

A large, lustrous pearl is the central focus, resting on a white surface with a reddish stain. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light brown.

The
Kingdom of
Heaven

is Like a merchant in search of fine

Pearls...

JULY 30, 2023

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

July 30th, 2023

Liturgy: Setting Two, WS page 12

Speaker:

Pastor Matthew Ude

Organist:

Lila Brown

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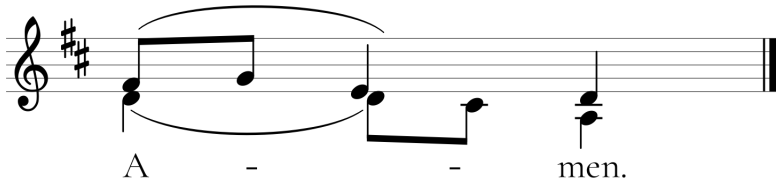
PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 125

Those who trust in the LORD *Are* like
Mount Zion, *Which* cannot be moved, *but*
abides forever. ² As the mountains surround
Jerusalem, So the LORD surrounds His peo-
ple From this time forth and forever. ³ For
the scepter of wickedness shall not rest On
the land allotted to the righteous, Lest the
righteous reach out their hands to iniquity. ⁴
Do good, O LORD, to *those who are* good,
And to *those who are* upright in their hearts.
⁵ As for such as turn aside to their crooked
ways, The LORD shall lead them away With
the workers of iniquity. Peace *be* upon Israel!

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

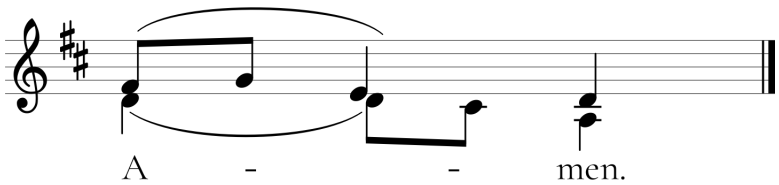


You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al-
God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won, Re - ceive our
Spir - it worshiped and a - dored, With all the



might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King
prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

p Let us pray . . . Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

Deuteronomy 7:6-9 ⁶ "For you *are* a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth. ⁷ "The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples; ⁸ "but because the LORD loves you, and because He would keep the oath which He swore to your fathers, the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹ "Therefore know that

the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments;

Romans 8:28-39 ²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose. ²⁹ For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. ³⁰ Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. ³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *can be* against us? ³² He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? *It is* God who justifies. ³⁴ Who *is* he who condemns? *It is* Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As

it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." ³⁷ Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 writ - tenthat 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 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.

409 Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus

SERMON

Matthew 13:44-52 ⁴⁴ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, ⁴⁶ "who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind, ⁴⁸ "which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away. ⁴⁹ "So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, ⁵⁰ "and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth." ⁵¹ Jesus

said to them, "Have you understood all these things?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." ⁵² Then He said to them, "Therefore every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure *things* new and old."

THE COST IS CHRIST'S, THE VALUE IS YOURS

Jesus does not speak to us in these parable about the cost of the kingdom but of its value. The cost for us is free but the value is beyond price.



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.

#309 O Jesus Blessed Lord to Thee

OFFERING HYMN #792

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the creator triumphantly raise.
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.
His banners are o'er us, His light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished
As forward we travel from light into light.

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

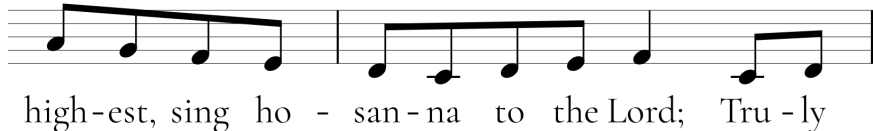
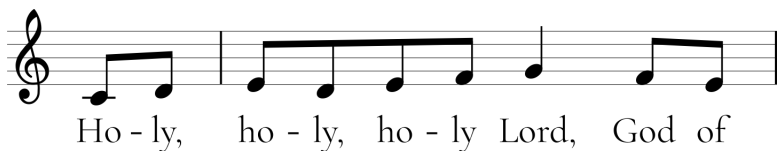
p The Lord be with you.



p Lift up your hearts.



p 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 promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song;



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

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, “Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed 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!



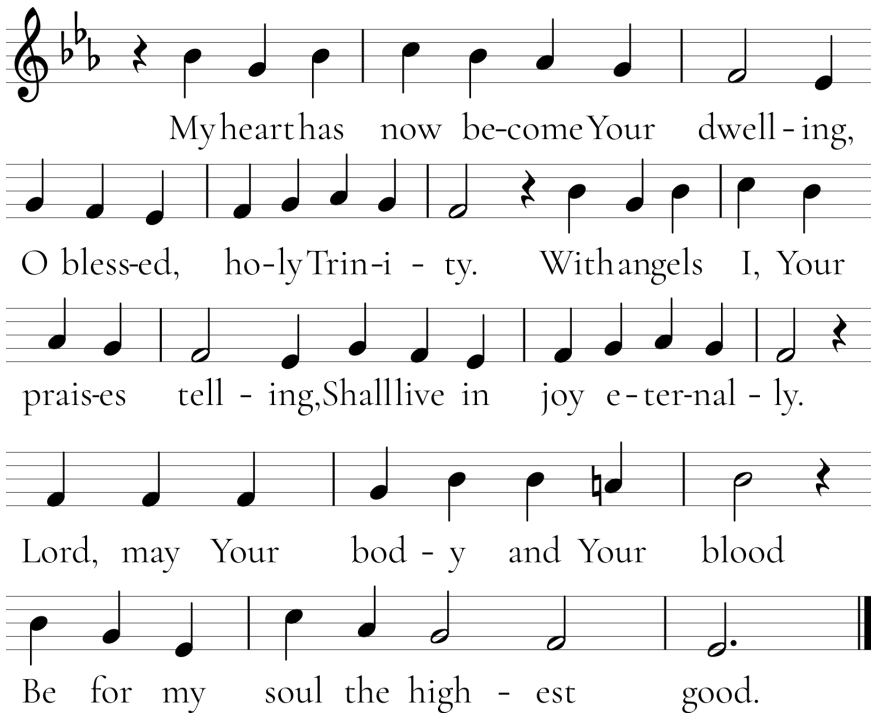
O Lamb of God, O Christ our
Lord, whose blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im -
part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -
tain with Your mer - cy and grant us Your peace.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, and rests. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

THE DISTRIBUTION

Prayers for before and after communion are available on page 118 of your hymnal. We ask that only members of the CLC come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.



My heart has now be-come Your dwell - ing,
O bless-ed, ho-ly Trin-i - ty. With angels I, Your
prais-es tell - ing, Shall live in joy e-ter-nal - ly.
Lord, may Your bod - y and Your blood
Be for my soul the high - est good.



O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n-ly peace, For I have seen the
glo-ry to the Son, All glo-ry to the



glo-ry Of Your re-deeming grace: A light to lead the
Spir-it, For - ev - er Three-in - One; For as in the be-



Gen - tiles Un - to Your ho - ly hill, The
gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er be, God's



glo-ry of Your peo-ple, Your chosen Is-ra - el.
tri-unename re - sounding Through all e - terni - ty.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, July 30

9am Communion Service

Monday, July 31

7pm Communion Service

Tuesday, August 1

7pm School Board Meeting

Sunday, August 6

9am Worship Service

Monday August 7

7pm Worship Service

USHERS FOR JULY

John Bobek, Dan Thiem,
Al Henke, Gabe Henke

JULY MONDAY SERVICE

Jeff Jones, Owen Jones,
Greg Jones, Gary Brown

USHERS FOR AUGUST

Benjamin Lillo, Mike Dumke,
Andy Reyes, Bill Herbst

AUGUST MONDAY SERVICE

Ryan Krueger, Andy Kohn,
Dennis Jones, Lynn Dumke

COUNTERS

This Week Team # 4

Lynn Dumke, Tyler Denson

Next Week Team # 5

Steve Meilhan, Jim Kok

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 20 Worship in the Woods

August 28 School Starts

FRUITS OF FAITH

Sunday Service – 83

Monday Service – 19

General Fund- \$3359

Missions - \$ 160

Building Fund - \$ 25

Gym Fund - \$ 25

WEDDING

Congratulations to Madelyn Kohn and Sawyer Westra. We pray the Lord will bless their lives with His love.

KENSLEIGH WILLIAMS

Please keep Kensleigh Williams, great granddaughter of Gary and Marsha Brown in your prayers. Kensleigh, 7 months old is battling cancer of the brain and possibly lesions on her spine. She will be having an MRI and Spinal Tap at Milwaukee Children's Hospital on Wed.

QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING

Voters ratified Elijah Wilder as a communicate member.

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Sign-up sheets for church cleaning will be put up this weekend

Motion made and accepted to replace broken windows in church with clear glass windows.

Dan Thiem is gathering estimates for sealing parking lot cracks.

Voters called Ann and Jessica as coprincipals.

Motion made and accepted to host delegates conference here at faith June 3-4, 2024.

Motion made and accepted to hire Matthew Martinez to plow the parking lot this winter.

MAN UP! WEEKEND

The 2023 ManUp! Men's Weekend will be held September 21-24, 2023, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. You can register by going to the Man Up! website:

www.manup.clclutheran.org

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 55:1-5

Psalm 136:1-9

Rom. 9:1-5

Matt. 14:13-21

CALL NEWS

Missionary Peter Evensen has received the call from Resurrection Lutheran in Corpus Christi, TX.

Pastor Sam Rodebaugh of Faith Lutheran, Manchester, MO is considering the call from Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI to be their third pastor.

Pastor James Albrecht of St. John's in Okabena, MN is considering the call from Calvary Lutheran Church in Marquette, MI.



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