.00

Missions- \$ 210.00

USHERS FOR APRIL

Sundays

John Bobek, Dan Thiem,

Joe Brown, Jim Brown

**Lent, Maundy Thursday, and
Easter Late Service**

Bob Kirst, Ryan Krueger

Good Friday. Easter Early Service

John Bobek, Dan Thiem

COUNTERS

This Week Team # 3

David Dillie, Darren Dillie

Next Week Team # 4

Ron Kearley, Tristan Jenkins

ATTENDANCE

Sunday Service – 59

Sunday School – 5

Bible Class - 12

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 12:1-6

Psalms 32

2 Cor. 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday March 20, Tour Choir at 3 pm and pot luck to follow

Friday April 1, Pizza and Bingo night

April 17, Easter Sunday, Sunrise Service, Easter Brunch, Easter Egg hunt

May 1, Interchurch Adult BB tournament

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Faith is hosting an interchurch adult basketball tournament on May 1st. Anyone interested in playing please sign up on the bulletin board.

LEE AND ELNA KRUEGER

Monday is Lee and Elna Krueger's 63rd wedding anniversary. They wanted to let the congregation know how much they have appreciated being a part of Faith over the years.

CALL NEWS

Pastor Mark Tiefel of Redemption Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, WA, has received the call to Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church, Middleton, WI.

Teacher Rebecca Lillo of St. Stephen's Lutheran School, Mountain View, CA, has received the call to teach 3rd -5th grades at Faith Lutheran School. Markesan, WI.

Allison Brown, a member of Faith Lutheran Church, Markesan, WI, has received the call to teach preschool part time at Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI.

Pastor Tom Naumann of Mount Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI, is still considering the call to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL.

Teacher Debra Mayhew is still considering the call to teach grades K-4th at Grace Lutheran School, Sleepy Eye, MN.

Mr. Luke Willitz is has accepted the call to be the pastor of Living Savior Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie, MN.

SERMON WORKSHEET

What fruit is Jesus looking for?

Examples of what fruit means in other contexts.

1.

2.

3.

The account of the Galileans gives us three examples of the type of fruit Jesus is not looking for:

1.

2.

3.

What is the significance of the three years?

What is the significance of the fourth year?

What does Jesus do when He doesn't find repentance?



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