

My Eyes Have Seen Your Salvation



Faith Lutheran Church
December 31ST 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 31st, 2023

Liturgy: Setting One, WS page 1

Speaker:

Pastor Matthew Ude

Organist:

Lila Brown

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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 111

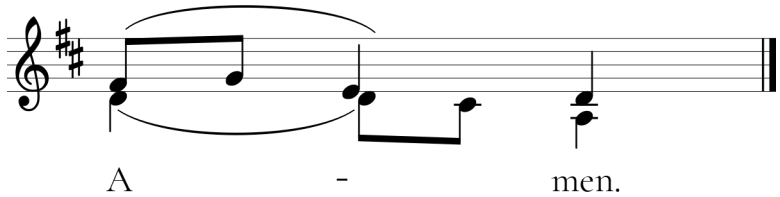
Praise the LORD! I will praise the LORD with *my* whole heart, In the assembly of the upright and *in* the congregation. ² The works of the LORD *are* great, Studied by all who have pleasure in them. ³ His work *is* honorable and glorious, And His righteousness endures forever. ⁴ He has made His wonderful works to be remembered; The LORD *is* gracious and full of compassion. ⁵ He has given food to those who fear Him; He will ever be mindful of His covenant. ⁶ He has declared to His people the power of His works, In giving them the heritage of the nations. ⁷ The works of His hands *are* verity and justice; All His precepts *are* sure. ⁸ They stand fast forever and ever, *And are* done in truth and uprightness. ⁹ He has sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever: Holy and awesome *is* His name. ¹⁰ The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do *His commandments*. His praise endures forever.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

#90:1-3 Come your Hearts and Voices Raising

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 Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

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.

Lord, have, mercy on us. Christ, have mercy

on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and



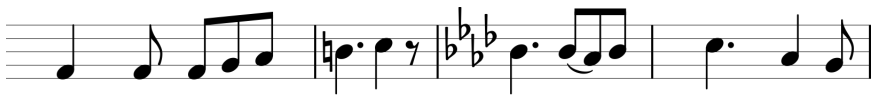
peace to all peo-ple on earth. Lord God,



heav-enly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther; We



wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we



praise You for Your glory. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take away the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. You are seated at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-

ceiveour prayer For You alone are the Ho-ly One,
 You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High,
 Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

p Let us pray . . . O God, our Maker and Redeemer,
 You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation
 of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our hu-
 man nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in
 Him who made Himself to be like us; who lives and
 reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
 and forever.

A - men.

THE WORD

Isaiah 61:10-62:3 ¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks *himself* with ornaments, And as a bride adorns *herself* with her jewels. ¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its bud, As the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth, So the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations. 62:1 For Zion's sake I will not hold My peace, And for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, Until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, And her salvation as a lamp *that* burns. ² The Gentiles shall see your righteousness, And all kings your glory. You shall be called by a new name, Which the mouth of the LORD will name. ³ You shall also be a crown of glory In the hand of the LORD, And a royal diadem In the hand of your God.

Galatians 4:4-7 ⁴ But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born^t of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law,

that we might receive the adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" ⁷ Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

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 written that we may believe that



Jesus 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.

#85:1-4 From Heaven Above (MFH 44)

SERMON

Luke 2:22-40 ²² Now when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him to Jerusalem to present *Him* to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the LORD¹"), ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons¹."
²⁵ And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name *was* Simeon, and this man *was* just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶ And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷ So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do

for Him according to the custom of the law, ²⁸ he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said: ²⁹ "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word; ³⁰ For my eyes have seen Your salvation ³¹ Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, ³² A light to *bring* revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel." ³³ And Joseph and His mother^t marveled at those things which were spoken of Him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this *Child* is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against ³⁵ "(yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." ³⁶ Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity; ³⁷ and this woman *was* a widow of about eighty-four years^t, who did not depart from the temple, but served *God* with fastings and prayers night and day. ³⁸ And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord^t, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem. ³⁹ So when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their *own* city, Nazareth.

⁴⁰ And the Child grew and became strong in spirit¹, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

HE WAS BORN TO LIVE

Jesus came to die, but he also came to live. He came to fulfill the law perfectly in our place.



The image shows three staves of musical notation in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a common time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes: "Create in me a cleanheart, O". The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: "God. Re - new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me". The third staff concludes the melody with lyrics: "not a - way from Your presence; take not Your Ho-ly".

Create in me a cleanheart, O
God. Re - new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me
not a - way from Your presence; take not Your Ho-ly

Spir-it from me. Re - store to me the joy of Your sal-
 va - - - tion. Up -
 hold me with Your free Spir - it.

#98:1-3 Of The Father's Love Begotten

OFFERING HYMN #788:1

Lord, You love the cheerful giver
 who with open heart and hand blesses freely,
 as a river that refreshes all the land.
 Grant us, then, the grace of giving
 with a spirit large and true that our life
 and all our living we may consecrate to You.

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.



And al - so with you.

p Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up to the Lord.

p It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God through Jesus Christ, our Lord, for in the wonder and mystery of his birth you have opened our eyes to the glory of your grace and renewed in our hearts the fervor of your love. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, heav'n and earth are
full of Your glory. Ho - san - nain the highest, ho -
sanna in the highest. Blest is He who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the highest ho -
 san - na in the high - est.

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!

Lamb of God, You take a-way the
 sin of the world; have mercy up - on us. Lamb of
 God You take a - way the
 sin of the world; have mer - cy up - on
 us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
 world; grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION

We invite all those who have registered with the pastor before the service to come forward and receive with us the Lord's Supper. Prayers for before and after communion are available on page 118 of your hymnal.



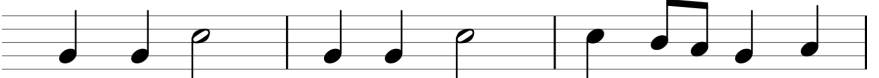
Thank the Lord; sing His praise;



tell ev'ry-one what He has done. Let all whose seek the



Lord re-joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



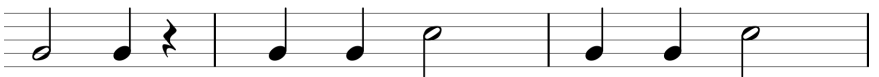
Thank the Lord; sing His praise; tell ev'ry-one what



He has done. Send us with Your prom - is - es, Lord;



lead Your peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -



giv - ing. Thank the Lord; sing His praise;



tell ev - 'ry - one what He has done. Al - le -



lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

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.



A - men. A - men. A - men.

#106:4-7 The People that In Darkness Sat

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, December 31

9am Communion Service

10:15am Bible Class

10:00 am Sunday School

7 pm New Year's Eve

Tuesday, January 2

8am School Starts

7 pm School Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 3

4:15 Confirmation Class

Sunday, January 7

9am Worship Service

10am Sunday School

10:15 Bible Class

FRUITS OF FAITH

Sunday Service – 91

Wednesday Service – 28

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 31, 7pm New Year's Eve

January 2, School begins again.

USHERS FOR JANUARY

Jeff Jones, Gary Brown,

David Draeger, Wayne Draeger

COUNTERS

This Week Team # 2

Jim Hanneman, Lloyd Schmidt

Next Week Team # 3

Preston Schmidt, Robert Schmidt

THANKS

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thankyou to the following:

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ing for the preschool room.

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Brown for their work in the class-
room.

Bryan Pulsifer for volunteering his
expertise and time to fix the play-
ground equipment.

Everyone who participated in carol-
ing and the supper that followed.

Everyone who helped pay for and
arrange the flowers at the front of
the church.

Everyone who supplied candy and
snacks for the Christmas eve bags.

PRAYER LIST

The family of Julien Slefo, grandson of Ken Walker. Julien Alexander Slefo, age 28 of LaCrosse formerly of Markesan, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, December 10, 2023.

Russ Denson is in the hospital at Baraboo. He had surgery on his foot on Tuesday and is recovering well.

CALL NEWS

Pastor Thomas Schuetze of St. Paul Lutheran of Lakewood, CO has received the calls from Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI and St. Peter's Lutheran of Iron River, MI.

Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran in Rapid City, SD has received the call from Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

New Year's Eve party cancelled.

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.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Is. 60:1-6

Psalm 72:1-11

Eph. 3:1-12

Matt. 2:1-12



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