

**If any want to  
become my followers,  
let them deny themselves  
and take up their cross  
and follow me.**

**Mark 8:34, NRSV**

**FEBRUARY 25, 2024**

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

# 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

February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Liturgy: Setting Two, WS page 12

**Speaker:**

Pastor Matthew Ude

**Organist:**

Ann Sprengeler

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# PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

## *Psalm 22:23-31*

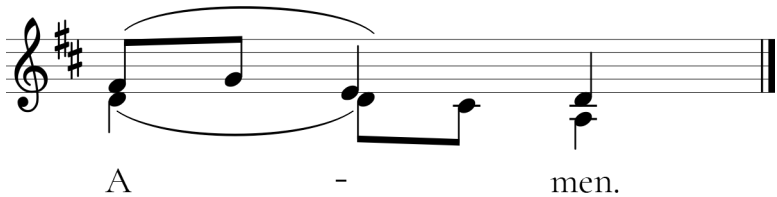
<sup>23</sup> You who fear the LORD, praise Him! All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him, And fear Him, all you offspring of Israel! <sup>24</sup> For He has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; Nor has He hidden His face from Him; But when He cried to Him, He heard. <sup>25</sup> My praise *shall be* of You in the great assembly; I will pay My vows before those who fear Him. <sup>26</sup> The poor shall eat and be satisfied; Those who seek Him will praise the LORD. Let your heart live forever! <sup>27</sup> All the ends of the world Shall remember and turn to the LORD, And all the families of the nations Shall worship before You! <sup>28</sup> For the kingdom is the LORD'S, And He rules over the nations. <sup>29</sup> All the prosperous of the earth Shall eat and worship; All those who go down to the dust Shall bow before Him, Even he who cannot keep himself alive. <sup>30</sup> A posterity shall serve Him. It will be recounted of the Lord to the next generation, <sup>31</sup> They will come and declare His righteousness to a people who will be born, That He has done *this*.

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## #342 Chief of Sinners Though I Be

### INVOCATION

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

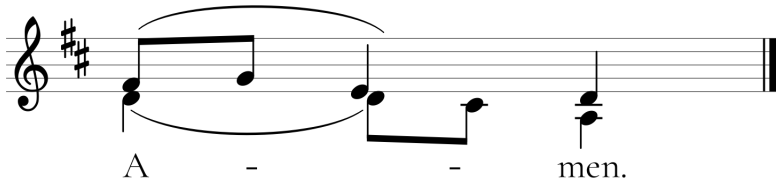


### CONFESSION OF SINS

p We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

all Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth, In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray; Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

p God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.





Glo - ry to God, we  
Lord Je - sus Christ, the  
A - lone, O Christ, You



give You thanks and praise; Of heav'n - ly  
Fa - ther's on - ly Son, You bore for  
on - ly are the Lord, At God's right



joy and peace on earth we sing. We wor-ship  
us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of  
hand in maj-es - ty most high: Who, with the

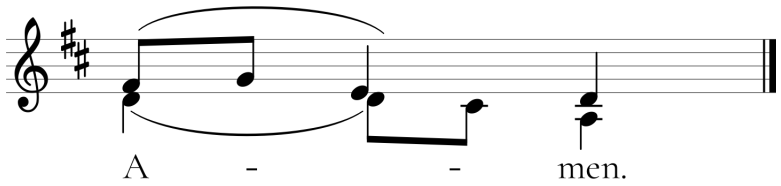


You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al-  
God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won, Re - ceive our  
Spir - it worshiped and a - dored, With all the



might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King  
prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

p Let us pray . . . O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul ; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## THE WORD

**Genesis 17:1-7,15,16** When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I *am* Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless. <sup>2</sup> "And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly." <sup>3</sup> Then Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying: <sup>4</sup> "As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations. <sup>5</sup> "No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations. <sup>6</sup> "I will make you exceed-

ingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup> "And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you . . . <sup>15</sup> Then God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah *shall be* her name. <sup>16</sup> "And I will bless her and also give you a son by her; then I will bless her, and she shall be *a mother of* nations; kings of peoples shall be from her."

**Romans 5:1-11** Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have<sup>t</sup> peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only *that*, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup> and perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup> Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. <sup>6</sup> For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates



His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. <sup>10</sup> For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. <sup>11</sup> And not only *that*, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

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 writ - ten that we may believe that

Je - sus 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.

## #151:1-3 Christ, the Life of All the Living

### SERMON

**Mark 8:27-38** <sup>27</sup> Now Jesus and His disciples went out to the towns of Caesarea Philippi; and on the road He asked His disciples, saying to them, "Who do men say that I am?" <sup>28</sup> So they answered, "John the Baptist; but some say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup> He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered and said to Him, "You are the Christ." <sup>30</sup> Then He strictly warned them that they should tell no one about Him. <sup>31</sup> And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He spoke this word openly. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. <sup>33</sup> But when He had

turned around and looked at His disciples, He rebuked Peter, saying, "Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men." <sup>34</sup> When He had called the people to *Himself*, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. <sup>35</sup> "For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. <sup>36</sup> "For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? <sup>37</sup> "Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? <sup>38</sup> "For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."

## WHO IS THE CHRIST?

He is the one who brings righteousness

He is the one who reigns from sea to sea

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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. Take not Your Ho - ly



Spir-it from me. Restore to me the joy of Your sal-



va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir-it free.

## #305:1-3 Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness

### Offering Hymn #788:1

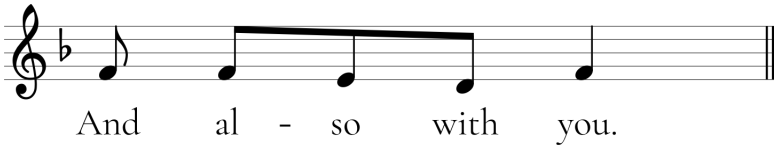
Lord, You love the cheerful giver who with open heart and hand blesses freely, as a river that refreshes all the land. Grant us, then, the grace of giving with a spirit large and true that our life and all our living we may consecrate to You.

## 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

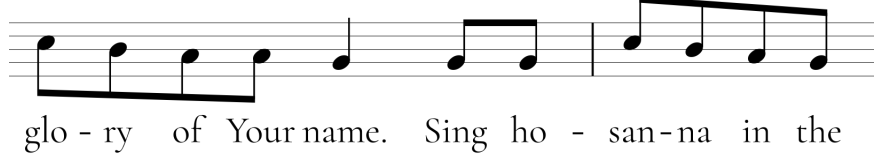
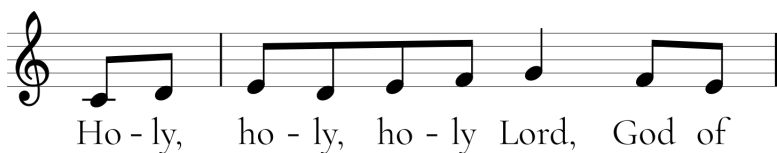
p The Lord be with you.



p Lift up your hearts.



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;



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.”

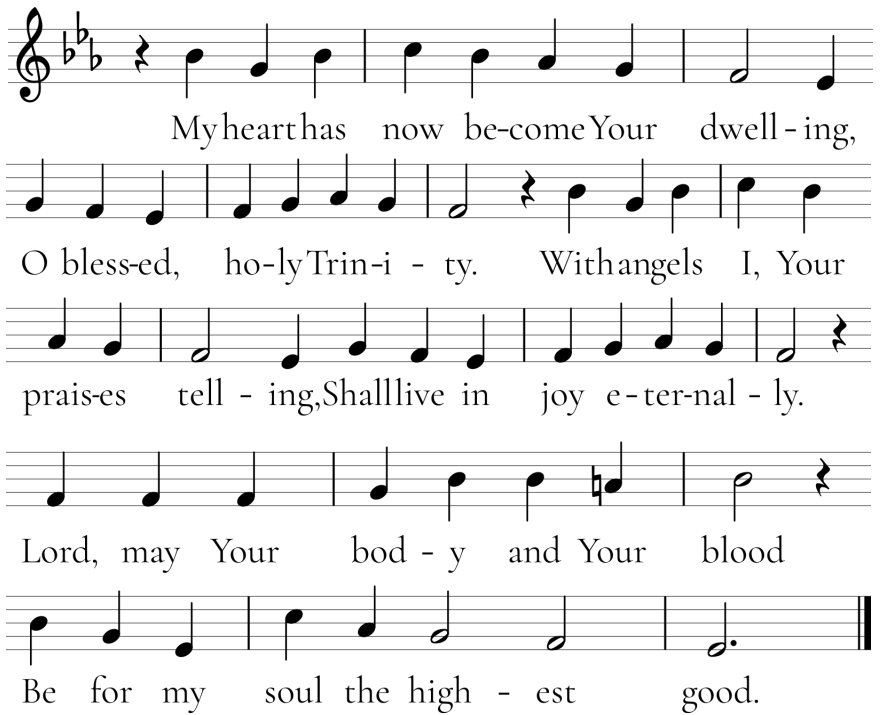
The peace of the Lord be with you always!



O Lamb of God, O Christ our  
Lord, whose blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im -  
part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -  
tain with Your mercy and grant us Your peace.

## THE DISTRIBUTION

Prayers for before and after communion are available on page 118 of your hymnal. We ask that only members of the CLC come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.



My heart has now be-come Your dwell-ing,  
O bless-ed, ho-ly Trin-i - ty. With angels I, Your  
prais-es tell - ing, Shall live in joy e-ter-nal - ly.  
Lord, may Your bod - y and Your blood  
Be for my soul the high - est good.

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.



O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n-ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo-ry to the Son, All glo-ry to the



glo-ry Of Your re-deeming grace: A light to lead the  
Spir-it, For - ev - er Three-in - One; For as in the be-



Gen - tiles Un - to Your ho - ly hill, The  
gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er be, God's



glo-ry of Your peo-ple, Your chosen Is-ra - el.  
tri-unename re - sounding Through all e - terni - ty.

# 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.



## In Christ Alone



He is my light, my strength, — my song;  
full - ness of God in help - less babe!  
Light of the world by dark - ness slain;  
this is the pow'r of Christ — in me;



This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id Ground,  
This gift of love and right - eous - ness,  
Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious Day,  
From life's first cry to fi - nal breath,



firm through the fierc-est drought\_ and storm  
 scorned by the ones He came\_ to save.  
 up from the grave He rose\_ a - gain!  
 Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
 Till on that cross as Je - sus died,  
 And as He stands in vic - to - ry,  
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,



when fears are stilled, when striv-ings cease.  
 the wrath of God was sat - is - fied.  
 sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
 can ev - er pluck me from His hand;



My Com - fort - er, my All in All,  
 For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid;  
 For I am His and He is mine,  
 Till He re - turns or calls me home,



here in the love of Christ\_ I stand.  
 Here in the death of Christ\_ I live.  
 bought with the pre - cious blood\_ of Christ.  
 here in the pow'r of Christ\_ I'll stand!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sunday, February 25**

9am Communion Service

10:00 am Sunday School

10:15am Bible Class

**Wednesday, February 28**

3:45 Confirmation Class

7:pm Lent Service

**Sunday, March 3**

9am worship Service

10am Sunday School

10:15 Bible Class

## UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2 Round Robin Tournament

March 8 CLC Grade School Tournament

March 22 6pm Bingo Night

March 31 Easter Sunday

- 7am Sunrise Service

- 8am Brunch

- 8am Egg Hunt

- 9am Communion Service

April 19 6pm Family Game Night

## PRAYER LIST

Family of Debra Meilahn

Christine Recheck

Audrey Wuerch

## FRUITS OF FAITH

Sunday Service - 70

Sunday School - 11

General Fund - \$1727

Missions -\$ 115

Building Fund - \$75

In memory of Eric Brown to School

Fund - \$100

## USHERS FOR FEBRUARY

John Bobek, Dan Thiem,

Tim Gabrielski, Jeremy Golz

## USHERS FOR MARCH

Jeff Jones, Mike, Dumke,

Dan Thiem, Jim Kok

## COUNTERS

**This Week Team # 4**

Lynn Dumke, Tyler Denson

**Next Week Team #5**

Steve Meilahn, Jim Kok

## VBS

VBS is scheduled for July 15-19.

## **VISITING SPEAKER**

Paul Agenten is coming with his family to preach March 17th while pastor is gone. He'd like to come down Saturday night. If anyone is able to give him and his family a place to stay please let pastor know.

## **CONVENTION DELEGATES**

Faith is looking for Delegates for both delegates conference and CLC convention. Delegates conference is here at Faith June 3-4. Convention is in Eau Claire June 20-23. If anyone is willing to serve let Pastor or President BJ Lillo know. Delegates will be approved at the April voters' meetings.

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

ThedaCare is looking for volunteer help for its hospice program. Training is provided. This is a wonderful opportunity to give aid to people who are really in need. Details are posted on the bulletin board.

## **SCHOOL CALENDAR**

The 2024/25 Faith school calendar is available in the monthly reports.

## **BB HOOP**

The school board is asking if anyone has a basketball hoop they aren't using and wouldn't mind donating to the school. If so, please speak to Clay Bobek.

## **FAITH EVENTS**

Lisa Reyes is organizing a bingo night on March 22 and a family game night on April 19th. Both are potluck events.

## **FEBRUARY MEETING**

## **NOTES AVAILABLE**

## **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

Ex. 20:1-17

Psalm 19

1 Cor. 1:18-31

John 2:13-22

## TOUR CHOIR

The ILC Tour Choir will be performing at the following nearby churches:

Millston, WI – March 3 11am

Middleton, WI – March 9 3pm

Eau Claire, WI – March 24 6:30pm

Eau Claire, WI – March 25 7pm

More dates and information are available at [tourchoir.org](http://tourchoir.org).

## CALL NEWS

Teacher Neil Bernthal of Immanuel Lutheran School, Winter Haven, FL, has received the call from Luther Memorial School, Fond du Lac, WI.

Teacher Levi Schaller of Grace Lutheran School, Fridley, MN, has received the call from Messiah Lutheran School, Hales Corners, WI.

Teacher Levi has also received the call from Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI.

Pastor Michael Gurath of Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church and School, Phoenix, AZ is still considering the call from Immanuel Lutheran Church and School, Mankato, MN.

Teacher Amy Osborne of Holy Trinity Lutheran School, West Columbia, SC, has returned the call from Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI.

Teacher Kendra Rodebaugh of Gethsemane Lutheran School, Spokane, WA, has returned the call from Messiah Lutheran School, Hales Corners, WI.

Teacher Matthew Kranz, Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN, is still considering the call to Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI to be their 5th-6th grade teacher and assistant principal.

Teacher Matthew Thurow of Berea Lutheran in Inver Grove Heights, MN is still considering the call to be a professor at Immanuel Lutheran High School and College in Eau Claire, WI. This is to fill the position currently held by Professor Mark Kranz who is retiring at the end of this school year.

Teacher Josh Ohlmann Holy Trinity West Columbia has received the call to teach at Gethsemane Saginaw MI.



**Christ will bring righteousness to the poor. How does scripture describe the righteousness of the Christ?**

Psalm 72:2   2 He will judge Your people with righteousness, And Your poor with justice.

Isa 11:4 But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, And decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked.

Jer 33:15 'In those days and at that time I will cause to grow up to David A Branch of righteousness; He shall execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.

Matthew 5:3 Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Romans 3:26 to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

**Christ will reign from sea to sea. How does scripture describe the reign of Christ?**

Psalm 72:8 He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, And from the River to the ends of the earth.

Psa 2:8 Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession.

Dan 7:14 Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom the one Which shall not be destroyed.

Psalm 19:4 Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their words to the end of the world.

John 18:36,37 36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world . . . ,  
"You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."

Romans 10:17-18 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. But I say, have they not heard? Yes indeed: "Their sound has gone out to all the earth, And their words to the ends of the world."

Acts 2:8,11 "And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? . . . we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God."

Psalms 72:18 Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel, Who only does wondrous things!



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