

# **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

September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Liturgy: Common Service

Speaker: Pastor Vance Fossum

Organist: Ann Sprengeler

# PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

#### Psalm 96

Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! Sing to the LORD, all the earth. <sup>2</sup> Sing to the LORD, bless His name; Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day. <sup>3</sup> Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples. 4 For the LORD is great and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods. 5 For all the gods of the peoples are idols, But the LORD made the heavens. 6 Honor and majesty are before Him; Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary. 7 Give to the LORD, O families of the peoples, Give to the LORD glory and strength. 8 Give to the LORD the glory due His name; Bring an offering, and come into His courts. 9 Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth. <sup>10</sup> Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns; The world also is firmly established, It shall not be moved; He shall judge the peoples righteously." <sup>11</sup> Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; Let the sea roar, and all its fullness; 12 Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it. Then all the trees of the woods will rejoice 13 before the LORD. For He is coming, for He is coming to judge the earth. He shall judge the world with righteousness, And the peoples with His truth.

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## #770 Lord of My Life, Whose Tender Care

## 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.



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.



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





p The Lord be with you.



p Let us pray . . Almighty God, in Your grace You cause the light of the Gospel to shine among us. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, help us to share the good news of Your salvation that all who hear it may rejoice in the gift of Your unending love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## THE WORD

**Jonah I:I-9** (Jonah preferred to flee from serving God to pleading with the wicked Ninevites to repent and believe in their Savior! Why? Because Jonah knew the power of God's Word; and if he proclaimed that Word to the Ninevites, they would turn from their wickedness. God truly cared for the people of Nineveh, but Jonah simply did not care at all for them. Still, God did not give up on his whining, unwilling prophet.)

Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, <sup>2</sup> "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before Me." <sup>3</sup> But Jonah arose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa, and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid the fare, and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. <sup>4</sup> But the LORD sent out a great wind on the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship was about to be broken up. <sup>5</sup> Then the mariners were afraid; and every man cried out to his god, and threw the cargo that *was* in the ship into the sea, to lighten the load<sup>1</sup>. But Jonah had gone down into the lowest parts of the ship, had lain down, and was fast asleep. <sup>6</sup>

So the captain came to him, and said to him, "What do you mean, sleeper? Arise, call on your God; perhaps your God will consider us, so that we may not perish." <sup>7</sup> And they said to one another, "Come, let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this trouble *has come* upon us." So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. <sup>8</sup> Then they said to him, "Please tell us! For whose cause *is* this trouble upon us? What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?" <sup>9</sup> So he said to them, "I *am* a Hebrew; and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry *land*."

2 Timothy 2:1-3, 8-13, 3:12-17, 4:7-II (The Apostle Paul was near the end of his earthly life, facing death in Rome for the sake of the Gospel. Here is a sampling of his final encouragements to young pastor Timothy.) You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. <sup>3</sup> You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

<sup>8</sup> Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel, <sup>9</sup> for which I

suffer trouble as an evildoer, *even* to the point of chains; but the word of God is not chained. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup> *This is* a faithful saying: For if we died with *Him*, We shall also live with *Him*. <sup>12</sup> If we endure, We shall also reign with *Him*. If we deny *Him*, He also will deny us. <sup>13</sup> If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.

<sup>12</sup> Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. <sup>13</sup> But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. <sup>14</sup> But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*, <sup>15</sup> and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

<sup>7</sup> I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I

have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup> Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing. <sup>9</sup> Be diligent to come to me quickly; <sup>10</sup> for Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world, and has departed for Thessalonica-- Crescens for Galatia, Titus for Dalmatia. <sup>11</sup> Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministry.

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



## 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 HYMN

#507 Spread, Oh, Spread, Thou Mighty Word

Verses 1-4 - Children

Verses 5,6 - Congregation

## **SERMON**

Mark 14:51-52 <sup>51</sup> Now a certain young man followed Him, having a linen cloth thrown around *his* naked *body*. And the young men laid hold of him, <sup>52</sup> and he left the linen cloth and fled from them naked.

# OUR LORD WANTS FLAG-BEARERS AND SOLDIERS



#770 I hear the Savior Calling

## **OFFERING** #442:2

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.



#775:5,6 Thy Strong Word

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Sunday, September 17

9am Worship Service 10:15am Mission Presentation by Bruce Naumann

Wednesday, September 20

3:45pm Confirmation Class

Sunday, September 24

9am Communion Service 10am Sunday School 10:15am Bible Class

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

October 26 Voter's Meeting

#### FRUITS OF FAITH

Sunday Service – 82
Bible Class – 16
Sunday School- 7
General Fund – 1410
Missions - \$ 10
In memory of Lois Hahnish- \$ 20 to
Building Fund

#### **USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER**

Jeff Jones, Gary Brown, Clay Bobek, Jeremy Bobek

#### **USHERS FOR OCTOBER**

John Bobek, Dan Thiem, Russ Brown, Joe, Brown

#### **COUNTERS**

This Week Team # 5
Steve Meilahn, Jim Kok
Next Week Team # 6
Bill Jenkins, Adam Frederick

#### LISA POCH

Lisa is in the hospital in Madison with complications from diabetes.

#### SEPTEMBER MEETING NOTES

September meeting notes available on the shelf.

#### TRIP TO GREECE AND TURKEY

Nathaniel Mayhew is planning a visit to Greece and Turkey to follow in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul. More information is available on the shelf.

#### MISSION FESTIVAL

Thank you to Pastor Vance Fossum for sharing the word with us this morning. After the service Pastor Bruce Naumann will be joining us via a video call to speak about mission efforts in Tanzania.

#### **DEPRESSION SEMINAR**

If anyone missed the depression seminar last year, the same seminar will be presented in Fond Du Lac. **When:** Saturday, October 21 at 1pm

Where: Lutheran Memorial, Fond

Du Lac

#### **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

Isaiah 55:6–9

Psalm 27:1-9

Phil. 1:12–14, 19–30

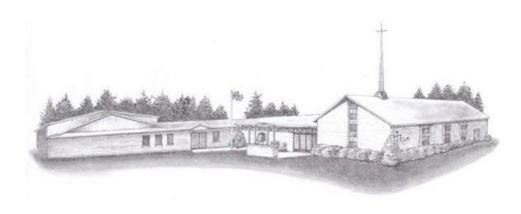
Matt. 20:1-16

#### CALL NEWS

Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Lutheran in West Columbia, SC has returned the call to be the third pastor at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI.

Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI has sent a call to Pastor Frank Gantt of Zion Lutheran in the Atlanta, GA area.

Professor Mark Kranz will be retiring as of the end of the current school year due to health issues.



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