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is the  
**Lord's**

**FEBRUARY 21, 2024**

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

# WELCOME

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

February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Liturgy: Common Service

Speaker: Pastor Matthew Ude

Organist: Lila Brown

# PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

## *Psalm 32*

Blessed is *he* whose transgression is forgiven, *Whose* sin is covered. <sup>2</sup> Blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity, And in whose spirit *there is* no deceit. <sup>3</sup> When I kept silent, my bones grew old Through my groaning all the day long. <sup>4</sup> For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was turned into the drought of summer. Selah <sup>5</sup> I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," And You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah <sup>6</sup> For this cause everyone who is godly shall pray to You In a time when You may be found; Surely in a flood of great waters They shall not come near him. <sup>7</sup> You *are* my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble; You shall surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah <sup>8</sup> I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye. <sup>9</sup> Do not be like the horse *or* like the mule, *Which* have no understanding, Which must be harnessed with bit and bridle, Else they will not come near you. <sup>10</sup> Many sorrows *shall be* to the wicked; But he who trusts in the LORD, mercy shall surround him. <sup>11</sup> Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you righteous; And shout for joy, all *you* upright in heart!

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## #166 Savior When in Dust to Thee

### 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

**Judges 16:23-31** <sup>23</sup> Now the lords of the Philistines gathered together to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god, and to rejoice. And they said: "Our god has delivered into our hands Samson our enemy!" <sup>24</sup> When the people saw him, they praised their god; for they said: "Our god has delivered into our hands our enemy, The destroyer of our land, And the one who multiplied our dead." <sup>25</sup> So it happened, when their hearts were merry, that they said, "Call for Samson, that he may perform for us." So they called



for Samson from the prison, and he performed for them. And they stationed him between the pillars. <sup>26</sup> Then Samson said to the lad who held him by the hand, "Let me feel the pillars which support the temple, so that I can lean on them." <sup>27</sup> Now the temple was full of men and women. All the lords of the Philistines *were* there-- about three thousand men and women on the roof watching while Samson performed. <sup>28</sup> Then Samson called to the LORD, saying, "O Lord GOD, remember me, I pray! Strengthen me, I pray, just this once, O God, that I may with one *blow* take vengeance on the Philistines for my two eyes!" <sup>29</sup> And Samson took hold of the two middle pillars which supported the temple, and he braced himself against them, one on his right and the other on his left. <sup>30</sup> Then Samson said, "Let me die with the Philistines!" And he pushed with *all his* might, and the temple fell on the lords and all the people who *were* in it. So the dead that he killed at his death were more than he had killed in his life. <sup>31</sup> And his brothers and all his father's household came down and took him, and brought *him* up and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the tomb of his father Manoah. He had judged Israel twenty years.

**John 17:1-26** Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, <sup>2</sup> "as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should<sup>t</sup> give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. <sup>3</sup> "And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. <sup>4</sup> "I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. <sup>5</sup> "And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. <sup>6</sup> "I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. <sup>7</sup> "Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. <sup>8</sup> "For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received *them*, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. <sup>9</sup> "I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. <sup>10</sup> "And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> "Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your

name those whom You have given Me<sup>1</sup>, that they may be one as We *are*. <sup>12</sup> "While I was with them in the world<sup>1</sup>, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept<sup>2</sup>; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup> "But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. <sup>14</sup> "I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>15</sup> "I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> "They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>17</sup> "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> "As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> "And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth. <sup>20</sup> "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will<sup>1</sup> believe in Me through their word; <sup>21</sup> "that they all may be one, as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. <sup>22</sup> "And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: <sup>23</sup> "I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the

world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. <sup>24</sup> "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. <sup>25</sup> "O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. <sup>26</sup> "And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare *it*, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

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.

## #652 I Lay My Sins on Jesus

### SERMON

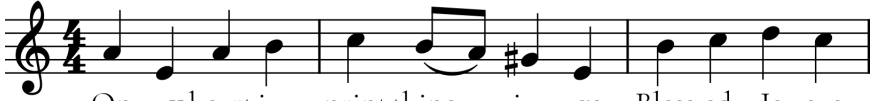
**Luke 18:9-14** <sup>9</sup> Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: <sup>10</sup> "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup> "The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men-- extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. <sup>12</sup> 'I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' <sup>13</sup> "And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise *his* eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me

a sinner!" <sup>14</sup> "I tell you, this man went down to his house justified *rather* than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

# **THE BATTLE IS NOT YOURS BUT THE LORD'S**

## **A BATTLE OF REPENTANCE**

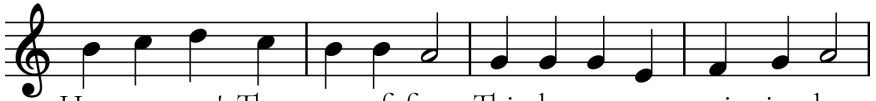
## #179 On My Heart



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.

## #145 Jesus Refuge of the Weary

### 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.**

## 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.



## #554 Now Rest Beneath Night's Shadow





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