



**ARISE,
SHINE;**

for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD
has risen upon you.

Isaiah 60:1, NRSV

Faith Lutheran Church

December 3rd 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

December 3rd, 2023

1st Sunday in Advent

Liturgy: Common Service

Speaker: Pastor Matthew Ude

Organist: Ann Sprengeler

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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 80:1-7

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock; You who dwell *between* the cherubim, shine forth! ² Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, Stir up Your strength, And come *and* save us! ³ Restore us, O God; Cause Your face to shine, And we shall be saved! ⁴ O LORD God of hosts, How long will You be angry Against the prayer of Your people? ⁵ You have fed them with the bread of tears, And given them tears to drink in great measure. ⁶ You have made us a strife to our neighbors, And our enemies laugh among themselves. ⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts; Cause Your face to shine, And we shall be saved!

SERVICE OF THE WORD

#95:1-3 Savior of the Nations, 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.

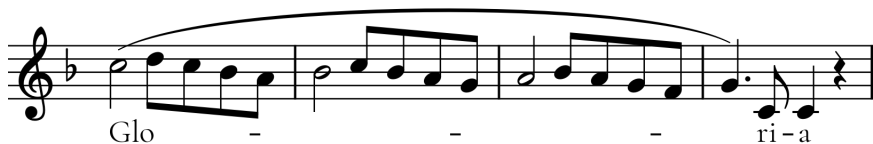
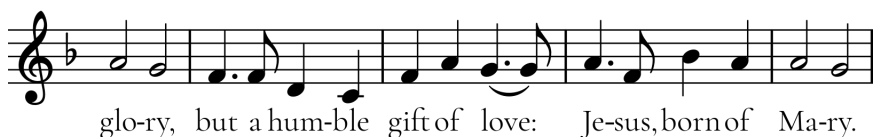
all Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. for this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my 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.

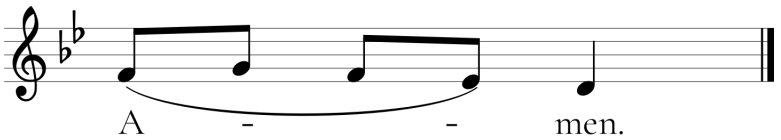
p In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



p The Lord be with you.



p Let us pray . . . Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

1 Corinthians 1:3-9 ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus, ⁵ that you were enriched in everything by Him in all utterance and all knowledge, ⁶ even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you, ⁷ so that you come short in no gift, eagerly waiting for the rev-

elation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸ who will also confirm you to the end, *that you may be* blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Mark II:1-10 Now when they drew near Jerusalem, to Bethphage^t and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples; ² and He said to them, "Go into the village opposite you; and as soon as you have entered it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has sat. Loose it and bring it. ³ "And if anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it,' and immediately he will send it here." ⁴ So they went their way, and found the^t colt tied by the door outside on the street, and they loosed it. ⁵ But some of those who stood there said to them, "What are you doing, loosing the colt?" ⁶ And they spoke to them just as Jesus had commanded. So they let them go. ⁷ Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes on it, and He sat on it. ⁸ And many spread their clothes on the road, and others cut down leafy branches from the trees and spread *them* on the road. ⁹

Then those who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!" ¹⁰ Blessed is the kingdom of our father David That comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

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 res-
urrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Children's Sermon

#68:1-4 The Advent of Our King

SERMON

Isaiah 64:1-9 Oh, that You would rend the heavens! That You would come down! That the mountains might shake at Your presence-- ² As fire burns brushwood, As fire causes water to boil-- To make Your name known to Your adversaries, *That* the nations may tremble at Your presence! ³ When You did awesome things *for which* we did not look, You came down, The mountains shook at Your presence. ⁴ For since the beginning of the world *Men* have not heard nor perceived by the ear, Nor has the eye seen

any God besides You, Who acts for the one who waits for Him. ⁵ You meet him who rejoices and does righteousness, Who remembers You in Your ways. You are indeed angry, for we have sinned-- In these ways we continue; And we need to be saved. ⁶ But we are all like an unclean *thing*, And all our righteousnesses *are* like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away. ⁷ And *there is* no one who calls on Your name, Who stirs himself up to take hold of You; For You have hidden Your face from us, And have consumed us because of our iniquities. ⁸ But now, O LORD, You *are* our Father; We *are* the clay, and You our potter; And all we *are* the work of Your hand. ⁹ Do not be furious, O LORD, Nor remember iniquity forever; Indeed, please look-- we all *are* Your people!

SHAKEN BY THE LORD

The power of the Lord which melts the mountains enters our hearts through the preaching of the word, so that every thought which exalts itself may be crushed and we might become the people of God.

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.

#58:1-4 O Lord, How Shall I Meet thee

OFFERING #572:4

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.



#71 Watchmen Tell Us of the Night

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, December 3

9am Worship Service
10am Christmas Eve Practice
10:15am Nomination Committee

Tuesday, December 5

7pm School Board

Wednesday, December 6

3:45 Confirmation Class
7pm Advent Service

Sunday, December 10

9am Worship Service
10am Christmas Eve Practice
10:15am Bible Class
2pm Christmas Caroling

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 6, 7pm Advent Service
December 10 Christmas Caroling
December 13, 8pm Voters' Meeting
December 24, 6:30pm Christmas Eve
December 25, 10am Christmas Day
December 31, 7pm New Year's Eve

USHERS FOR DECEMBER

Benjamin Lillo, Blaine Kempenaar,
Mark Kempenaar, Mike Dumke

COUNTERS

This Week Team #4

Lynn Dumke, Tyler Denson

Next Week Team #5

Steve Meilahn, Jim Kok

FRUITS OF FAITH

Sunday Service – 67

General - \$2117

Missions - \$160

Building - \$200

School - \$100

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Thanks to everyone who helped
with Christmas decorations.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

The church is invited to join us in
caroling on Sunday December 10th.
We will meet in the church at 2pm.
Lisa and Marion have volunteered
to provide Chili after the caroling.
Those who come are welcome to
bring a side dish or desert.

2024 CLC MISSION HELPER TRIP

Applications are being accepted for the 2024 Mission Helper Trip to Africa. Find more information and apply online:
mht.lutheranmissions.org

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalms 85

2 Peter 3:8-14

Mark 1:1-8

CALL NEWS

Pastor Michael Wilke of Gethsemane Lutheran of Saginaw, MI, is considering the calls from Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI and St. Peter's Lutheran of Iron River, MI. Teacher Daniel Barthels of Gethsemane Lutheran School of Saginaw, MI has announced that he is retiring from the teaching ministry effective July 1, 2024.

Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Lutheran in West Columbia, SC is considering the call from Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN.

NOMINATIONS FOR ILC PROFESSOR AND ILC PRESIDENT:

The Board of Regents announces the following nominations to fill the professorship vacated by the impending retirement of Professor Mark Kranz at the end of the 2023-24 academic year: Neil Bernthal, Jeff Karnitz, Joshua Ohlmann, Dan Roehl, Seth Schaller, Steve Sydow, Matthew Thurow, Paul Tiefel III, and Matthew Ude. In addition, the following and only person has been nominated for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran College: Daniel Schierenbeck. The term of the ILC President's call is for two years, extending to the end of Academic Year 2026. All comments from members of CLC congregations regarding these candidates are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight January 2, 2024 (letters postmarked December 23, 2023) to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: jeb6217@yahoo.com.



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