



The
Battle
is the
Lord's

FEBRUARY 14, 2024

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us today.
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TODAY'S SERVICE

February 14th, 2023

Liturgy: Common Service

Speaker: Pastor Matthew Ude

Organist: Ann Sprengeler

PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 6

O LORD, do not rebuke me in Your anger, Nor chasten me in Your hot displeasure. ² Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I *am* weak; O LORD, heal me, for my bones are troubled. ³ My soul also is greatly troubled; But You, O LORD-- how long? ⁴ Return, O LORD, deliver me! Oh, save me for Your mercies' sake! ⁵ For in death *there is* no remembrance of You; In the grave who will give You thanks? ⁶ I am weary with my groaning; All night I make my bed swim; I drench my couch with my tears. ⁷ My eye wastes away because of grief; It grows old because of all my enemies. ⁸ Depart from me, all you workers of iniquity; For the LORD has heard the voice of my weeping. ⁹ The LORD has heard my supplication; The LORD will receive my prayer. ¹⁰ Let all my enemies be ashamed and greatly troubled; Let them turn back *and* be ashamed suddenly.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

#457 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

INVOCATION

p In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

P O Lord, open my lips,
C and my mouth will declare Your praise.

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C make haste to help me, O Lord.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

CONFESSION

P What is Confession?

All Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

P What sins should we confess?

All Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

P What do you believe according to these words?

All I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.

All O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.
Amen.

P Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?

C Yes.

P Let it be done for you as you believe.

P In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SING, MY TONGUE, THE GLORIOUS BATTLE

Sing, my tongue, the glo-ri-ous bat-tle;
Tell how, when at length the full-ness
Faith-ful cross, true sign of tri-umph,
Sing the end-ing of the fray. Now a - bove the
of the ap-point-ed time was come, He, the Word, was
Be for all teh no-blest tree; None in fo - liage,
cross, the tro - phy, Sound the loud tri - um-phant lay;
born of wom-an, Left for us His Fa-ther's home,
none in blos-som. None in fruit thine e - qual be;
Tell how Christ, the world's re - deem - er,
Blazed the path of true o - be - dience,
sym - bol of the world's re - demp-tion,
As a vic - tim won the day.
Shone as light a - midst the gloom.
For the weight that hung on Thee!

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD

2 Samuel 15:1-16 After this it happened that Absalom provided himself with chariots and horses, and fifty men to run before him. ² Now Absalom would rise early and stand beside the way to the gate. So it was, whenever anyone who had a lawsuit came to the king for a decision, that Absalom would call to him and say, "What city *are* you from?" And he would say, "Your servant *is* from such and such a tribe of Israel." ³ Then Absalom would say to him, "Look, your case *is* good and right; but *there is* no

deputy of the king to hear you." ⁴ Moreover Absalom would say, "Oh, that I were made judge in the land, and everyone who has any suit or cause would come to me; then I would give him justice." ⁵ And so it was, whenever anyone came near to bow down to him, that he would put out his hand and take him and kiss him. ⁶ In this manner Absalom acted toward all Israel who came to the king for judgment. So Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel. ⁷ Now it came to pass after forty^t years that Absalom said to the king, "Please, let me go to Hebron and pay the vow which I made to the LORD. ⁸ "For your servant took a vow while I dwelt at Geshur in Syria, saying, 'If the LORD indeed brings me back to Jerusalem, then I will serve the LORD.'" ⁹ And the king said to him, "Go in peace." So he arose and went to Hebron. ¹⁰ Then Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, "As soon as you hear the sound of the trumpet, then you shall say, 'Absalom reigns in Hebron!'" ¹¹ And with Absalom went two hundred men invited from Jerusalem, and they went along innocently and did not know anything. ¹² Then Absalom sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counselor, from his city-- from Giloh-- while he offered sacrifices. And the conspiracy grew strong, for the people

with Absalom continually increased in number. ¹³ Now a messenger came to David, saying, "The hearts of the men of Israel are with Absalom." ¹⁴ So David said to all his servants who *were* with him at Jerusalem, "Arise, and let us flee; or we shall not escape from Absalom. Make haste to depart, lest he overtake us suddenly and bring disaster upon us, and strike the city with the edge of the sword." ¹⁵ And the king's servants said to the king, "We *are* your servants, *ready to do* whatever my lord the king commands." ¹⁶ Then the king went out with all his household after him.

Matthew 26:1-25 Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings, *that* He said to His disciples, ² "You know that after two days is the Passover, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified." ³ Then the chief priests, the scribes^t, and the elders of the people assembled at the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, ⁴ and plotted to take Jesus by trickery and kill *Him*. ⁵ But they said, "Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people." ⁶ And when Jesus was in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, ⁷ a woman came to Him having an alabaster flask of very costly fragrant oil, and

she poured *it* on His head as He sat *at the table*.⁸ But when His disciples saw *it*, they were indignant, saying, "Why this waste?"⁹ "For this fragrant oil might have been sold for much and given to *the poor*."¹⁰ But when Jesus was aware of *it*, He said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a good work for Me."¹¹ "For you have the poor with you always, but Me you do not have always."¹² "For in pouring this fragrant oil on My body, she did *it* for My burial."¹³ "Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her."¹⁴ Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests¹⁵ and said, "What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?" And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver.¹⁶ So from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him.¹⁷ Now on the first *day* of the *Feast of the Unleavened Bread* the disciples came to Jesus, saying to Him, "Where do You want us to prepare for You to eat the Passover?"¹⁸ And He said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, "My time is at hand; I will keep the Passover at your house with My disciples.'"¹⁹ So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them; and they prepared the Passover.²⁰ When evening

had come, He sat down with the twelve. ²¹ Now as they were eating, He said, "Assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me." ²² And they were exceedingly sorrowful, and each of them began to say to Him, "Lord, is it I?" ²³ He answered and said, "He who dipped *his* hand with Me in the dish will betray Me. ²⁴ "The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born." ²⁵ Then Judas, who was betraying Him, answered and said, "Rabbi, is it I?" He said to him, "You have said it."

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

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.

#143:1-4 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

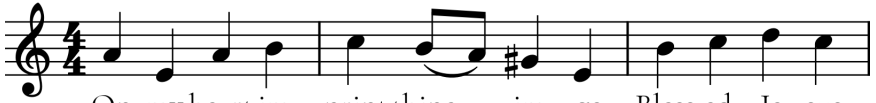
SERMON

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THE BATTLE IS NOT YOURS BUT THE LORD'S

A BATTLE OF BETRAYAL

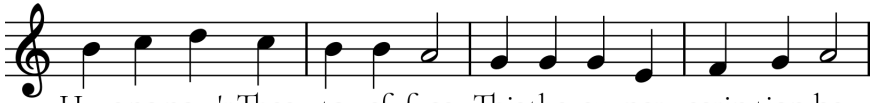
#179 On My Heart



On my heart im - print thine im-age, Bless-ed Je - sus,



King of Grace, That Life's rich - es, cares and plea-sures



Have no pow'r Thee to ef-face. This the su-per - scrip-tion be:



Je-sus, cru-ci - fied for me, Is my life, my hope's Foun-da-tion,



And my Glo - ry and Sal - va - tion.

#304:1-4 An Awe-ful Mystery Is Here

OFFERING

Prayers and Lord's Prayer

P In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who labor, for those whose work is diffi-

cult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

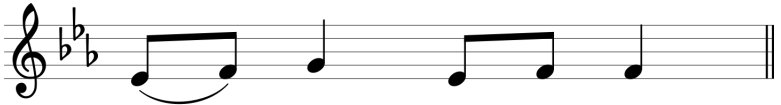
P Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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 un - to the Lord.

p Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



It is good and right so to do.

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 brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song;

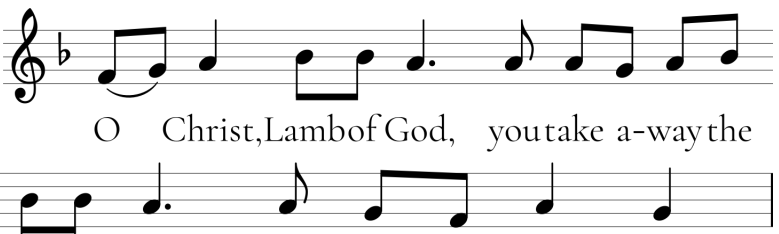
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord
 God of heav - en - ly hosts; heav'n and earth are full
 of your glo - ry. Hosan - na, ho-san - na, ho-san-na
 in the high - est. bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he,
 bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosan - na, ho-san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is My blood of the new covenant, which is poured out 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 Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one flat). The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens under 'mer - cy' and 'a-way'.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
 O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; grant us your peace. A - men.

THE DISTRIBUTION

Prayers for before and after communion are available on page 118 of your hymnal.

Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace
 ac - cord - ing to your word.

For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have
 prepared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the
 glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

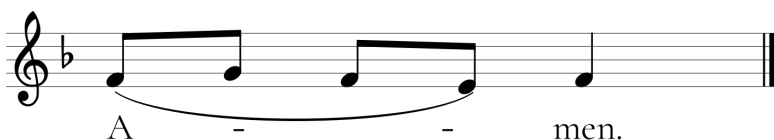
THANKSGIVING

p O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

p We give thanks, almighty God, that you have re-
 freshed us with this holy supper. We pray that
 through it you will strengthen our faith in you and

increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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.



#560 Gracious God, Again is Ended



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