



The LORD
Our Righteousness

*Faith Lutheran Church
December 18th 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

December 18th 2022

Liturgy: Setting One, WS page 1

Speaker:

Pastor Matthew Ude

Organist:

Ann Sprengeler

Liturgy: Worship Supplement 2000 compiled and edited by John C Reim

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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 24

The earth is the LORD'S, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein. ² For He has founded it upon the seas, And established it upon the waters. ³ Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place? ⁴ He who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, Nor sworn deceitfully. ⁵ He shall receive blessing from the LORD, And righteousness from the God of his salvation. ⁶ This is Jacob, the generation of those who seek Him, Who seek Your face. Selah ⁷ Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. ⁸ Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, The LORD mighty in battle. ⁹ Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. ¹⁰ Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

#606 "O'er the Distant Mountains Breaking"

by John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1875

1. O'er the distant mountains breaking
Comes the redd'ning dawn of day,
Rise, my soul, from sleep awaking;
Rise and sing and watch and pray.
'Tis thy Savior, 'Tis thy Savior,
On His bright returning way.

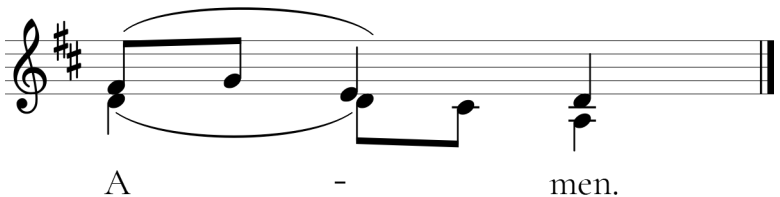
2. O Thou Long-expected, weary
Waits my anxious soul for Thee;
Life is dark, and earth is dreary,
Where Thy light I do not see.
O my Savior, O my Savior,
When wilt Thou return to me?

3. Nearer is my soul's salvation;
Spent the night, the day at hand.
Keep me in my lowly station,
Watching for Thee till I stand,
O my Savior, O my Savior,
In Thy bright, Thy promised land.

4. With my lamp well trimmed and burning,
Swift to hear and slow to roam,
Watching for Thy glad returning
To restore me to my home.
Come, my Savior, Come, my Savior,
O my Savior, quickly come.

INVOCATION

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

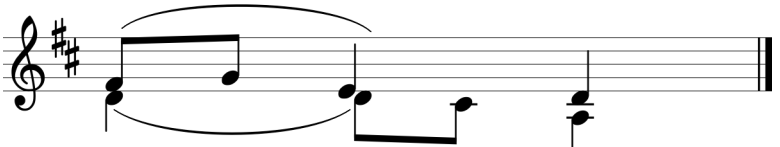


CONFESSION OF SINS

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 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.



A - men.



Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy



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



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



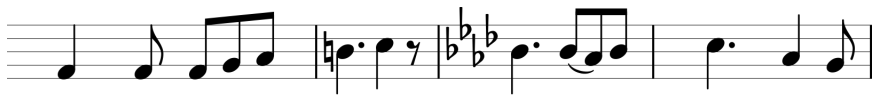
peace to all peo-ple on earth. Lord God,



heav-enly king, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther; We



wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we



praise You for Your glory. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take away the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. You are seated at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-



ceive our prayer For You alone are the Ho-ly One,



You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High,

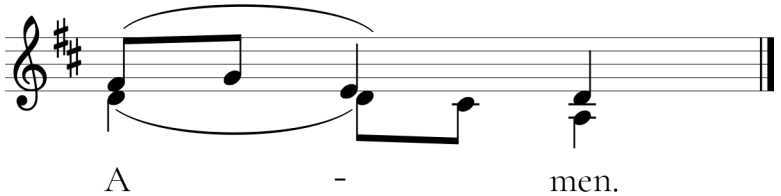


Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of



God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

p Let us pray . . . Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins that weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy: for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

Romans 1:1-7 Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called *to be* an apostle, separated to the gospel of God ² which He promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures, ³ concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, ⁴ *and* declared *to be* the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead. ⁵ Through Him we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all nations for His name, ⁶ among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ; ⁷ To all who are in Rome, beloved of God,

called *to be* saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 1:18-25 ¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Then Joseph her husband, being a just *man*, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. ²⁰ But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. ²¹ "And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins." ²² So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: ²³ "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us." ²⁴ Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, ²⁵ and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.

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



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



These words are written that we may believe that



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.

#62 "Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel"

by unknown author, c. 1100

1. Oh, come, Oh, come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

2. Oh, come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save
And give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

3. Oh, come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

4. Oh, come, Thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heavenly home:
Make safe the way that leads on high
And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

SERMON

Numbers 23:16-23 ¹⁶ Then the LORD met Balaam, and put a word in his mouth, and said, "Go back to Balak, and thus you shall speak." ¹⁷ So he came to him, and there he was, standing by his burnt offering, and the princes of Moab were with him. And Balak said to him, "What has the LORD spoken?" ¹⁸ Then he took up his oracle and said: "Rise up, Balak, and hear! Listen to me, son of Zippor!" ¹⁹ "God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?" ²⁰ Behold, I have received *a command* to bless; He has blessed, and I cannot reverse it. ²¹ "He has not observed iniquity in Jacob, Nor has He seen wickedness in Israel. The LORD his God is with him, And the shout of a King is among them. ²² God brings them out of Egypt; He has strength like a wild ox. ²³ "For *there is* no sorcery against Jacob, Nor any divination against Israel. It now must be said of Jacob And of Israel, 'Oh, what God has done!'

Jehovah Tsidkenu: The Lord Our Righteousness

For Jesus sake the LORD gives His people the name of righteousness. Righteousness means that everything is in perfect balance. This does not come from us but from God.



Create in me a cleanheart, 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.

#73 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

by Georg Weissel, 1590-1635

1. Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!

Behold, the King of Glory waits;

The King of kings is drawing near,

The Savior of the world is here.

Life and salvation He doth bring,

Wherefore rejoice and gladly sing:

We praise Thee, Father, now,

Creator, wise art Thou!

4. Fling wide the portals of your heart;

Make it a temple set apart

From earthly use for Heaven's employ,

Adorned with prayer and love and joy.

So shall your Sovereign enter in

And new and nobler life begin.

To Thee, O God, be praise

For word and deed and grace!

5. Redeemer, come! I open wide
My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!
Let me Thy inner presence feel,
Thy grace and love in me reveal;
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on
Until our glorious goal is won.
Eternal praise and fame
We offer to Thy name.

OFFERING HYMN #442:2

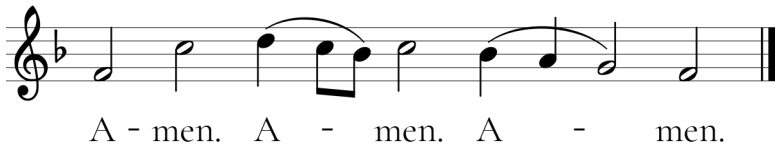
2. Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee
Gladly, freely, of Thine own;
With the sunshine of Thy goodness
Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures,
Warmed by Thee, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed
'Tis to give than to receive.

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.



#647 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

by Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893

1. O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy darkness shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

2. For Christ is born of Mary,
And fathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God, the King,
And peace to men on earth.

3. How silently, how silently,
The wondrous Gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still,
The dear Christ enters in.

4. O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell:
Oh, come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Immanuel!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, December 18

9 am Worship Service
10 am Christmas Eve Practice
10:15 am Voters' Meeting

Wednesday, December 21

3:40 pm Confirmation Class

Saturday, December 24

6:30 pm Christmas Eve program

Sunday, December 25

10 am Christmas Service
with Communion

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 23 - 10 am Christmas Eve Rehearsal

Dec 23 - 12 pm Christmas Party

Dec 24 - 6:30pm Christmas Eve Program

Dec 25 - 10am Christmas Service

Dec 31 - 7pm New Year's Eve Service

Dec 31 - 8 pm New Years' Eve Party

USHERS FOR JANUARY

Ryan Krueger, Kent Quade,
Dale Muehlenhaupt, Jake Kearns

USHERS FOR DECEMBER

Jeff Jones, Mike Dumke,
Bob McElroy, Randy Strelow

ADVENT / 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 # 6

Wayne Draeger, David Draeger

Next Week Team # 1

Dennis Jones, Greg Jones

FRUITS OF FAITH

Sunday Service - 91

General - \$ 2585.00

Missions - \$ 115.00

NOMINATIONS MEETING

The nomination committee has met and come up with a list of nominees for church offices. The voters will meet after church on December 18 to ratify the list.

NEW YEARS' EVE PARTY

New Year's Eve get together at church after services. Cards and games for the adults. Games and movies for the kids. Bring finger food to share.

2023 CLC MISSION HELPER TRIP

The application deadline for the 2023 Mission Helper Trip to Nepal is quickly approaching. Applications need to be submitted by January 16th, 2023. Space is limited for this trip so please apply soon. Find more information at: <https://mht.lutheranmissions.org/>

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Notes will be available next week with the final nominees listed.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 52:7-10
Psalm 2
Heb. 1:1-6
John 1:1-14

FROM JYOTHI BENJAMIN

"Philippians 1:21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

My father, Rev V.S. Benjamin, Chairman of the CLCI, went to be with the Lord at the age of 89 years. Please pray for the comfort family members.

His race ended, but we still have our race to run.

Words of encouragement and condolences can be sent to: jyothi-files@gmail.com

CALL NEWS

Pastor Tim Daub of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Hecla, SD, is still considering the dual call to serve Redemption Lutheran, Lynnwood, WA and Ascension Lutheran, Tacoma, WA.



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