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Battle  
is the  
**Lord's**

**FEBRUARY 28, 2024**

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

# WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us today.  
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as you leave the church today.

## TODAY'S SERVICE

February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Liturgy: Common Service**

**Speaker:** Pastor David Ude

**Organist:** Lila Brown

# PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

## *Psalm 38*

O LORD, do not rebuke me in Your wrath, Nor chasten me in Your hot displeasure! <sup>2</sup> For Your arrows pierce me deeply, And Your hand presses me down. <sup>3</sup> *There is* no soundness in my flesh Because of Your anger, Nor *any* health in my bones Because of my sin. <sup>4</sup> For my iniquities have gone over my head; Like a heavy burden they are too heavy for me. <sup>5</sup> My wounds are foul *and* festering Because of my foolishness. <sup>6</sup> I am troubled, I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long. <sup>7</sup> For my loins are full of inflammation, And *there is* no soundness in my flesh. <sup>8</sup> I am feeble and severely broken; I groan because of the turmoil of my heart. <sup>9</sup> Lord, all my desire *is* before You; And my sighing is not hidden from You. <sup>10</sup> My heart pants, my strength fails me; As for the light of my eyes, it also has gone from me. <sup>11</sup> My loved ones and my friends stand aloof from my plague, And my relatives stand afar off. <sup>12</sup> Those also who seek my life lay snares *for me*; Those who seek my hurt speak of destruction, And plan deception all the day long. <sup>13</sup> But I, like a deaf *man*, do not hear; And *I am* like a mute *who* does not open his mouth. <sup>14</sup> Thus I am like a man who does not hear, And in whose mouth *is* no response. <sup>15</sup> For in You, O LORD, I hope; You will hear, O Lord my God. <sup>16</sup> For I said, "*Hear me*, lest they rejoice over me, Lest, when my foot slips, they exalt *themselves* against me." <sup>17</sup> For I *am* ready to fall, And my sorrow *is* continually before me. <sup>18</sup> For I will declare my iniquity; I will be in anguish over my sin. <sup>19</sup> But my enemies *are* vigorous, *and* they are strong; And those who hate me wrongfully have multiplied. <sup>20</sup> Those also who render evil for good, They are my adversaries, because I follow *what is* good. <sup>21</sup> Do not forsake me, O LORD; O my God, be not far from me! <sup>22</sup> Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## #144 Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing

### 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 Kings 6:8-23** <sup>8</sup> Now the king of Syria was making war against Israel; and he consulted with his servants, saying, "My camp *will be* in such and such a place." <sup>9</sup> And the man of God sent to the king of Israel, saying, "Beware that you do not pass this place, for the Syrians are coming down there." <sup>10</sup> Then the king of Israel sent *someone* to the place of which the man of God had told him. Thus he warned him, and he was watchful there, not just once or twice. <sup>11</sup> Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was greatly trou-



bled by this thing; and he called his servants and said to them, "Will you not show me which of us *is* for the king of Israel?" <sup>12</sup> And one of his servants said, "None, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who *is* in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom." <sup>13</sup> So he said, "Go and see where he *is*, that I may send and get him." And it was told him, saying, "Surely *he is* in Dothan." <sup>14</sup> Therefore he sent horses and chariots and a great army there, and they came by night and surrounded the city. <sup>15</sup> And when the servant of the man of God arose early and went out, there was an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" <sup>16</sup> So he answered, "Do not fear, for those who *are* with us *are* more than those who *are* with them." <sup>17</sup> And Elisha prayed, and said, "LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." Then the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain *was* full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. <sup>18</sup> So when *the Syrians* came down to him, Elisha prayed to the LORD, and said, "Strike this people, I pray, with blindness." And He struck them with blindness according to the word of Elisha. <sup>19</sup> Now Elisha said to them, "This *is* not the way, nor *is* this the city. Fol-

low me, and I will bring you to the man whom you seek." But he led them to Samaria. <sup>20</sup> So it was, when they had come to Samaria, that Elisha said, "LORD, open the eyes of these *men*, that they may see." And the LORD opened their eyes, and they saw; and there *they were*, inside Samaria! <sup>21</sup> Now when the king of Israel saw them, he said to Elisha, "My father, shall I kill *them*? Shall I kill *them*?" <sup>22</sup> But he answered, "You shall not kill *them*. Would you kill those whom you have taken captive with your sword and your bow? Set food and water before them, that they may eat and drink and go to their master." <sup>23</sup> Then he prepared a great feast for them; and after they ate and drank, he sent them away and they went to their master. So the bands of Syrian *raiders* came no more into the land of Israel.

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.

**#354 In the Cross of Christ I Glory**

# SERMON

**John 18:1-11** When Jesus had spoken these words, He went out with His disciples over the Brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which He and His disciples entered. <sup>2</sup> And Judas, who betrayed Him, also knew the place; for Jesus often met there with His disciples. <sup>3</sup> Then Judas, having received a detachment of *troops*, and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, came there with lanterns, torches, and weapons. <sup>4</sup> Jesus therefore, knowing all things that would come upon Him, went forward and said to them, "Whom are you seeking?" <sup>5</sup> They answered Him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am *He*." And Judas, who betrayed Him, also stood with them. <sup>6</sup> Now when He said to them, "I am *He*," they drew back and fell to the ground. <sup>7</sup> Then He asked them again, "Whom are you seeking?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered, "I have told you that I am *He*. Therefore, if you seek Me, let these go their way," <sup>9</sup> that the saying might be fulfilled which He spoke, "Of those whom You gave Me I have lost none." <sup>10</sup> Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear.

The servant's name was Malchus. <sup>11</sup> So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into the sheath. Shall I not drink the cup which My Father has given Me?"

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

### **A BATTLE OF PEACE**

## #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.

## #552:1-4 Abide with Me!

### 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 difficult 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.**

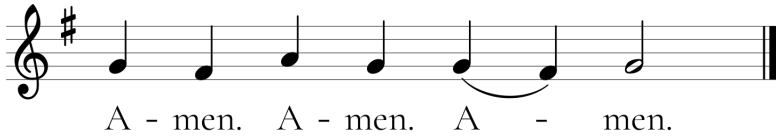
**all Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into**



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.



**#552:5-8 Abide with Me!**

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