



Peace

Faith Lutheran Church

December 17th 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 17th, 2023

3rd Sunday in Advent

Liturgy: Common Service

Speaker: Pastor Matthew Ude

Organist: Ann Sprengeler

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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 126

When the LORD brought back the captivity
of Zion, We were like those who dream. ²
Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
And our tongue with singing. Then they said
among the nations, "The LORD has done
great things for them." ³ The LORD has
done great things for us, *And* we are glad. ⁴
Bring back our captivity, O LORD, As the
streams in the South. ⁵ Those who sow in
tears Shall reap in joy. ⁶ He who continually
goes forth weeping, Bearing seed for sowing,
Shall doubtless come again with rejoicing,
Bringing his sheaves *with him*.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

#609 Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

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.



1. Joy has dawned up - on the world,
 2. Sounds of won - der fill the sky
 3. Shep - herds bow be - fore the Lamb,



prom-ised from cre - a - tion: God's sal - va - tion
 with the songs of an - gels, as the might - y
 gaz - ing at the glo - ry; Gifts of men from



now un - furled, hope for ev - ery na - tion.
 Prince of Life shel - ters in a sta - ble.
 dis - tant lands pro - phes - y a sto - ry.



Not with fan-fares from a - bove, not with scenes of
 Hands that set each star in place. shaped the earth in
 Gold, a King is born to - day; In - cense, God is



glo - ry, but a hum - ble gift of love:—
 dark-ness, cling now to a moth - er's breast—
 with us; Myrrh, His death will make a way and



Je - sus, born of Ma - ry. Glo -
 vul - n'ra - ble and help - less.
 by His blood He'll win us.

- ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o; Glo -

- - ri-a in ex-cel-sis De - o.

p The Lord be with you.

And al - so with you.

p Let us pray . . Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A - - men.

THE WORD

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 ¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰ Do not despise prophecies. ²¹ Test all things; hold fast what is good. ²² Abstain from every form of evil. ²³ Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it.

John 1:6-8,19-28 ⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name *was* John. ⁷ This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. ⁸ He was not that Light, but *was sent* to bear witness of that Light.

¹⁸ No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son¹, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared *Him*. ¹⁹ Now this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" ²⁰ He confessed, and did not deny, but con-

fessed, "I am not the Christ." ²¹ And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." ²² Then they said to him, "Who are you, that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?" ²³ He said: "I am`The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Make straight the way of the LORD'," as the prophet Isaiah said." ²⁴ Now those who were sent were from the Pharisees. ²⁵ And they asked him, saying, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" ²⁶ John answered them, saying, "I baptize with water, but there stands One among you whom you do not know. ²⁷ "It is He who, coming after me, is preferred before me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose." ²⁸ These things were done in Bethabara¹ beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

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

A musical score for the hymn 'Alleluia'. It features a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half). The piece ends with a double bar line. Below the staff, the lyrics 'Al-le - lu - ia! Alle - lu - ia! Alle - lu - ia!' are written in a matching rhythmic pattern.

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.

#85:1-3,13-15 From Heaven Above

SERMON

Isaiah 61:1-3 "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to *those who are* bound; ² To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, ³ To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified."

THE PREACHER OF THE COVENANT

We learn to recognize our Savior even before we see him. He is the Lord of the covenant who was anointed to preach to the broken, so that we may receive the righteousness 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.

#714 Break Forth, O Beauteous Heave'nly Light

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.



#713 Your Little Ones, Dear Lord, Are We

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, December 17

9am Worship Service

10am Christmas Eve Practice

10:15am Bible Class

Wednesday, December 20

3:45pm Confirmation Class

7pm Advent Service

Friday, December 22

9am Christmas Eve Dress Rehearsal

12:00 pm Christmas Party

3:30 pm Basketball Practice

Sunday, December 24

9am Worship Service

10:15 Christmas Eve Practice

6:30 pm Christmas Eve Program

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 24, 6:30pm Christmas Eve

December 25, 10am Christmas Day

December 26, Tile Preschool room

December 31, 7pm New Year's Eve

USHERS FOR DECEMBER

Benjamin Lillo, Blaine Kempenar,

Mike Dumke

USHERS FOR JANUARY

Jeff Jones, Gary Brown,

David Draeger, Wayne Draeger

COUNTERS

This Week Team # 6

Bill Jenkins, Adam Frederick

Next Week Team # 1

David Draeger, Wayne Draeger

CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Friday December 22 the children will have a full-dress rehearsal for the Christmas Eve program followed by a Christmas party. All the children are invited to come and join in both.

TILE IN PRESCHOOL ROOM

On December 26 Dan Thiem is going to tear out the carpet in the preschool room and replace it with "tile." He is asking for volunteers to help.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MATERIAL

The bottom bookshelf in the office contains various pieces of past Sunday school materials. If anyone wants any of this, please take it home. After January we will be getting rid of anything that is left.

FRUITS OF FAITH

Sunday Service – 112

General Fund – \$3880

Missions - \$75

Building Fund - \$ 75

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

2 Sam. 7:1-11,16

Psalm 89:1-5

Rom. 16:25-27

Luke 1:26-38

CALL NEWS

Pastor Michael Wilke of Gethsemane Lutheran of Saginaw, MI, has returned the calls from Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI and St. Peter's Lutheran of Iron River, MI.

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

Jennifer Wiese, teacher at Luther Memorial School in Fond du Lac, WI is resigning at the end of the 2023-2024 school year.



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