



*Faith Lutheran Church  
November 20<sup>th</sup> 2022*

# 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

November 20, 2022

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### **Speaker:**

Pastor Matthew Ude

### **Musician:**

Lila Brown

Mark Brown-Kempenaar

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# PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

## *Psalm 46*

God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble. <sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear, Even though the earth be removed, And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; <sup>3</sup> *Though* its waters roar *and* be troubled, *Though* the mountains shake with its swelling. Selah <sup>4</sup> *There is* a river whose streams shall make glad the city of God, The holy *place* of the tabernacle of the Most High. <sup>5</sup> *God is* in the midst of her, she shall not be moved; God shall help her, just at the break of dawn. <sup>6</sup> The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved; He uttered His voice, the earth melted. <sup>7</sup> The LORD of hosts *is* with us; The God of Jacob *is* our refuge. Selah <sup>8</sup> Come, behold the works of the LORD, Who has made desolations in the earth. <sup>9</sup> He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two; He burns the chariot in the fire. <sup>10</sup> Be still, and know that I *am* God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth! <sup>11</sup> The LORD of hosts *is* with us; The God of Jacob *is* our refuge. Selah

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## #660 "I'm But a Stranger Here"

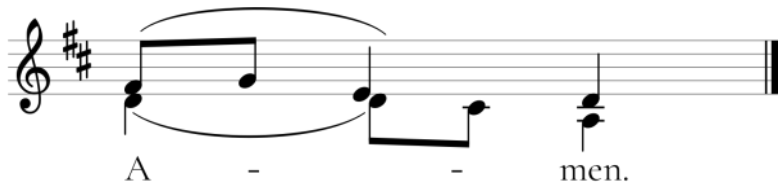
by T. R. Taylor, 1807-1835

1. I'm but a stranger here, Heav'n is my home;  
Earth is a desert dread, Heav'n is my home.  
Danger and sorrow stand Round me on every hand;  
Heav'n is my fatherland, Heav'n is my home.
  
2. What though the tempest rage, Heav'n is my home;  
Short is my pilgrimage, Heav'n is my home;  
And time's wild wintry blast Soon shall be overpast;  
I shall reach home at last, Heav'n is my home.
  
3. There at my Savior's side Heav'n is my home;  
I shall be glorified, Heav'n is my home;  
There are the good and blest, Those I love most and best;  
And there I, too, shall rest, Heav'n is my home.

4. Therefore I murmur not, Heav'n is my home;  
Whate'er my earthly lot, Heav'n is my home;  
And I shall surely stand There at my Lord's right hand.  
Heav'n is my fatherland, Heav'n is my home.

## INVOCATION

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

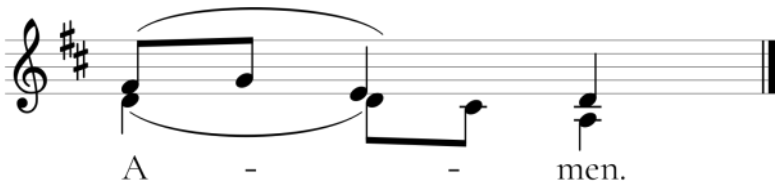


## CONFESSION OF SINS

p We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

all Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth, In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray; Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

p God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will





Glo - ry to God, we  
Lord Je - sus Christ, the  
A - lone, O Christ, You



give You thanks and praise; Of heav'n - ly  
Fa - ther's on - ly Son, You bore for  
on - ly are the Lord, At God's right



joy and peace on earth we sing. We wor-ship  
us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of  
hand in maj-es - ty most high: Who, with the



You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al-  
God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won, Re - ceive our  
Spir - it worshiped and a - dored, With all the



might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King  
prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
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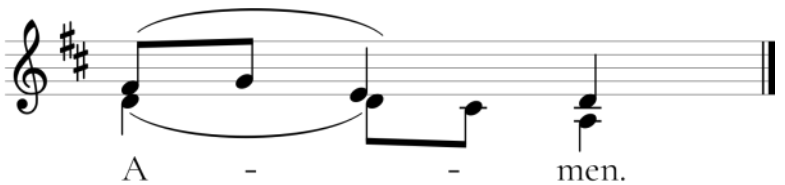


Lord, have, mer - cy on us.



Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

p Let us pray . . . Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise : for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.





## THE WORD

**Malachi 3:13-18** <sup>13</sup> "Your words have been harsh against Me," Says the LORD, "Yet you say, 'What have we spoken against You?' <sup>14</sup> You have said, 'It is useless to serve God; What profit *is it* that we have kept His ordinance, And that we have walked as mourners Before the LORD of hosts? <sup>15</sup> So now we call the proud blessed, For those who do wickedness are raised up; They even tempt God and go free.'" <sup>16</sup> Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, And the LORD listened and heard *them*; So a book of remembrance was written before Him For those who fear the LORD And who meditate on His name. <sup>17</sup> "They shall be Mine," says the LORD of hosts, "On the day that I make them My jewels. And I will spare them As a man spares his own son who serves him." <sup>18</sup> Then you shall again discern Between the righteous and the wicked, Between one who serves God And one who does not serve Him.

**Colossians 1:13-20** <sup>13</sup> He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son

of His love, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. <sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. <sup>16</sup> For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. <sup>17</sup> And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. <sup>18</sup> And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. <sup>19</sup> For it pleased *the Father that* in Him all the fullness should dwell, <sup>20</sup> and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

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



Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

## 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.

## #658 "Onward, Christian Soldiers"

by Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834-1924

1. Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.

Christ, the royal Master, Leads against the Foe;  
Forward into battle See His banners go!

Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.

2. Like a mighty army Moves the Church of God;  
Brothers, we are treading Where the saints have trod.

We are not divided, All one body we,  
One in hope and doctrine, One in charity.

Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.

3. Crowns and thrones may perish,  
Kingdoms rise and wane,  
But the Church of Jesus Constant will remain.  
Gates of hell can never 'Gainst that Church prevail;  
We have Christ's own promise, And that cannot fail.  
Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.

4. Onward, then, ye faithful, Join our happy throng,  
Blend with ours your voices In the triumph-song;  
Glory, laud, and honor Unto Christ the King;  
This, through countless ages, Men and angels sing.  
Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.

# SERMON

**Luke 23:27-43** <sup>27</sup> And a great multitude of the people followed Him, and women who also mourned and lamented Him. <sup>28</sup> But Jesus, turning to them, said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. <sup>29</sup> "For indeed the days are coming in which they will say, 'Blessed *are* the barren, wombs that never bore, and breasts which never nursed!" <sup>30</sup> "Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us!" and to the hills, "Cover us!" <sup>31</sup> "For if they do these things in the green wood, what will be done in the dry?" <sup>32</sup> There were also two others, criminals, led with Him to be put to death. <sup>33</sup> And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left. <sup>34</sup> Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." And they divided His garments and cast lots. <sup>35</sup> And the people stood looking on. But even the rulers with them sneered, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ, the chosen of God." <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also mocked Him, coming and offering Him sour wine, <sup>37</sup>

and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself."<sup>38</sup> And an inscription also was written over Him in letters of Greek, Latin, and Hebrew: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. <sup>39</sup> Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us." <sup>40</sup> But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation?" <sup>41</sup> "And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup> Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." <sup>43</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

## SPIRITUAL SECURITY

Often people put off saving for an emergency until it is too late. Similarly they forget to prepare spiritually. At the cross we find both the reason and means for spiritually security.



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. Take not Your Ho - ly



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



va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir-it free.

## OFFERING 442:2

2. Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee  
Gladly, freely, of Thine own;  
With the sunshine of Thy goodness  
Melt our thankless hearts of stone  
Till our cold and selfish natures,



Warmed by Thee, at length believe  
That more happy and more blessed  
'Tis to give than to receive.

## 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.



## #533 "Nearer, My God to Thee"

by Sarah F. Adams, 1805-1848

1. Nearer, my God to Thee, Nearer to Thee.  
E'en though it be a cross That raiseth me,  
Still all my song shall be. Nearer, my God, to Thee,  
Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee.
  
2. Though like the wanderer, The sun gone down,  
Darkness be over me, My rest a stone,  
Yet in my dreams I'd be Nearer, my God, to Thee,  
Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee.
  
3. There let my way appear Steps unto heaven;  
All that Thou sendest me In mercy given;  
Angels to beckon me Nearer, my God, to Thee,  
Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee.
  
4. Then with my waking thoughts Bright with Thy praise,  
Out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise,  
So by my woes to be Nearer, my God, to Thee,  
Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee.

5. Or if on joyful wing, Cleaving the sky,  
Sun, moon, and stars forgot, Upward I fly,  
Still all my song shall be, Nearer, my God, to Thee,  
Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sunday, November 20**

9 am Worship Service

10 am Sunday School

10:15 am Bible Class

**Thurs. November 24**

10am Thanksgiving Service with  
Communion

**Sunday, November 27**

9 am Communion Service

10 am Christmas Eve Practice

10:15 am Bible Class

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Nov 24 – 10am Thanksgiving Service

Nov 27 – Christmas Eve Practice  
after church

Nov 30 – 7pm Advent Service

Dec 3 – Christmas Decorating

Dec 24 – 6:30pm Christmas Eve Pro-  
gram

Dec 25 – 10am Christmas Service

Dec 31 – 7pm New Years Eve Service

## **USHERS FOR NOVEMBER**

John Bobek, Bob Kirst,  
Blaine Kempenaar, Tyler Denson

## **USHERS FOR THANKGIVING**

John Bobek, Bob Kirst,  
Bruce Braaksma, Jack Bremer

## **USHERS FOR ADVENT**

Bob Kirst, Russ Brown

## **USHERS FOR DECEMBER**

Jeff Jones, Mike Dumke,  
Bob McElroy, Randy Strelow

## **CHRISTMAS EVE**

Dan Thiem, Russ Brown,  
Dave Draeger, Wayne Draeger

## **CHRISTMAS DAY**

## **NEW YEAR'S EVE**

Mike Dumke, Jeff Jones,  
Bob McElroy, Randy Strelow

## **COUNTERS**

**This Week Team # 2**

Lynn Dumke, Keith Dickerson

**Next Week Team # 3**

Dave Dillie, Darren Dillie

## **FRUITS OF FAITH**

Sunday Service – 112

Bible Class - 10

Sunday School – 10

General - \$ 5386.00

Missions - \$ 850.00

Building Fund - \$ 100.00

## **ADVENT DEVOTIONS**

Devotion books for advent are available on the table by the water fountain. These devotion books follow the theme we will be studying during Advent and at the Children's Christmas Eve program. The devotion books cost \$2.50 each. Please put the money in the box behind the devotions.

## **CHRISTMAS EVE PRACTICE**

The children will start practicing for the Christmas Eve program next Sunday November 27<sup>th</sup> after church.

## **ADVENT SERVICES**

Wednesday November 30 at 7pm is our first advent service. Pastor David Ude from Appleton will be sharing a message with us.

## **CHRISTMAS DECORATING**

We will decorate the church for Christmas on Saturday December 3 starting at 9am.

## **CHRISTMAS CAROLING**

There are two signup sheets from Christmas caroling. One Saturday afternoon December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please note this is the same day we will be decorating the church. The other is for Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup> starting at 3:30pm. Please sign up for the day you can make it. If we have enough people we will divide the spots and go both days.

## **SNACK SIGNUP**

Sheet for signing up for snacks after church is on the bulletin board.

## **FINANCES**

Church offerings have been low the last few months. We currently have a \$14,000 loan from the bank. For more information see the November meeting report on the shelf.

## MEETING NOTES

November meeting notes are available on the shelf.

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Is. 2:1-5

Psalms 122

Rom. 13:8-14

Matt. 21:1-11

## ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

This free holiday event for ladies will be held December 11th at 3:30 pm at Luther Memorial Church in Fond du Lac. Scripture, song, food, and fellowship with a Christ-centered focus. More info at [www.FDLLutheran.com/advent](http://www.FDLLutheran.com/advent). Hope to see you there!

## CALL NEWS

Pastor Bruce Naumann of Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire, WI, is still considering the call to serve as the CLC's Third Foreign Missionary.

Pastor Rob Sauers of Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI, is still considering the call to Immanuel Lutheran, Winter Haven, FL.

Pastor Joe Naumann of Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato, MN, is still considering the dual call to serve Redemption Lutheran, Lynnwood, WA and Ascension Lutheran, Tacoma, WA.





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