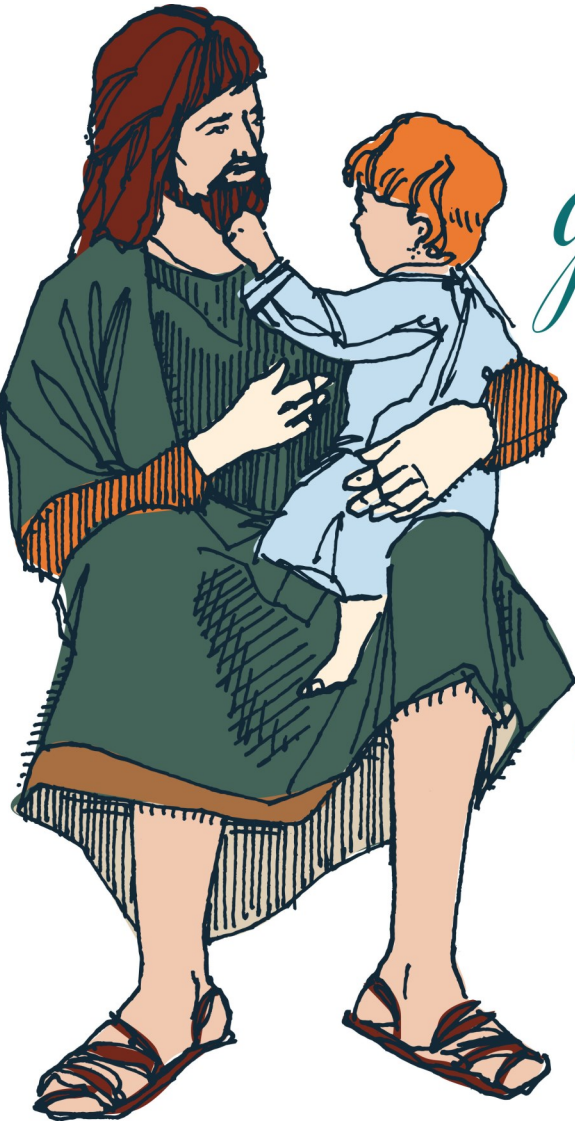


Faith Lutheran Church
March 27th 2022



See what
great love

the Father has
lavished on us,
that we should
be called

*children
of God!*

1 JOHN 3:1, NIV

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

March 27th, 2022

Liturgy: Common Service

Speaker: Pastor Matthew Ude

Organist: Ann Sprengeler

PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 32

Blessed is *he whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered.* ² Blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity, And in whose spirit *there is no deceit.* ³ When I kept silent, my bones grew old Through my groaning all the day long. ⁴ For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was turned into the drought of summer. Selah ⁵ I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," And You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah ⁶ For this cause everyone who is godly shall pray to You In a time when You may be found; Surely in a flood of great waters They shall not come near him. ⁷ You *are* my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble; You shall surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah ⁸ I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye. ⁹ Do not be like the horse *or* like the mule, *Which* have no understanding, Which must be harnessed with bit and bridle, Else they will not come near you. ¹⁰ Many sorrows *shall be* to the wicked; But he who trusts in the LORD, mercy shall surround him. ¹¹ Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you righteous; And shout for joy, all *you* upright in heart!

SERVICE OF THE WORD

#305 "Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness"

By Johann Franck, 1618-1677

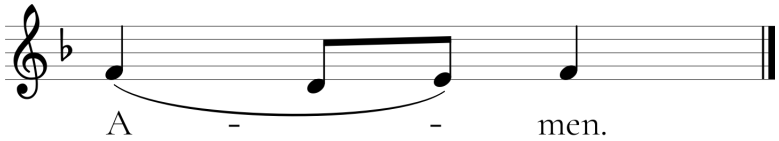
1. Soul, adorn thyself with gladness,
Leave behind all gloom and sadness;
Come into the daylight's splendor,
There with joy thy praises render
Unto Him whose grace unbounded
Hath this wondrous supper founded.
High o'er all the heavens He reigneth,
Yet to dwell with thee He deigneth.

2. Hasten as a bride to meet Him
And with loving reverence greet Him;
For with words of life immortal
Now He knocketh at thy portal.
Haste to ope the gates before Him,
Saying, while thou dost adore Him,
Suffer, Lord, that I receive Thee,
And I nevermore will leave Thee.

4. Ah, how hungers all my spirit
For the love I do not merit!
Oft have I, with sighs fast thronging,
Thought upon this food with longing,
In the battle well-nigh worsted,
For this cup of life have thirsted,
For the Friend who here invites us
And to God Himself unites us.

INVOCATION

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



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 Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. for this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Lord, have mer-cy on us, Christ, have mer -
 cy on us, Lord, have mer - cy on us.

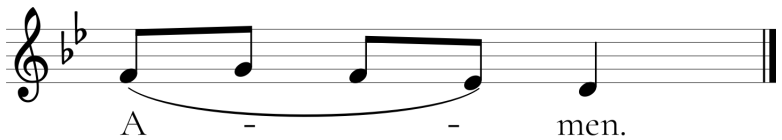
p God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

A - - - men.

p The Lord be with you.

And al - so with you.

p Let us pray . . . Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

Isaiah 12:1-6 And in that day you will say: "O LORD, I will praise You; Though You were angry with me, Your anger is turned away, and You comfort me. ² Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; For YAH, the LORD, is my strength and song; He also has become my salvation." ³ Therefore with joy you will draw water From the wells of salvation. ⁴ And in that day you will say:

"Praise the LORD, call upon His name; Declare His deeds among the peoples, Make mention that His name is exalted. ⁵ Sing to the LORD, For He has done excellent things; This is known in all the earth. ⁶ Cry out and shout, O inhabitant of Zion, For great is the Holy One of Israel in your midst!"

2 Corinthians 5:16-21 ¹⁶ Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know *Him thus* no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he* is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. ¹⁸ Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, ¹⁹ that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. ²⁰ Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore *you* on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

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

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#151 "Christ, the Life of All the Living"

by Ernst C. Homburg, 1605-1681

1. Christ, the Life of all the living,
Christ, the Death of death, our foe,
Who, Thyself for me once giving
To the darkest depths of woe,--
Through thy sufferings, death, and merit
I eternal life inherit:
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

2. Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee
Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee,
o Thou sinless Son of God!
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver
From the bonds of sin forever.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

3. Thou hast borne the smiting only
That my wounds might all be whole;
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely,
Rest to give my weary soul;
Yea, the curse of God enduring,
Blessing unto me securing.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

7. Then, for all that wrought my pardon,
For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
For Thine anguish in the Garden,
I will thank Thee evermore,
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,
For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry,
And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

SERMON

Luke 15:11-32 ¹¹ Then He said: "A certain man had two sons. ¹² "And the younger of them said to *his* father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls *to me*.' So he divided to them *his* livelihood. ¹³ "And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. ¹⁴ "But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. ¹⁵ "Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. ¹⁶ "And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him *anything*. ¹⁷ "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! ¹⁸ 'I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, ¹⁹ "and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.'" ²⁰ "And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell

on his neck and kissed him. ²¹ "And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²² "But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put *it* on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on *his* feet. ²³ 'And bring the fatted calf here and kill *it*, and let us eat and be merry; ²⁴ 'for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry. ²⁵ "Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ "So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷ "And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.' ²⁸ "But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. ²⁹ "So he answered and said to *his* father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. ³⁰ 'But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.' ³¹ "And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is

yours. ³² 'It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.'"

OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN

The address of the Lord's prayer is a simple statement. On the surface all that we have done is to state to whom we are offering the prayer. Yet it is the most important part of the prayer, since it is God's greatest desire and joy that we return to Him, as this son did, and receive from Him without attempting to earn or deserve it that unconditional love by which He calls us sons of God and becomes again our true Father.

(worksheet page 30)



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, and



take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to



me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -



hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

OFFERING HYMN #788:1

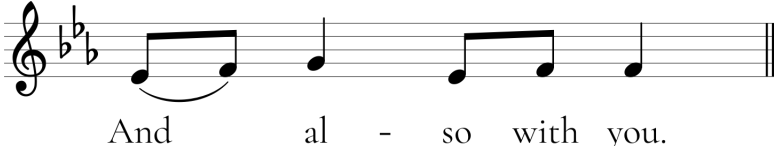
14. Lord, You love the cheerful giver who with open heart and hand, blesses freely, as a river that refreshes all the land. Grant us, then, the grace of giving with a spirit large and true that our life and all our living we may consecrate to You.

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.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

p The Lord be with you.



p Lift up your hearts.



p Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



p It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on the tree of the cross did give salvation to all mankind that, where death arose, there also Life might rise again; and that he

who by a tree once overcame might likewise by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song;



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord
God of heav - en - ly hosts; heav'n and earth are full
of your glo - ry. Hosan - na, ho-san - na, ho-san-na
in the high - est. bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he,
bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosan - na, ho-san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

p Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, “Take and eat; This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.”

Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is My blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



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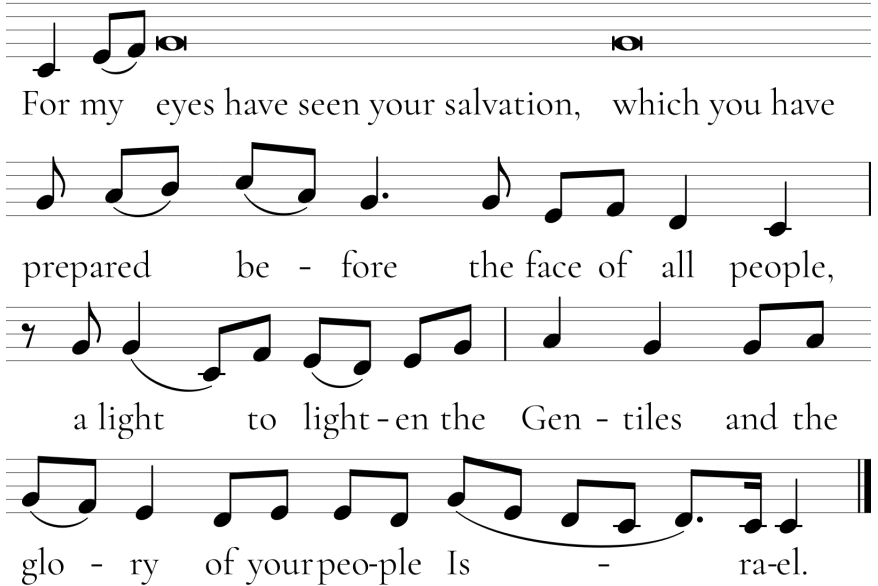
world; grant us your peace. A - men.

THE DISTRIBUTION

Prayers for before and after communion are available on page 118 of your hymnal.

Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace

ac - cord - ing to your word.



For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have
 prepared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light-en the Gen - tiles and the
 glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra-el.

THANKSGIVING

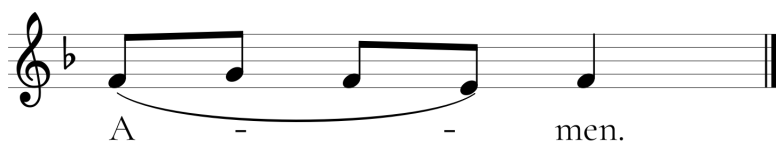
p O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

p We give thanks, almighty God, that you have re-
 freshed us with this holy supper. We pray that
 through it you will strengthen our faith in you and

increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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.



#785 Children Of The Heavenly Father

Author: Carolina Sandell (1855) (MFH 122)

1 Children of the heav'nly Father
safely in his bosom gather.

Nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.

2 God his own doth tend and nourish,
in his holy courts they flourish.

From all evil things he spares them,
in his mighty arms he bears them.

3 Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord his children sever.

Unto them his grace he showeth,
and their sorrows all he knoweth.

4 Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh.

His the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, March 27

9am Communion Service
10am Sunday School
10am Bible Class

Wednesday, March 30

4:45pm Confirmation Class
7:00 pm Lent Service

Friday, April 1

6pm Pizza / Bingo

Sunday, April 3

9am Worship Service
10am Sunday School
10am Bible Class

USHERS FOR MARCH

Jeff Jones, Mike Dumke,
Jim Hanneman, Dennis Snyder

Wednesday Lent Services

Jeff Jones, Mike Dumke

USHERS FOR APRIL

Sundays

John Bobek, Dan Thiem,
Joe Brown, Jim Brown

**Lent, Maundy Thursday &
Easter Late**

Bob Kirst, Ryan Krueger

Good Friday & Easter Early

John Bobek, Dan Thiem

COUNTERS

This Week : Ron Kearley,
Tristan Jenkins

Next Week: Steve Meilahn,
Dale Muehlenhaupt

FRUITS OF FAITH

General - \$ 2449.00

Missions- \$ 50

Organ Fund- \$ 25.00

ATTENDANCE

Sunday Service – 71

Sunday School – 8

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday April 1, Pizza and Bingo night

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

May 1, Interchurch Adult BB tournament

PIZZA / BINGO NIGHT

Candy Bingo/pizza night! Friday, April 1st at 6pm. Everyone please bring frozen pizzas for your families. The ovens will be on for everyone to cook their pizzas. Anyone wishing to play bingo please bring one full size candy bar per player. Adult supervision is required for children! Open gym for anyone not wanting to play bingo.

EASTER BRUNCH

Easter brunch is a potluck. We are asking the men to sign up to set up, serve and clean up. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

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

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to Dennis and Mary Snyder and Lila Brown for their help with the cleaning. I am so very grateful for your help. Marsha

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 43:16–21

Psalms 126

Phil. 3:8–14

Luke 20:9–20

CALL NEWS

Teacher Debra Mayhew has accepted the call to teach grades K- 4th at Grace Lutheran School, Sleepy Eye, MN

Teacher Rebecca Lillo of St. Stephen's Lutheran School, Mountain View, CA, has accepted the call to teach the upper grade classes at Faith Lutheran School. Markesan, WI.

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

Pastor Mark Tiefel of Redemption Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, WA, is still considering the call to Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church, Middleton, WI.

Allison Brown, a member of Faith Lutheran Church, Markesan, WI, is still considering call to teach pre-school 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.

Sermon Worksheet - Luke 15:11-32

1. When we call God our Father it means that . . .

What type of parenting techniques does this father seem to have used?

What does this teach us about the way God deals with us?

What are some of the ways we take advantage of God's unconditional love?

2. When we call God our Father it means that . . .

What is the low point of the younger sons sinfulness?

Where does this parable depart from a natural human view of things?

What is necessary before the son is able to repent?

3. When we call God our Father it means that . . .

What is the importance of the feast?

Why did the younger son return?

What is the true problem?

Why might the address be considered the most important part of the Lord's prayer?



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