



*For God so loved
the world that he
gave his one and
only Son....*

JOHN 3:16, NIV

Faith Lutheran Church

March 5th 2023

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 5th, 2023

Liturgy: Common Service

Speaker: Pastor Matthew Ude

Organist: Ann Sprengeler

PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 121

I will lift up my eyes to the hills-- From whence comes my help? ² My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth. ³ He will not allow your foot to be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber. ⁴ Behold, He who keeps Israel Shall neither slumber nor sleep. ⁵ The LORD is your keeper; The LORD is your shade at your right hand. ⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day, Nor the moon by night. ⁷ The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul. ⁸ The LORD shall preserve your going out and your coming in From this time forth, and even forevermore

SERVICE OF THE WORD

#44 "Ye Lands, to the Lord"

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!

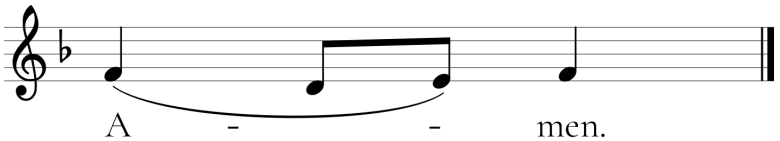
To bless Him and thank Him our voices we will raise;

Sing praise unto God out of Zion!

4. For good is the Lord, and His mercy is sure;
Glory be to God!
To all generations His truth shall still endure;
Sing praise unto God out of Zion!

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 In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will toward men,
We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you,
we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory
O Lord God, heav'nly King God the Father al - mighty,
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.



You take away the sin of the world; re-cieve our prayer.



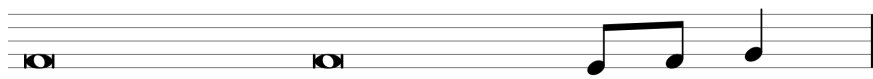
You sit at the right hand of God the Father;



have mercy on us, For you only are holy;



you on - ly are the Lord.



You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,



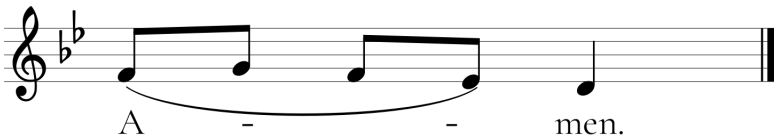
are most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

p The Lord be with you.



And al - so with you.

p Let us pray . . . O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

Genesis 12:1-9 Now the LORD had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you. ² I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ⁴ So Abram departed as the LORD had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And Abram *was* seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵ Then Abram took Sarai

his wife and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people whom they had acquired in Haran, and they departed to go to the land of Canaan. So they came to the land of Canaan. ⁶ Abram passed through the land to the place of Shechem, as far as the terebinth tree of Moreh. And the Canaanites *were* then in the land. ⁷ Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land." And there he built an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸ And he moved from there to the mountain east of Bethel, and he pitched his tent *with* Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; there he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD. ⁹ So Abram journeyed, going on still toward the South.

Romans 4:1-8,13-17 What then shall we say that Abraham our father has found according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has *something* to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." ⁴ Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt. ⁵ But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the un-

godly, his faith is accounted for righteousness, ⁶ just as David also describes the blessedness of the man to whom God imputes righteousness apart from works: ⁷ "Blessed *are those* whose lawless deeds are forgiven, And whose sins are covered; ⁸ Blessed *is the* man to whom the LORD shall not impute sin." . . . ¹³ For the promise that he would be the heir of the world *was* not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if those who are of the law *are* heirs, faith is made void and the promise made of no effect, ¹⁵ because the law brings about wrath; for where there is no law *there is* no transgression. ¹⁶ Therefore *it is* of faith that *it might be* according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all ¹⁷ (as it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations ") in the presence of Him whom he believed -- God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did;

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



Al-le - lu - ia! Alle - lu - ia! Alle - 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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

#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.

4. Chief of sinner though I be,
Christ is All in all to me;
All my wants to Him are known,
All my sorrows are His own.
Safe with Him from earthly strife,
He sustains the hidden life.

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

John 3:1-17 There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." ³ Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴ Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ "Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸ "The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹ Nicodemus answered and said to Him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰ Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? ¹¹ "Most assur-

edly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. ¹² "If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ "No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, *that is*, the Son of Man who is in heaven. ¹⁴ "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ "that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. ¹⁷ "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

SAVED THROUGH CHRIST

Jesus explains to Nicodemus the very basics of the Christian faith. Jesus came to give salvation to the world. This salvation is something God does. This salvation is offered only through Jesus Christ.

(worksheet on page 26)



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.

#151:1-4 "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.

4. Heartless scoffers did surround Thee,
Treating Thee with shameful scorn,
And with piercing thorns they crowned Thee.
All disgrace Thou, Lord, hast borne
That as Thine Thou mightest own me
And with heavenly glory crown me.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

OFFERING #572:4

4. As Thy prospering hand hath blest,
May we give Thee all 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.



#151:5-7 "Christ, the Life of All the Living"

by Ernst C. Homburg, 1605-1681

5. Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee
That from pain I might be free;
Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee,--
Thence I gain security;
Comfortless Thy soul did languish
Me to comfort in my anguish.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

6. Thou hast suffered great affliction
And hast borne it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion,
Fully to atone for me;
Thou didst choose to be tormented
That my doom should be prevented.
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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, March 5

9am Communion Service

10am Sunday School

10:15am Bible Class

Tuesday, March 7

7pm School Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 8

3:40 pm Confirmation Class

7:00 pm Lent Service

Sunday, March 12

9am Worship Service

10am Sunday School

10:15am Bible Class

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 10-12 EC Tournament

March 19 Choir Practice

COUNTERS

This Week Team # 1

David Draeger, Wayne Draeger

Next Week Team # 2

Lloyd Schmidt

USHERS FOR MARCH

Jeff Jones, Mike Dumke,

Jim Hanneman, Jim Brown

FRUITS OF FAITH

Sunday Service – 82

Sunday School- 10

Bible Class- 12

General - \$ 7336

Missions -\$ 150

In Memory:

Lee Krueger \$250 General Fund

Lee Krueger \$1000 School Fund

Lee Krueger \$30 MDF

Lee Krueger \$25 MDF

Lee Krueger \$10 MDF

Lee Krueger \$10 School

Lee Krueger \$50 General

Lee Krueger \$40 School

Lee Krueger \$140 General

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Daylight savings begins next Sunday, March 12. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead.

COMMISSIONING SERVICE

On Sunday March 12, Pastor Bruce Naumann will be commissioned as our CLC missionary to Tanzania.

SERVICES DURING

BB TOURNAMENTS

During the weekend of the CLC Grade School Basketball Tournament in Eau Claire, WI there will be three church services at Messiah: Saturday at 5 and 6:30 pm, and Sunday at 9 am.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Ex. 17:1-7

Psalms 95:1-9

Rom. 5:1-8

John 4:5-26

CALL NEWS

Grace Lutheran of Valentine, NE has decided to call a third full-time teacher for their Christian Day School beginning with the 2023-2024 school year and decided to ask for a graduate from ILC's teacher-

training program. The teacher will be asked to teach the middle grades, which at present would involve ten 3rd-4th graders.

Pastor Tom Naumann of Mt. Zion Lutheran, Greater Detroit Area, has returned the call to Redemption Lutheran, Lynnwood, WA and Ascension Lutheran in Tacoma, WA.

Pastor Neal Radichel of Immanuel, Mankato has returned the call to Messiah, Eau Claire, as the third pastor.

Mrs. Haley Seffens, a member of Messiah, Eau Claire, WI has accepted the call to teach kindergarten at Messiah, Eau Claire.

Paul Agenten, currently in his 2nd year of Seminary training, has accepted the call to be Vicar at Immanuel, Mankato. Their call to him extends beyond the normal Vicar time period.

Sermon Worksheet - John 3:1-17

Salvation is exclusive to Christ

How does Jesus demonstrate this in our text?

How is this demonstrated in the garden of gethsemane?

How is this demonstrated in God's promise to Abraham?

Why is this a hard saying?

Salvation is objective in Christ

What call to action does Jesus give Nicodemus?

What is unique about this call to action?

How is objective salvation demonstrated by the bronze serpent?

How is it demonstrated by the account of Naaman?

What does this mean for us?

Salvation is universal through Christ

For whom did Jesus die?

To whom is salvation offered?

Why are some not saved?



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