



THE  
LORD  
LOOKS

**DOWN**

PSALM 14:2, ESV

from heaven ...  
to see if there ...  
are any who ...  
seek after God.

**SEPTEMBER 8, 2024    FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

# WELCOME

Thank you for worshiping with us today.  
Please sign the guest register in the entry  
as you leave the church today.

## TODAY'S SERVICE

September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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Vanessa Ude

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# PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

## *Psalm 146*

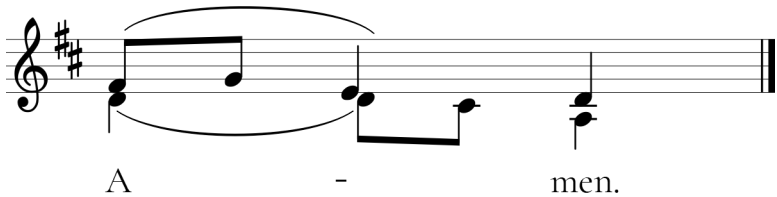
Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! <sup>2</sup> While I live I will praise the LORD; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. <sup>3</sup> Do not put your trust in princes, Nor in a son of man, in whom *there is* no help. <sup>4</sup> His spirit departs, he returns to his earth; In that very day his plans perish. <sup>5</sup> Happy is *he* who *has* the God of Jacob for his help, Whose hope is in the LORD his God, <sup>6</sup> Who made heaven and earth, The sea, and all that is in them; Who keeps truth forever, <sup>7</sup> Who executes justice for the oppressed, Who gives food to the hungry. The LORD gives freedom to the prisoners. <sup>8</sup> The LORD opens *the eyes of* the blind; The LORD raises those who are bowed down; The LORD loves the righteous. <sup>9</sup> The LORD watches over the strangers; He relieves the fatherless and widow; But the way of the wicked He turns upside down. <sup>10</sup> The LORD shall reign forever-- Your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## #537 Every Morning Mercies New

### INVOCATION

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

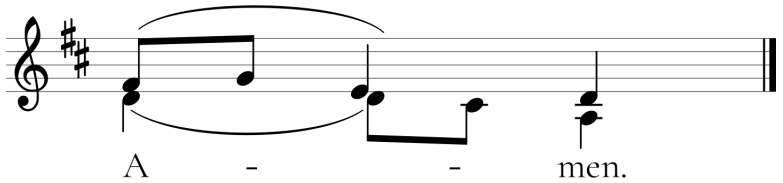


### CONFESSION OF SINS

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.



A - - - men.



Lord, have, mer - cy on us.



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



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

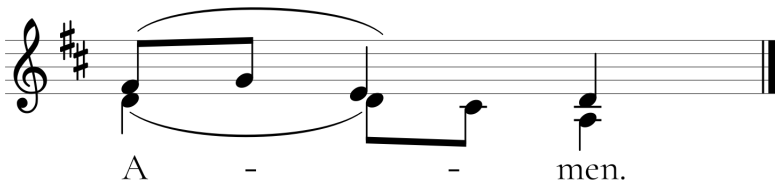


You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al-  
God, Your glo-rious vic-t'ry won, Re - ceive our  
Spir - it worshiped and a - dored, With all the



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 Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## THE WORD

**James 2:1-10,14-18** My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, *the Lord* of glory, with partiality. <sup>2</sup> For if there should come into your assembly a man with gold rings, in fine apparel, and there should also come in a poor man in filthy clothes, <sup>3</sup> and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say to him, "You sit here in a good place," and say to the poor man, "You stand there," or, "Sit here at my footstool," <sup>4</sup> have you not shown partiality among yourselves, and become judges with evil

thoughts? <sup>5</sup> Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God not chosen the poor of this world *to be* rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him? <sup>6</sup> But you have dishonored the poor man. Do not the rich oppress you and drag you into the courts? <sup>7</sup> Do they not blaspheme that noble name by which you are called? <sup>8</sup> If you really fulfill *the* royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well; <sup>9</sup> but if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup> For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one *point*, he is guilty of all. . . <sup>14</sup> What *does it* profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? <sup>15</sup> If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, <sup>16</sup> and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what *does it* profit? <sup>17</sup> Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. <sup>18</sup> But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your<sup>1</sup> works, and I will show you my faith by my<sup>2</sup> works.



**Mark 7:31-37** <sup>31</sup> Again, departing from the region of Tyre and Sidon, He came through the midst of the region of Decapolis to the Sea of Galilee. <sup>32</sup> Then they brought to Him one who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech, and they begged Him to put His hand on him. <sup>33</sup> And He took him aside from the multitude, and put His fingers in his ears, and He spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup> Then, looking up to heaven, He sighed, and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." <sup>35</sup> Immediately his ears were opened, and the impediment of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup> Then He commanded them that they should tell no one; but the more He commanded them, the more widely they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup> And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He makes both the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

p Blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it.



These words are written 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 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.

## #384 Oh, How Great is Thy Compassion

### SERMON

**Psalm 14:1-7** The fool has said in his heart, "*There is no God.*" They are corrupt, They have done abominable works, There is none who does good. <sup>2</sup> The LORD looks down from heaven upon the children of men, To see if there are any who understand, who seek God. <sup>3</sup> They have all turned aside, They have together become corrupt; *There is none who does good, No, not one.* <sup>4</sup> Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge, Who eat up my people *as they eat bread,* And do not call on the LORD? <sup>5</sup> There they are in great fear, For God *is with the generation of the righteous.* <sup>6</sup> You shame the counsel of the poor, But the LORD *is his refuge.* <sup>7</sup> Oh, that the salvation of Israel *would come out of Zion!* When the LORD brings back the captivity of His people, Let Jacob rejoice *and Israel be glad.*

### THE WISE AND FOOLISH HEART



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.

## #381 I Know My Faith is Founded

### Offering Hymn #441:1-2

We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be, all  
 that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.  
 May we Thy bounties thus, as stewards true receive, and  
 gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first fruits give

# 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.

## 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.



## #465 Christ Is Our Corner-Stone

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sunday, September 8**

9 am Worship Service

11 pm Worship in the Woods

**Tuesday, September 10**

6:30pm Elders' Meeting

7:30pm Council Meeting

**Wednesday, September 11**

3:45pm Confirmation Class

**Sunday, September 15**

9 am Worship Service

10 am Sunday School

10:15am Bible Class

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 8 – Worship in the Woods

Sept 15 – SS Teachers Installation

Sept 15 Sunday School & Bible Class  
Start

## FRUITS OF FAITH

Sunday Service – 75

General - \$1929

Missions - \$240

Edu. K-8 - \$25

In memory of Larry Hasen - \$30 to  
School Fund

## USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Jeff Jones, Gary Brown,

Paul Eserhut, Tristan Jenkins

## COUNTERS

**This Week Team # 4**

Robbin Whitehouse,

Dale Muehlenhaupt

**Next Week Team #5**

Denis Jones, Lynn Dumke

## FAITH APPAREL

Looking to order some Faith gear? Then check this out! Faith will be having an online store now through 8/31. The link to the store is: <https://cvsports.chipply.com/faithschool24/>

## COFFEE AND SNACKS

Sunday School and Bible Class start next week. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for coffee and snacks

## LUTHER MEMORIAL GAME NIGHT

Luther Memorial is hosting a family game night on the second Friday of September (13), October (11), November (8) and December (13). All are invited and asked to bring games and join us.

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Is. 50:4-10

Psalms 116:1-9

James 3:1-12

Mark 9:14-29

## CALL NEWS

Pastor Samuel Rodebaugh of Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO has accepted the call to St. John's Lutheran Church, Okabena, MN following Pastor James Albrecht's retirement at the end of the year.

Pastor Zachary Sippert of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Bowdle, SD and Zion Ev. Lutheran Church Ipswich, SD has accepted the call to Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Sleepy Eye, MN.

Pastor Drew Naumann of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA has received the call to St. Stephen West, Mountain View, CA and St. Stephen East, Hayward, CA.

Pastor Timothy Wheaton of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Loveland, CO has announced his retirement from the ministry on September 29, 2024.



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